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20 Fabulous Italian Hotels You Should Book in 2026

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We're going to come right out and say it: Italian hospitality is second to none. Sure, the Swiss may have their grande dames and the French may have more palace hotels, but genuine Italian warmth is impossible to replicate. And that's just one of the aspects we love about these Italian hotels selected from the dozens of properties that we've reviewed for our Inspired Stays series.

Each one represents the best in class, with an excellent location, enviable design, superlative dining and drinking outlets and staff that go the extra mile. Some have perks like a beach club or soothing spa, while others put you within arm's reach of must-visit monuments. So whether you're planning a trip to Italy and looking for the standout hotels in your chosen destination, or aren't yet sure where you want to go and are looking for the dream stay that will help you decide, these hotels are sure to inspire you.

The Place
Where: Florence

Blink and you'll miss this discreet 20-room hotel sandwiched between the Basilica of Santa Maria Novella and the Museo Novecento. The lobby feels less like that of a classic five-star hotel and more like the city's casual-chic living room. That's by design; from the tasselled doorbell at the entrance to the mishmash of toiletry brands in the bathrooms, The Place is meant to feel like a home. Much of the credit in creating that vibe goes to general manager Claudio Meli, a born-and-bred Florentine who was named global Hotelier of the Year at the 2025 Virtuoso Travel Awards. Full review forthcoming