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One of the oldest cities in Italy, Florence is an eternal heartbeat of Renaissance art and architecture. Stroll along the Ponte Vecchio to discover authentically Italian boutiques and bistros before visiting the legendary Uffizi Gallery. After all, a trip to Florence isn't complete without seeing the studied works by some of the greats like Titian, Caravaggio, and, of course, Botticelli.

STAY

While Florence may come off as traditional, the hotels are built on one-of-a-kind luxury at the highest standard. Here are four of our favorite places to stay.

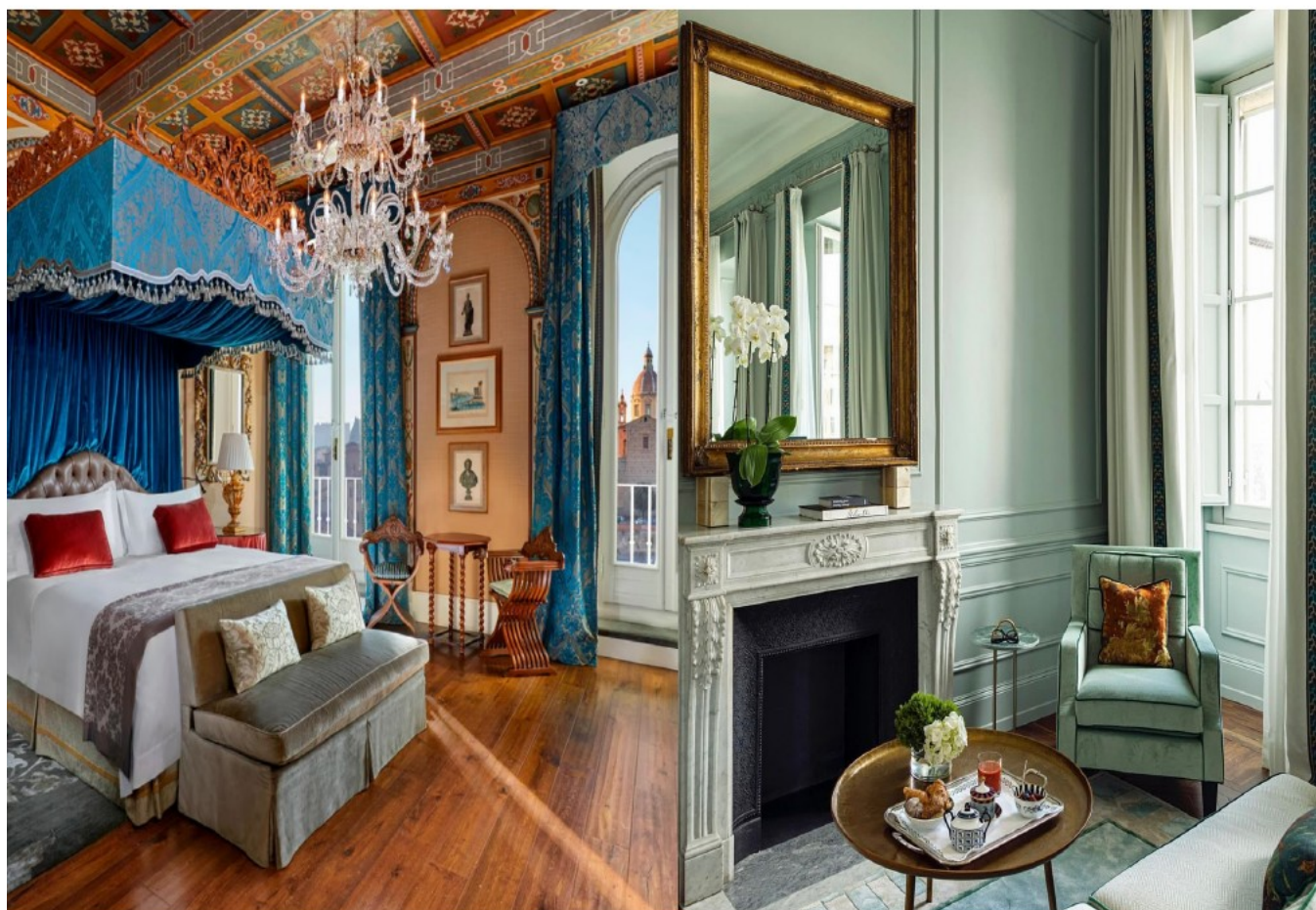


Villa San Michele

From the neoclassical design to the terraced gardens, Villa San Michele is quintessential Italian and can be found in the scenic Tuscan Hills. As part of the Belmond Collection, this 15th Century Monastery turned hotel is one of the most unique properties in Florence.

Four Seasons Florence

Just steps from the city center, this Four Seasons is an urban resort built upon Renaissance buildings and connected by the iconic Gherardesca gardens. The Italian murals on the ceiling and immaculate hand-painted wallpaper are just a few of the many reasons why this hotel is considered a contemporary museum in its own right.



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The St. Regis

Originally designed in 1432 by Filippo Brunelleschi, architect of the Duomo Santa Maria del Fiore, the fully restored St. Regis is steeped in history and located in the heart of the Piazza Ognissanti. Make sure to check out the exclusive suite designed by Bottega Veneta.

The Place

Firenze

“In vero stile fiorentino,” this elegant boutique property features custom furnishings made by Florentine artisans and local designers.

SEE

Celebrating art is a way of life in this city. From the fashion archives at the Museo Salvatore Ferragamo to the esteemed collections at Galleria dell'Accademia and Uffizi, Florence is rich in fantastic art.



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Museo Salvatore Ferragamo

Stop in between boutique and gallery hopping to see the *Women in Balance* exhibition, which is currently on view at this iconic museum dedicated to the namesake fashion designer and visionary.



Accademia Gallery

The Galleria dell'Accademia di Firenze is home to some of the world's most important painting and sculpture collections, including sculptures by Michelangelo, his renowned David among them, and a rich collection of early Italian paintings. Schiaparelli Haute Couture ensemble, the Hand Chair by Pedro Friedeberg, Tema e Variazioni plates, and more.

Uffizi Gallery

This gallery is famous for its outstanding collections of ancient sculptures and paintings from the Middle Ages to the Modern period. These Renaissance collections include works by some of the most studied artists.

DINE

Look beyond the ubiquitous menu turistico, the plastic panini, and mass-produced pizza sold by the slice, and you'll find a dynamic, varied dining scene of everything from revered temples of gourmet cuisine to Michelin-starred meals with a view.



Lucie Gourmet

Located in the stylish Il Tornabuoni boutique hotel, Lucie Gourmet is an elegant hideaway featuring a jewel box design by Milanese designer Andrea Auletta.

Santa Elisabetta

Helmed by Chef Rocco De Santis, this hot spot is known for serving haute cuisine and boasts two Michelin stars.

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Chic Nonna di Vito Mollica

The recently opened Chic Nonna can be found in the oldest part of the beautiful Palazzo Portinari Salviati. With an extravagant entryway featuring vaulted ceilings, this refined eatery has quickly become one of Florence's best places to dine.



Borgo San Jacopo

For ambiance and terrace dining with a view, look no further than Borgo San Jacopo. You won't want to miss their seasonal tasting menus while overlooking the Ponte Vecchio.

Gunè San Frediano

Combining the best of Tuscan and Basilicata dining, Gunè San Frediano is best known for their creative take on traditional Italian fare.

PLAY

Looking for an archive Gucci bag with a matching pair of slides? In the mood for a afternoon spent sightseeing from a plush seat with a view? On the hunt for uncovering exquisite interior design and dinner? We know just the place.



Gucci Garden

The Gucci museum opened on the 90th anniversary of the fashion house, and charts the evolution of the Italian juggernaut. Enjoy the expansive collections of Gucci designs and come hungry for a delicious meal at the Gucci Osteria restaurant.



SE STO on Arno

For a panoramic view of the city paired with an Aperol Spritz, Se Sto on Arno is the best seat in town.

La Ménagère

Part interior design mecca and part restaurant with a rustic flare, this unique concept store is filled with inspiration to spark all the senses.

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RELAX

La Spa at Helvetia & Bristol

Retreat from your busy day to this all-encompassing wellness facility, built on the same grounds where ancient Roman baths once stood. From full body detox treatments to hammam rituals, Helvetia & Bristol has everything you need and more for a relaxing gateway.

