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THE GRAND HOTEL MAJESTIC "GIÀ BAGLIONI" Bologna's Grandest

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Traveled to Italy recently? If so, did you visit the majestic city of Bologna? No? Well you are missing out on one of Italy's magical city centers. Located between the Po River and the Adriatic Sea Bologna is a capital within the Emilia Romagna Region and is truly one of Northern Italy's major highlights. If you love the antiquity of Rome and the romance of Renaissance Florence, Bologna offers both of these as well as one of Europe's most preserved large cities of the Medieval period. Additionally it is home to the oldest university in the world—Alma Mater Studiorum (University of Bologna).

Now that I've gotten your attention, may I recommend that during your stay in Bologna you treat yourself to a royal experience and book a room or suite at the Grand Hotel Majestic "Già Baglioni." Located in the heart of

Bologna across from the Basilica of Saint Peter's Cathedral and walking distance from Piazza Maggiore and the renowned Due Torri, you couldn't ask for a more convenient and desirable location.

The Grand Hotel Majestic "Già Baglioni" is the only five-star hotel in Bologna and a member of "The Leading Hotels of the World" association. Originally built as an Archbishop's seminary the building has been used as a hotel since 1912. Constructed in the 18th century it is a palace made to accommodate royalty and those of us who would like to imagine ourselves as royalty, if only while on vacation. Opulent and decadent, the furnishings and the structure are historical and if your passion is architecture and art, then you'll have it all at the Grand Hotel Majestic "Già Baglioni."

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Although the hotel has undergone a recent renovation, their aim was to preserve the ancient palace and its splendor, adding modern comforts. All 109 rooms are fashioned in a Venetian-traditional style, incorporating 19th century French antiques. The result is magnifique.

Recently a more modern suite was created. The Art Deco Terrace Suite is the hotel's flagship suite and is the only room on the fifth floor that contains its own private elevator. The suite has a large living room with a fireplace and bar area. The two bathrooms are done in black-and-white Carrara marble and nothing has been spared when it comes to the details. Best of all, the suite has a terrace with a breathtaking view of the city center.

The Grand Hotel Majestic "Già Baglioni's" premiere restaurant is I Carracci, which has been awarded with The Michelin Guide "Three Forks." This prestigious award confirms its attentive enhancement of gastronomic made-in-Italy culture.

Frescoes, dating back to the 16th century attributed to the Carracci brothers, will have you feeling as though you have been transported to another era.

The haute cuisine is a combination of rustic regional specialties, such as tortellini, tagliatelle and lasagna with some national and international dishes represented as well.

While staying at The Grand Hotel Majestic "Già Baglioni" and enjoying all of its amenities don't forget to explore Bologna. This city is home to art, culture, business and world-renowned for its auto industry. You might even want to visit the Ferrari factory, a train ride away from Bologna or perhaps go to the Luciano Pavarotti House Museum also in the region of Emilia-Romagna.

Wherever or whatever your interests are, you can't ask for better accommodations than at The Grand Hotel Majestic "Già Baglioni" where you will be treated like royalty with impeccable service and Italian graciousness. Trust me when I say you will remember this experience long after your stay and will want to return to experience, as the Italians say...La Dolce Vita.

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