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## CAMPERIO HOUSE

An Italian Treasure

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**M**ilan, often referred to as Italy's industrial capital, is better known for Fashion Week than for its historical references. And, while it might be easier to find the riches of Italy in Rome or Florence, this city is steeped in history if you know where to look. Take, for instance, the Camperio House Suites and Apartments, built from the existing structure of a fifteenth-century palace, which was formerly a convent. This charming residence has been restored to provide luxurious rooms and apartment-style suites in the midst of the cultural, business and fashion center of Milan. The closest metro station to the Camperio is Cairoli, which is less than a two-minute walk away.

This hotel is characterized by a combination of modern comfort and the traditional elements of Milan, making it a unique accommodation. Milan is known as a world leader in design and it's evident by this former convent's age-old stone staircase that welcomes you upon entering, yet it manages to keep an unassuming and discreet entrance from the main street. The rooms, suites and apartments here are a mix of contemporary and antique furnishings with bold wallpaper of rich, vibrant colors. And with just 17 rooms you could say it's a classic palazzo with a modern twist. It's in the heart of Milan and while it is not a full-service luxury hotel, this 4-star hotel offers luxe accommodations along with impeccable and friendly hospitality. This

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complex provides an in-house laundry service and dry cleaning, massages, limousine and transfer services, and private guarded parking. Start your day with a generous complimentary buffet breakfast where you'll mingle with other guests. Lunch is served buffet style and a menu is available for dinner. The suites have all the modern conveniences you'd expect from a fine hotel, including free Internet access, flat-screen TVs, premium linens, down comforters and soundproofing to ensure you'll sleep peacefully, and Nespresso machines to help wake you in the morning. The hotel offers a new concept in hospitality and is the perfect choice for guests who wish to feel they are at a resident's home in Milan rather than a stay in a hotel.

The apartments are divided into Corner, Deluxe, Executive and Classic and designed by the mother/daughter team of Kazuko Hase and Lesley Severgnini. Classic rooms are charming with warm décor and a marble bathroom while the Executive Suites are mini apartments with kitchenettes; but all providing the comforts to make you feel as though you are staying

in a home away from home. It's perfect for meeting the needs of those looking for a base for a few nights in the heart of Milan. The staff is at your disposal to organize every detail of your stay from personalized room service to reservations for restaurants and ticketed events. There's also a fitness center to work off all that rich Italian food you're sure to be consuming during your stay.

The Camperio House Suites and Apartments is a short walk from Milan's beautiful Duomo church, the historic Castle Sforzesco and the Parco Sempione, a favorite spot where you'll find lots of local culture with residents enjoying neighborhood concerts and picnics. The nearby restaurants, bars and the Piccolo Teatro Grassi theater ensure you'll always have something to do in the evening hours.

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