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Italy is a country of immense diversity, great charm and exquisite style. Its historical heritage spans several thousand years and culturally it's one of the richest nations in Europe. The result is that every trip to Italy is a gastronomic journey of discovery against a backdrop of breathtaking and ever-changing scenery.

This brochure has been designed for that 'special' trip to Italy. We will tailor-make everything to suit your own personal requirements and, as always, keep a keen eye on best value for money. Thanks to our close working relationship with local suppliers, you can depend upon the same kind of practical advice and assistance when you're actually in Italy. Our service includes anything from making spa and restaurant reservations to VIP guided tours, plus private viewings of some of Italy's most famous treasures, such as the Doge's Palace in Venice, the Vasari Corridor in Florence and even the Sistine Chapel in Rome.

We do hope you enjoy reading this rather unique brochure and look forward to designing your very own holiday, including everything that is 'La Dolce Vita', to this magnificent country.

Jayne O'Gorman, *Managing Director*

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All the best routes are covered, but if you want to go off plan, no problem. Then, why would you when you can already choose between Tuscany, the Northern Lakes and the Amalfi Coast. But perhaps more importantly choose between a Ferrari 458 Spider, Ferrari 458 Italia, Ferrari California, Ferrari F12 Berlinetta and a Ferrari FF (it's breaking the rules a bit, but we can also arrange a Maserati Quattroporte). And if you are considering the holiday as a test drive before you buy, be sure to let us know.

Sample itinerary, please contact us for more options:

4 days/3 nights touring Florence and Tuscany in your choice of Ferrari (driving for 2 days), staying in luxury accommodation on a breakfast basis, including British Airways flights. From £6,395 per person

VENICE

Venice or 'La Serenissima', as she was known for thousands of years, is truly one of the most seductive and beguiling places anywhere in the world. Built on more than 117 low-lying islands, this unique city is a water wonderland divided by over 100 canals and spanned by more than 400 bridges. Wonder at the audacity of Casanova, delve into the secrets of the Council of Ten or marvel at the talent of incredible painters like Canaletto and Paolo Veneziano. Whatever you decide to do, just like it did with Goethe, Mann and Browning before you, Venice can't fail to capture your imagination and seduce you with her beauty.



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HOW TO GET THERE

British Airways fly to Venice daily from London with low cost airlines offering alternative timings and direct departures including from Gatwick, Luton, Birmingham, Manchester, Leeds Bradford, Newcastle and Edinburgh.

WHEN TO TRAVEL

November through to **January** is quieter though the chilly Adriatic winter means you'll need to wrap up warm, and **February** is carnival season. **March to June** is a nice temperature (but can be busier than usual thanks to the Bieniale), whereas **July to August** are the hottest months. **September to October** is a little cooler and a little quieter, ideal.





VENICE SIMPLON-ORIENT-EXPRESS



London to Venice • Venice to London • Plus Special Journeys

Can there be a better way to arrive in Venice than aboard this luxury train? The Venice Simplon-Orient-Express is quite simply a legend, an Art Deco icon where romance, adventure and style combine to create a rail journey unlike any other.

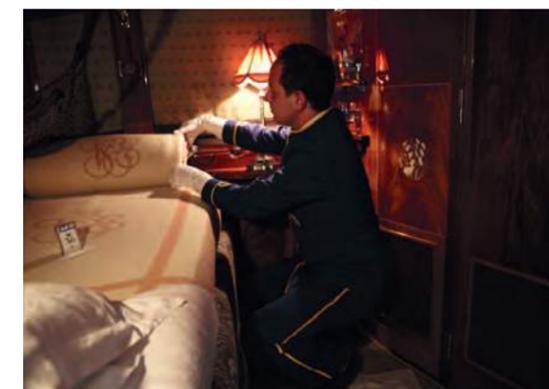
The moment you step on board you'll be transported to a more elegant age of travel, the vintage mood enhanced by the spectacular scenery of the Swiss Alps and Italian Dolomites. Your private cabin will take you right back to the glamour of the 1920s and 30s, your comfortable sofa converted into cosy upper and lower berths whilst you're enjoying a delicious dinner. For that extra indulgence a Cabin Suite (two interconnecting Cabins) affords you the space of a bedroom and a sitting room for the whole journey. Meanwhile the talented French chefs will prepare gourmet delicacies complemented by sparkling crystal and crisp white linens, with cocktails and piano music in the famous *Bar Car* bringing your day to a suitably glamorous end. And remember, you can never be overdressed aboard the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express.

THE ESSENTIALS

12 Sleeping cars containing double cabins and cabin suites / 3 Restaurant Cars / Bar Car / Boutique / Children Welcome (not recommended for under 12 years)

PRICES

Train only supplement from £2,120pp one way including full-board.



TIMETABLE

Depart: London Victoria 10:45am

Arrive: Venice 5:56pm the next day.

Depart: Venice 10:57am

Arrive: London Victoria 5:30pm the next day.

Please note all timings are provisional and subject to change.

BELMOND HOTEL CIPRIANI



No self-respecting brochure on Italy would be complete without The Cipriani, one of the most famous hotels in the world, not just in Venice. Its tranquil location on Giudecca Island is stunningly beautiful, yet it lies only 4-minutes away from St. Mark's Square by private launch and has the breathtaking views to prove it.

And as you would expect, the service is seamless and the 95 guest rooms and suites are superbly appointed in the Venetian style adorned with local artefacts and curios. The gardens are also outstanding and include a tennis court, a wellness centre and an enormous heated salt-water swimming pool. Don't leave without experiencing a waterside lunch in *Cips*, a glamorous dinner in *ORO* or a Bellini in the *Gabbiano Bar*. And between April to Mid-September why not bring the children, as they will be thoroughly entertained in the aptly named *Smile Club*. At the Cip, you do not have to retreat far from the bustle of Venice to find a slice of luxurious escapism.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 30 minutes by private car and water taxi from Venice Airport / 95 Rooms & Suites / 3 Restaurants & 3 Bars / Spa / Fitness Centre & Tennis / Swimming Pool / Children Welcome with Club



PRICES

4 nights from £1,695pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.
Half-board and full-board optional.

ST. REGIS VENICE SAN CLEMENTE PALACE



Opening in April 2015 is a private island in the heart of Venice Lagoon - close enough to enjoy the delights of the city, yet far enough from the madding crowds. Stylish, spacious and luxurious, this is the new address in Venice.

The palace has been lovingly transformed into a unique combination of cultural heritage site and classic luxury hotel surrounded by 14 acres of manicured gardens set in the Venetian Lagoon. The hotel features 2 bars and 3 restaurants, including the signature *Acquerello*, situated overlooking the lagoon, where executive chef Roberto Dal Sano masterfully creates delectable delicacies from the finest ingredients, inspired by the Adriatic Coast and the Mediterranean cuisine. Set within the Palace, the SPA will offer a destination to retreat to after a day of exploring the city's sights whilst the children's club and the outdoor space make it the perfect base for a family holiday like no other. The fully refurbished 146 rooms and suites command views overlooking the verdant gardens or lagoon and feature a combination of contemporary and traditional Venetian décor with all the special touches you would expect from the St. Regis name, including the signature butler service for all guests.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 40 minutes by car and water taxi from Venice Airport / 146 Rooms & Suites with the St. Regis Butler Service / 3 Restaurants & 2 Bars / Spa / Outdoor Pool / Tennis Court / Gardens / Church / 10 minutes from St. Marks Square by Complimentary Boat Transfer / Children Welcome with Club

PRICES

4 nights from £1,170pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.



THE GRITTI PALACE



The Gritti Palace is an icon of grace, elegance and opulence in a city sinking under the weight of hotels boasting such charms. Since its magnificent 15 month, multi-million pound restoration, this historic palace, sat on the Grand Canal, offers amongst the very highest levels of luxury accommodation and service in this historic city:

The rooms are opulent with Venetian décor, glass chandeliers, and some with Grand Canal views. The Suites meanwhile, are sensational, generous and range from the Grand Tour inspired Sestriere to the Hemingway Presidential, the latter featuring the famed former resident's own club chair and gargantuan floor to ceiling windows with views out over the Grand Canal. Yet it is the Terrazza Redentore Suite, reached by its own private lift, which holds the greatest surprise. Climb the wrought iron spiral staircase (or take the lift) from this cosy loft apartment and you emerge to an expansive roof top terrace with views stretching along the Grand Canal and an intimate pool, making this one of the most exclusive private venues in Venice. Here, dining is of the highest order, with the canalside *Restaurant Club del Doge* offering the finest of Venetian culinary traditions to tempt international gourmands. For those who wish to learn the skills of such culinary artists, the highly regarded *Gritti Epicurean School* offers private, half- and three-day classes. Whether visiting for Carnival, for the Biennale or just because you can, the Gritti Palace will gild your trip with truly memorable luxury.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 35 minutes by private car and water taxi from Venice Airport / 82 Rooms & Suites / 1 Restaurant & 1 Bar / Spa / The Gritti Epicurean Cooking School / Children Welcome



PRICES

4 nights from £1,255pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.



THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 30 minutes by car and water taxi from Venice Airport / 24 Rooms & Suites / 2 Restaurants / 1 Bar / Spa / Fitness Centre / 2 Private Gardens / Children Welcome

PRICES

4 nights from £2,070pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.

AMAN CANAL GRANDE VENICE

Water-fronted directly onto the Grand Canal, Aman promises unparalleled luxury set in the heart of Venice, just steps from the Rialto Bridge. But then you probably know this as the world's media recently swamped the property due to a certain celebrity wedding which was held here. You will also know of its spectacular interiors and whilst we can't promise George Clooney, the staff here are just as hot... on service and attention to detail – a trademark of the impressive Aman brand.

Upon arrival, you step ashore into the lofty Reception Hall and up two levels of sweeping stairs until you arrive at the grandest floor of the Palazzo, the Piano Nobile. It is truly a sight to behold, full of rococo-richness adorned with the likes of tall gilt mirrors, intricate frescos, delicate Murano chandeliers and full length windows overlooking the Grand Canal. This iconic view can also be enjoyed from their roof terrace, their private canal-side garden, as well as from the majority of their spell-binding suites. A second private garden, an intimate spa (well, it is an Aman hotel after all), impressive library, a grand bar and an Italian/Asian fine-dining restaurant complete the line up of A-List amenities here. This hotel is a work of art, and one that can only fully be appreciated by residing a while.



HOTEL DANIELI

Three former palaces make up the Hotel Danieli, ensuring guests are swept up in a grand, aristocratic, Italian embrace. With panoramic views overlooking the lagoon and with St Mark's Square literally around the corner, you are in the historic thick of it.

The hotel's 215 rooms offer a rich choice from elegant doubles and lagoon views, with classic Venetian styling, to opulent suites awash with marble, baroque flourishes and choice antiques. The roof-top restaurant and outdoor terrace has to be one of the finest places to dine in the city with views sweeping from the Giudecca to the Lido and beyond, all lit up and under moonlight. The Wine Suite is a relatively recent addition, offering connoisseurs and enthusiasts alike a stunning setting in which to savour regional gems to international best sellers. From the richest reds to the lightest whites and anything in between is available from their comprehensive wine menu and under the guidance of their expert sommeliers. And when Venice's riches overwhelm, be whisked by boat to a private beach on the Lido.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 40 minutes by car and water taxi from Venice Airport / 215 Rooms & Suites / 1 Restaurant & 3 Bars / In-room Spa Treatment / Children Welcome

PRICES

4 nights from £1,035pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.



BAUER IL PALAZZO

This historic 18th century Palazzo overlooking the Grand Canal is just a few minutes' walk from St Mark's Square. It ranks amongst Venice's most luxurious retreats, this beautifully restored palazzo boasts stunning views towards the islands of San Giorgio and the church of Santa Maria della Salute. Arrive in style by private boat and be welcomed with personal service in luxurious surroundings, creating the perfect backdrop for a romantic weekend.

No two rooms are decorated alike, each of the 34 suites and 38 rooms are individually styled to reflect traditional Venetian taste complete with gilt mirrors, rich fabrics, carved stucco ceilings and Murano glass chandeliers, many of them with private balconies overlooking the Grand Canal and beyond. Culinary options include *Restaurant De Pisis* with its outdoor terrace and gourmet menu influenced by Mediterranean and Asian influences, whilst breakfast is enjoyed on the city's highest roof terrace, *Settimo Cielo*, boasting stunning panoramic views of the city.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 30 minutes by car and water taxi from Venice Airport / 38 Rooms & 34 Suites / 2 Restaurants & 2 Bars / Fitness Centre / Rooftop Jacuzzi / Children Welcome

PRICES

4 nights from £995pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.



CENTURION PALACE

Behind its gorgeously neo-gothic façade, the Centurion Palace features a surprisingly contemporary and fashionable interior with stunning views across the Grand Canal. Classical Venetian gothic touches add to the unique décor, from silk-lined walls and rich colours to shimmering gold bathrooms. The Centurion Palace is a fashionable sanctuary that boasts a prime waterfront location blended with contemporary elegance and traditional Venetian touches.

This former monastery comprises 50 rooms and suites, all of which feature highly individual décors of rich fabrics, cutting edge Italian-designed furniture and high-tech details in the rooms with exquisite moulded ceilings in the suites, some of which are arranged over two floors. The courtyard provides a perfect setting for a cocktail before dining in *Antinoo's Lounge and Restaurant* which offers fine-dining cuisine. If traditional luxury and chic modernity were ever to be found under one roof, it is here at the Centurion Palace.

HOTEL METROPOLE

Standing majestically at the edge of Venice's lagoon, with stunning views over San Giorgio Island, this family run hotel is located just steps from the Biennale d'arte and Piazza San Marco. Cloaked with history from the 18th century, this elegant villa was once home to Vivaldi and has since been restored to a romantic and eccentric boutique hotel lavished with grand furnishings, murano glass chandeliers, historic antiques and fine arts.

Individually styled, each of the 67 rooms and suites reflect true Venetian style combined with a refined oriental touch. The highlight is the *Tra'Contemporary* cuisine on offer in the intimate *Met Restaurant*, awarded with a Michelin-star where Chef Luca Veritti creates sumptuous local cuisine in luxurious surroundings, beautifully decorated with the family's eclectic collection of some 2000 antique instruments. Pre-dinner aperitifs can be enjoyed in the courtyard citrus garden providing a Mediterranean oasis in the heart of the city.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 30 minutes by car and water taxi from Venice Airport / 67 Rooms & Suites / 1 Michelin Star Restaurant & Bar / Children Welcome

PRICES

4 nights from £875pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.
Half-board and full-board optional.



THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 30 minutes by car and water taxi from Venice Airport / 50 Rooms & Suites / 1 Restaurant & Bar / Children Welcome

PRICES

4 nights from £915pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.
Half-board optional.



LUNA HOTEL BAGLIONI

Situated just moments from the Piazza San Marco and with picture perfect views over the San Marco basin, this former magnificent 12th century Venetian palazzo is the oldest hotel in Venice and is reputed to have played host to the Knights Templar. Cloaked in Venetian history dating back to 1118, today the hotel has been transformed from an aristocratic palace to a home from home that is the very definition of Italianate grandeur.

Each of the lavish 91 rooms and suites are beautifully appointed with Italian silks, marble baths and glass chandeliers from neighbouring Murano while the most exclusive suites feature terraces with panoramic views over the lagoon and San Giorgio Island. Excellent in-hotel fine dining includes authentic local cuisine complimented by national and international fine wines from the hotel's very own cellar. Boasting a private mooring dock for boats and gondolas, the wonderfully-situated hotel puts the best of Venice on your doorstep.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 45 minutes by car and water taxi from Venice Airport / 91 Rooms & Suites / 1 Restaurant & 1 Bar / Children Welcome

PRICES

4 nights from £995pp including flights, transfers and breakfast. Half-board optional.



CA' SAGREDO

Another example of Venice's living history, The Ca' Sagredo lies in a 15th century palace on the Grand Canal between Ca D'Oro and the Rialto Bridge. It opened as a hotel in 2007 after a painstaking restoration which uncovered a host of architectural treasures. The Ca' Sagredo has been declared a national monument and still preserves the untouched beauty of an ancient noble residence.

The frescoes, public areas and marble staircases are all quite breathtaking, as are the 42 rooms and suites which are a combination of traditional Venetian décor with a contemporary twist. Some have stunning views over the canal while the historical Grand Suites boast 18th Century stuccoed ceilings, bas reliefs and elaborately painted wall friezes. The elegant restaurant not only takes full advantage of its romantic canalside location, but also its proximity to the Rialto market with its fresh produce and seafood.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 30 minutes by car and water taxi from Venice Airport / 22 Rooms & 20 Suites / 1 Restaurant & Bar / Children Welcome
PRICES 4 nights from £885pp including flights, transfers and breakfast. Half-board and full-board optional.



PALACE BONVECCHIATI

A modern hotel set in an ancient city, its contemporary design and interiors provide a welcome relief from the wealth of rococo attractions to which people flock. Step from the canal in to the hotel, in to a world of marble underfoot, modern art adorning the walls and stylish furniture abound. And after a short stroll from St. Mark's Square you can unwind in its 4th floor spa with a view.

Rooms and junior suites are unashamedly contemporary in their design, and afford the guest an alternative to the typical Venetian style. The high ceilinged rooms are perfectly adorned and the junior suites, spacious. Looking out over the rooftops of Venice, the spa is the 'cherry on top' in terms of treats in store, with a sun terrace planned. Although don't let on to the exceptional chef of La Terrazza Restaurant who creates traditional and reinterpreted Venetian classic dishes with fresh seasonal produce sought that day from the Rialto Market. Situated in the historical, central area, almost equidistant between St. Mark's Square and the Rialto Bridge, here you find yourself in the very heart of Venice.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 40 minutes by car and water taxi from Venice Airport / 70 Rooms & Suites / 1 Restaurant & Bar / Spa / Fitness Centre / Children Welcome

PRICES 4 nights from £825pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.

ROME

Whether you're a history enthusiast or simply looking for la dolce vita, Rome is the city for you. It's an in-your-face mix of the ancient past and the stylish present, its fashion-conscious citizens getting on with their ordinary lives against the extraordinary backdrop of the Colosseum, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Square. This city is a living museum for those of you who don't really like museums, and after you've climbed the Spanish Steps, gasped at Michelangelo's frescoes and tossed a coin into the Trevi Fountain, there are plenty of relaxing alternatives. So why not enjoy a pizza in a pavement café and watch the priests on their way to the Vatican? Give your credit cards an outing and make a beeline for the Ferragamo, Gucci and Prada stores along the Via Condotti? And, of course, you simply have to stay up very late and mingle with the glitterati...



HOW TO GET THERE

British Airways fly to Rome (Fiumicino airport) daily from London with low cost airlines offering alternative timings and direct departures from Gatwick, Luton, Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester. Low cost carriers also fly to Rome's Ciampino airport from Stansted, Manchester, Newcastle, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

WHEN TO TRAVEL

Winters are relatively mild in the city, however, **November** and **December** are traditionally the wettest months. In the summer, **July** and **August** are the hottest, whereas spring and autumn, **March to June** and **September to October** respectively, are ideal with blue skies and a lovely climate.



HOTEL KEY 1. ALDROVANDI VILLA BORGHESE 2. HOTEL DE RUSSIE - A Rocco Forte Hotel 3. GRAN MELIÀ ROME VILLA AGRIPPINA 4. J.K. ROMA 5. HOTEL EDEN 6. JUMEIRAH GRAND HOTEL VIA VENETO 7. REGINA HOTEL BAGLIONI 8. VILLA SPALLETTI TRIVELLI 9. THE INN AT THE ROMAN FORUM 10. PALAZZO MONTEMARTINI



ALDROVANDI VILLA BORGHESE



A self-titled sophisticated hideaway; and who are we to argue? A stunning location opposite the Borghese Gardens and just a five minute chauffeur drive to the Spanish Steps. It is difficult to capture the full essence of this family-run hotel; beautiful and elegant, refined and luxurious, and charming and sophisticated are but a few fitting adjectives we could use. And everything you could wish for can be found within its historic walls, and beyond their grand canopied and ivy clad entrance lies Rome.

As a former convent it is a natural oasis in the Eternal City and its pristine gardens, *Le Mer* spa and heated outdoor pool draw from this tranquil inspiration. Within lies opulently appointed rooms and suites with suave Italian design and craftsmanship. This craftsmanship continues in the two Michelin star restaurant, *Oliver Glowig*, where pure ingredients are combined to create a cooking art-form. For the fun-loving explore the Borghese Gardens on two wheels, or enjoy a lift to the Spanish Steps in four. Be sure to make it back in time to enjoy an aperitif in the jubilant *Garden Bar* or cosy *American Bar*.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 40 minutes from Rome Airport / 92 Rooms & 16 Suites / 2 Restaurants - *Oliver Glowig* (2 Michelin-starred) & 1 Bar / Spa / Fitness Centre / Outdoor Swimming Pool / Borghese Gardens opposite the hotel / Courtesy Car to the Spanish Steps / Children Welcome

PRICES

4 nights from £710pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.



HOTEL DE RUSSIE - A Rocco Forte Hotel

This people-watchers' paradise lies between the Spanish Steps and Piazza del Popolo in the heart of the city's most fashionable area. Home to a beautiful secret garden with extensive terraces, this is where many locals come to enjoy an aperitivo. Rocco Forte's Hotel de Russie offers a tranquil oasis amid the surrounding bustle of central Rome with its perfect combination of picturesque gardens, spa facility and impeccable service.

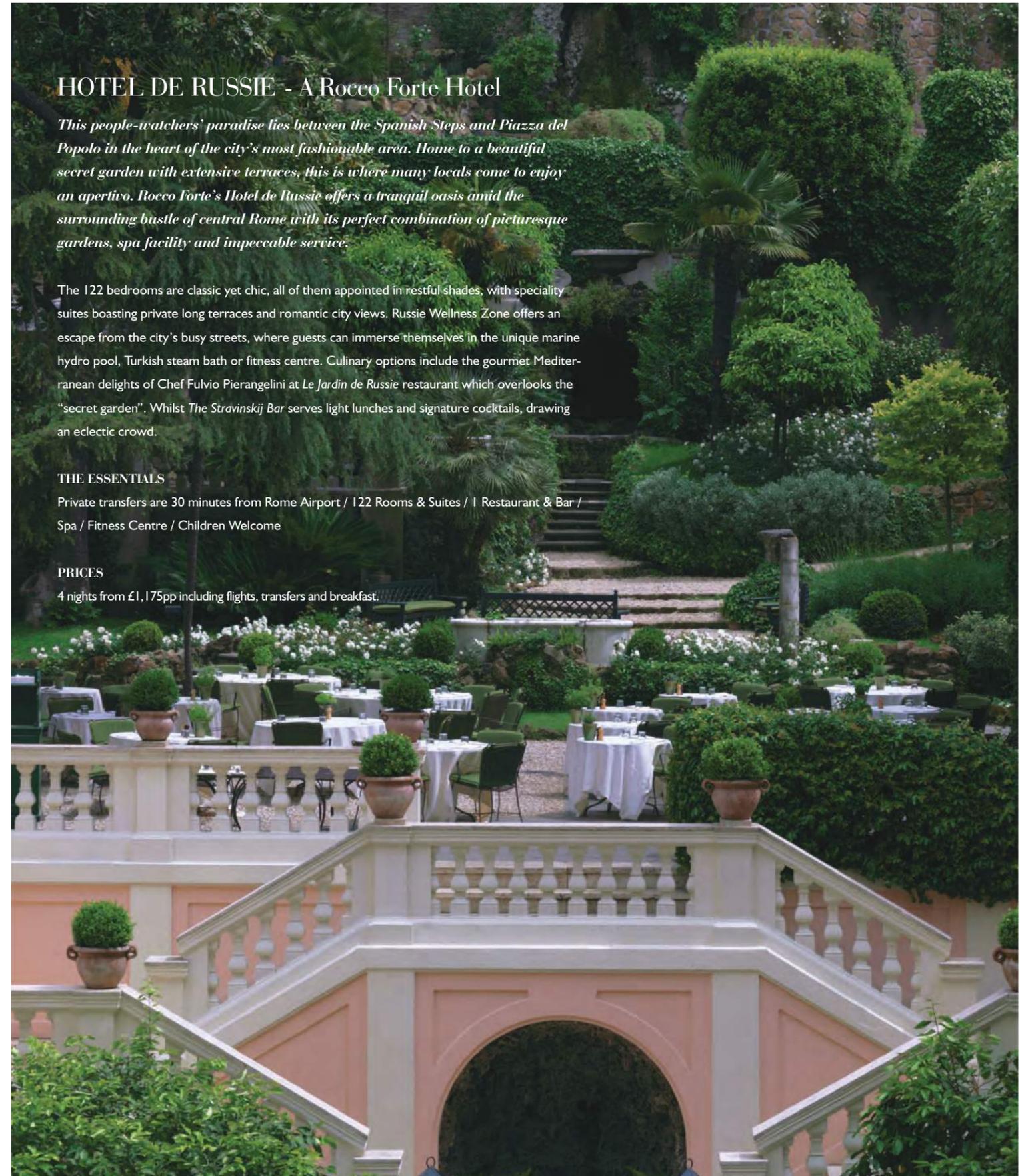
The 122 bedrooms are classic yet chic, all of them appointed in restful shades, with speciality suites boasting private long terraces and romantic city views. *Russie Wellness Zone* offers an escape from the city's busy streets, where guests can immerse themselves in the unique marine hydro pool, Turkish steam bath or fitness centre. Culinary options include the gourmet Mediterranean delights of Chef Fulvio Pierangelini at *Le Jardin de Russie* restaurant which overlooks the "secret garden". Whilst *The Stravinskij Bar* serves light lunches and signature cocktails, drawing an eclectic crowd.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 30 minutes from Rome Airport / 122 Rooms & Suites / 1 Restaurant & Bar / Spa / Fitness Centre / Children Welcome

PRICES

4 nights from £1,175pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.





GRAN MELIÀ ROME VILLA AGRIPPINA

This is a fresh and modern urban resort in this most historic of cities. On the banks of the Tiber and a stone's throw from the Vatican, the location is fit for an Empress – originally Nero's mother to be precise. The building itself dates back many centuries but has been completely transformed and restored into a cool, modern resort.

The tranquillity and design of the rooms and suites can only be improved by the trademark 'RedLevel' VIP service which is available. Two restaurants, two bars and a wine cellar provide a range of dinner options from formal dining to cocktails and canapés. The resort feel stems from the impressive gardens, the outdoor pool, and the *YHI Wellness Area* which allows you to enjoy spa treatments, gym and a beauty salon. This space has created an urban sanctuary which is the ideal base for a holiday exploring the eternal city.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 30 minutes from Rome Airport / 116 Rooms & Suites / 2 Restaurants & 2 Bars / Spa / Outdoor Swimming Pool / Children Welcome

PRICES

4 nights from £785pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.

J.K. PLACE ROMA

These two letters are synonymous with intimate luxury and J.K. Place Roma is the third hotel to join the family – its sister properties gracing Florence and Capri. Truly boutique, with just 30 rooms and suites the fabulous building was once the city's School of Architecture. And it comes top of class with its stunningly cool décor and design.

Just minutes from the Trevi fountain and you step off Rome's busy streets through J.K.'s signature unassuming doorway and you enter a world of luxury reserved for those few in the know. A great white atrium welcomes you home, whilst doorways tempt you to their impressive library, the *J.K. Café* – whose name is a bold understatement to its culinary creations – and at the far end the dark wood panelled bar. These rich and inviting spaces lead to light white corridors and then tonal rooms and suites of four poster beds and marble bathrooms. A stay at J.K. Place Roma will have you torn between wanting to tell all your friends and wanting to keep it a delicious secret.



THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 40 minutes from Rome Airport / 30 Rooms & Suites / 1 Restaurant & 1 Bar / Children Welcome

PRICES

4 nights from £995pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.

HOTEL EDEN

Set in the heart of Rome just moments away from the Spanish Steps and Via Condotti, the Hotel Eden is almost as famous as its illustrious guests and has been wowing visitors since 1889. And that's true from the moment the top-hatted doorman ushers you into the white marble lobby to the moment the smiling maitre d' leads you to your table on the rooftop restaurant – the Michelin-starred haute cuisine comes with breathtaking views towards St. Peter's Cathedral.

Each of the 121 rooms and suites are exquisitely styled with subdued colours, refined furnishings and turn-of-the-century prints, creating classic havens perfect for getting one's breath back after exploring the beauty of the city. Restaurant *La Terrazza dell'Eden* is famed for its food and also its rooftop location with panoramic views from Villa Borghese to l'Altara della Patria and for those extra special occasions, the luxurious Giardino dell'Eden provides an ideal place for weddings or special dinners in the gardens of the rooftop.



THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 40 minutes from Rome Airport / 121 Rooms & Suites / 2 Restaurants (1 Michelin starred) & Bars / Fitness Centre / In-room Spa Treatment / Children Welcome

PRICES

4 nights from £895pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.





JUMEIRAH GRAND HOTEL VIA VENETO

Stylish lines, convivial spaces and a vibrant atmosphere – this is an Art-Deco hotel whose facelift exceeds the original glamour. Located on the Via Veneto it is perfectly situated from which to explore Rome. Being a Jumeirah, excellent facilities, exemplary service and the highest quality are assured, yet what the Grand Hotel Via Veneto also delivers is style and character.

From its rooftop bar serving tempting cocktails with a view to its calming subterranean AQUA VITA SPA, every element of this hotel is a discovery of delight. Two fine dining restaurants enthral the palette, a collection of master pieces by the likes of Dali and Picasso gratify the eye and the art-deco inspired rooms and suites will have you enraptured. After a restful night's sleep, the likes of which Gatsby would have craved, indulge in breakfast at the *Magnolia* restaurant where in summer it opens to the adjoining outdoor courtyard making a charming spot from which to start the day in central Rome.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 50 minutes from Rome Airport / 115 Rooms & Suites / 2 Restaurants & Bars / Spa / Fitness Centre / Children Welcome

PRICES 4 nights from £770pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.



REGINA HOTEL BAGLIONI

Situated on the strategic Via Veneto, renowned as the meeting place of artists, writers and actors during the Dolce Vita period, the Regina Hotel Baglioni is just a stone's throw from the gardens of Villa Borghese, Piazza di Spagna and the famous fashion street, Via Condotti. Housed in a Liberty-style building dating back to 1904, the hotel was once the home of Queen Margherita of Savoy.

Antique furnishings, silk tapestries and a pure Art Deco soul distinguish the 118 rooms and suites, some of which boast their own private balconies overlooking stunning views of the rooftops of Rome. Authentic Mediterranean cuisine can be sampled at the *Bruenello Lounge & Restaurant*, with its exclusive entrance on the Via Veneto. The newly renovated *Baglioni SPA* provides a tranquil oasis in the heart of the city with massage rooms, a fitness centre and Turkish bath.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 30 minutes from Rome Airport / 95 Rooms & 23 Suites / 1 Restaurant & Bar / Spa / Fitness Centre / Children Welcome with Babysitting Facility

PRICES 4 nights from £830pp including flights and transfers. Half-board optional.



VILLA SPALLETI TRIVELLI

This historic 20th century residence is all about privacy and discretion, the mood definitely more 'country estate' than 'urban retreat'. Central in its location just a 5-minute walk from the Trevi Fountain, you'll be protected from the masses by the kind of walled Italian garden that comes with gazebos, fountains and manicured lawns. Tapestries, oil paintings and period furnishings define the public spaces, everything sourced from the private collection of the Spalletti Trivelli family. Even the 14 rooms and suites are individually appointed as in a private house. And this homely appeal extends to the hotel's addition of two garden suites. These are actually beautifully appointed, self-contained apartments with their own private terrace and connected via the gardens to the hotel. Exclusive like the historic home that houses it, their wellness centre in Villa Spalletti Trivelli ensures unique treatments and therapies, guaranteeing unrivalled relaxation in the historic centre of Rome.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 40 minutes from Rome Airport / 14 Rooms / 1 Restaurant & Bar / Wellness Centre / Fitness Centre / Children Welcome with Babysitting Facility

PRICES 4 nights from £1,095pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.

THE INN AT THE ROMAN FORUM

Dating back to the 15th century and once a private residence, the family-run The Inn at the Roman Forum is located just a few steps from some of the most ancient and fabled ruins in Rome but it also houses remarkable Roman ruins within its own walls. The enchanting 14 rooms offer private patios or roof terraces and some opening onto small private gardens. Superb views can be appreciated over breakfast at the rooftop terrace.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 45 minutes from Rome Airport / 14 Rooms & Suites / 1 Restaurant & 1 Bar Lounge / Children Welcome

PRICES 4 nights from £670pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.

PALAZZO MONTEMARTINI

This hotel has history running right through it, literally, in the form of the ancient Servian Wall. Set back from the road, you leave the ancient and hectic streets of Rome behind you and enter a relaxing and contemporary world of Montemartini. The building dates back to 1881, but recently it has undergone a stunning transformation into a luxury hotel of bold design, opening its doors to guests in 2014. Throughout the hotel starkly modern furniture sits within this fabulously historic and grand building, and this juxtaposition works stylishly to create a unique offering for Rome. And nowhere is it more evident than in the *Senses* restaurant. The rooms are a bright and bold, but always inviting. And nothing can compare to the delight of a spa treatment after a day on your feet of sightseeing.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 40 minutes from Rome Airport / 82 Rooms & Suites / 1 Restaurant & 1 Bar / ExPure Spa / Indoor Hydro-ionic Pool / Fitness Centre / Children Welcome

PRICES 4 nights from £930pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.

FLORENCE & TUSCANY

This regional capital of Tuscany is Italy's 'Renaissance City' and so will be forever linked with 15th century artists such as Michelangelo, Botticelli and Leonardo da Vinci. Its skyline is thankfully still a masterpiece courtesy of showpieces like the Renaissance Basilica, Giotto's Campanile and the Gothic Duomo; all of these architectural treasures enhanced by the fast-flowing Arno River; romantic Ponte Vecchio and Uffizi Gallery. On its doorstep are the picturesque rolling hills of Tuscany, dotted with vineyards, olive groves and sleepy villages. Yet Tuscany is not all about photo opportunities. Tuscans are also known for their appreciation of good food and fine wines, and there are plenty of family-owned trattorias where you can happily lose a few hours sampling the best of both. And talking of the best of both, why not combine Florence with Tuscany to create a holiday bursting with culture, cuisine and Chianti?

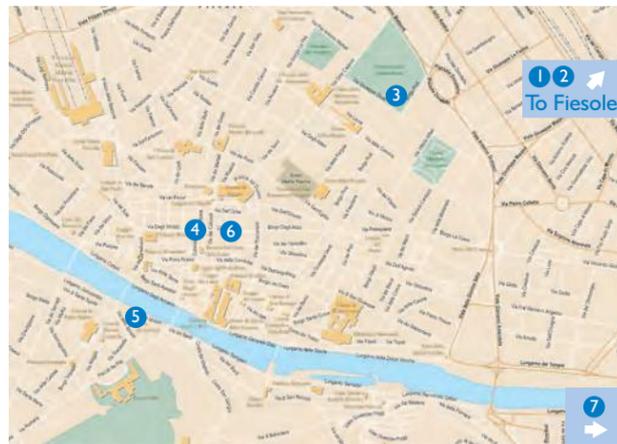


HOW TO GET THERE

British Airways fly to Pisa and Florence from London. Other scheduled airlines offer alternative timings and direct departures to Florence from London City and Gatwick; and to Pisa from Gatwick, Luton, Stansted, Bristol, East Midlands, Manchester, Leeds Bradford, Liverpool, Newcastle, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Belfast.

WHEN TO TRAVEL

Winter months are traditionally cool and wet and the summer hot and dry. Meaning the best months to visit are **March** to **June** and **September** to **October** which also tend to be quieter.



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DISCOVER TUSCANY

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Sightseeing in the Eternal City of Rome
- Tour the fabled Chianti countryside
- Visit the historic towns of San Gimignano (town of towers) and Volterra
- Day trip to the Renaissance city of Florence
- Take a dip, and unwind at the beach club on the Tuscan coastline

PRICES

8 days/7 nights from £1,495 per person, including flights, relevant transfers & car hire. Aldrovandi Villa Borghese (2 nights) - Castello del Nero (2 nights) - Hotel Il Pellicano (3 nights)



DAYS 1-3 – ROME (Aldrovandi Villa Borghese) Arrive and transfer from the airport by private car to your hotel. Explore the city of Rome at your leisure, or we can happily recommend some exclusive sightseeing tours or unique workshops to enjoy.

DAYS 3-5 – TUSCANY (Castello del Nero) Collect your hire car and drive north through the stunning countryside of Tuscany where every route is a scenic one, and then spend the next few days exploring the region.

DAYS 5-8 – TUSCAN COAST (Hotel Il Pellicano) Meander your way to the coast, stopping in at Siena en-route, because once you are ensconced on your sun lounger you won't want to move anywhere. On your last day, head north in sufficient time to enjoy the famous sites of Pisa before flying home.

EXPLORING TUSCANY

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Sightseeing in the Renaissance city of Florence
- Tour the picturesque Tuscan countryside at your leisure
- Visiting the home towns of the famous VINO Nobile de Montepulciano and Brunello di Montalcino
- Strolling the streets of the Tuscan city of Siena

PRICES

6 days/5 nights from £995 per person, including flights and car hire. Il Salviatino (3 nights) - Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco (2 nights)



DAYS 1-4 – FLORENCE (Il Salviatino) Arrive and collect your hire car before heading to your hotel. Explore Florence at your leisure, or we can happily recommend some exclusive sightseeing tours, such as exclusive entry to the Vasari Corridor or a sunset cruise down the Arno.

DAYS 4-6 – TUSCANY (Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco) Drive south through the stunning countryside of Tuscany, be sure to see Siena en-route and then spend the next two days curled up in your resort or out exploring this incredible region and visiting vineyards. On your final day, be sure to allow sufficient time to enjoy the famous sites of Pisa before flying home.



IL SALVIATINO

Proudly set on the hillside of Fiesole, this perfectly restored villa dates back to the 15th century and still has the handpainted frescoes and centuries-old mosaics as evidence. With stunning views of Florence and the rolling Tuscan landscape, Il Salviatino's beautifully manicured gardens, intimate style and impeccable service make it an ideal place for seclusion with the vibrant city of Florence within easy reach.

The 45 rooms and suites are all individual works of art, yet the comfortable lounges, cordial ambience and friendly 'service ambassadors' contribute more than enough warmth. So you can feel free to surrender to one of the Italian treatments from *Il Salviatino Spa* using Dr Vranjes products and then linger a while over Italy's second religion – fine cuisine. And in a region renowned for good food, *Il Salviatino's* restaurant *La Cucina del Salviatino* offers a unique gastro-experience serving up an exquisite traditional menu with a modern approach.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 25 minutes from Florence Airport and 60 minutes from Pisa Airport / 45 Rooms & Suites / 1 Restaurant & Bar / Spa / Swimming Pool / Children Welcome

PRICES 4 nights from £895pp including flights, transfers and breakfast. Half-board optional.



BELMOND VILLA SAN MICHELE

Nestled on a hilltop amid lush trees and terraced gardens, Belmond Villa San Michele was formally a 15th century monastery which has been carefully transformed into a magnificent retreat cloaked in history – the hotel's facade is attributed to none other than Michelangelo – and stunning views over Florence and the Arno Valley:

Nowadays it offers 45 guest quarters, some of them secluded suites in the gardens and a few of them the cosy hideaways of former monks, yet others are 'named' suites with anything from private gardens to pool-like bathtubs. The Tuscan cuisine of the 16th century *Loggia* restaurant and umbrella cocktails beside the hilltop swimming pool are perfectly enhanced by the spellbinding views while culinary classes are held in the *Buono Buonissimo!* cookery school where Executive Chef Attilio Di Fabrizio teaches "hands on" lessons for all ages.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 15 minutes from Florence Airport and 60 minutes from Pisa Airport / 45 Rooms & Suites / 2 Restaurants & Bars / Fitness Centre / Swimming Pool / Complimentary Shuttle to/from Florence / Cookery School / Children Welcome with "Smile" Club for ages 4-12 years
PRICES 4 nights from £1,080pp including flights and transfers. Half-board and full-board optional.



FOUR SEASONS HOTEL FIRENZE

This former convent and Renaissance palazzo might now be part of the world's finest hotel company; but its meticulous 7-year restoration means that the 15th century frescoes and hand-painted ceilings still take centre stage. And, as it boasts the city's finest spa, as well as its largest private garden (11 acres), it certainly lives up to its billing as a 'city sanctuary'.

The 116-room hotel lies in a quiet street in the historic centre of Florence just 10 minutes' walk to all the sights. The rooms are found in either the 500 year old Palazzo della Gherardesca or in the Sixteenth Century Conventino. The latter is located at the opposite side of the hotel's botanical gardens, and conveniently has its own restaurant for breakfast, plus dedicated reception and concierge. Whilst a handful of Suites are located in the Conventino, the majority are housed in the main building of the Palazzo. All the spacious accommodation feature a sublime blend of Renaissance artistry and high-tech comfort. Dining choices range from the elegant to the alfresco, and leisure amenities include a spa, a large gym, a seasonal outdoor pool and whirlpool, plus an impressive winery. A stay here will make all your Medici fantasies come true.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 20 minutes from Florence Airport and 60 minutes from Pisa Airport / 116 Rooms & Suites / 3 Restaurants (1 Michelin starred) / 2 Bars / Spa / 11 Acre Private Park / Fitness Centre / Swimming Pool / Children Welcome

PRICES

4 nights from £1,095pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.

HOTEL SAVOY - A Rocco Forte Hotel

A Rocco Forte spellbinder, the Hotel Savoy is a fashion-conscious yet family-friendly boutique hotel with a delightfully central location, built on the site of the old church of San Tommaso just moments away from the Duomo and Uffizi gallery. "Modern" is the underlying theme here thanks to the elegant and contemporary interiors courtesy of the ever-stylish Olga Polizzi; tonal colours, bold artwork and fun fabrics combine to create a refined statement in the heart of the city.

Its 88 rooms and 14 suites have all been styled in a soothing blend of muted earth tones and its artwork is appropriately inspired by the city's obsession with shoes and hats. In spring the new retro-chic, Florentine-inspired bar and restaurant, called *Irene*, will serve refreshingly light reinterpretations of classic Tuscan dishes using the finest local, seasonal ingredients. Whilst there's also a fitness centre on-site, you'll be so busy hitting the city's boutiques that a work-out will hardly be necessary.



THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 15 minutes from Florence Airport and 60 minutes from Pisa Airport / 102 Rooms & Suites / 1 Restaurant / 1 Bar / Fitness Centre / Children Welcome with Babysitting Facility

PRICES

4 nights from £995pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.



HOTEL LUNGARNO

This elegant yet unpretentious affair is romantically located right on the south bank of the Arno River, just to the west of the Ponte Vecchio. Stay in one of its terraced guest rooms overlooking the water and you can almost conjure up 'Room with a View'; another quintessential Florentine experience awaits you in the riverside restaurant with its traditional Italian cuisine. Art, antiques and charming staff endow the Hotel Lungarno with a classic, friendly ambience, but if you fancy something a little more cutting-edge opt for one of its sister hotels: The Continentale evokes all the glamour of the 50s, the Gallery Hotel Art is an innovative urban getaway. All of which belong to the Salvatore Ferragamo Family, meaning you are in the same fashionable hands as the many celebrities who have adorned the red carpet in one of their exclusive creations.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 20 minutes from Florence Airport and 60 minutes from Pisa Airport / 73 Rooms & Suites / 1 Restaurant & 1 Bar / Children Welcome
PRICES 4 nights from £890pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.



HOTEL BRUNELLESCHI

With an enviable position for any Florence goer, emerge from its doors in to the charming quiet piazza and in just a few footsteps find yourself aside the wonder of the Duomo. In fact it is so close that many of its rooms and suites frame the cathedral through their windows. Looking inward, you find contemporary furnishings sitting elegantly within this historical building. Style and substance are in abundance here with service matching the décor for its high quality. Book well in advance to relish an exquisite meal at its intimate *Restaurant Santa Elisabetta*, with just 7 tables you know the talented chef is focussing his attention on every plate. As a base from which to explore or as a cosy retreat, you won't be disappointed.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 20 minutes from Florence Airport and 60 minutes from Pisa Airport / 128 Rooms & Suites / 1 Restaurant & Bar / Children Welcome
PRICES 4 nights from £845pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.
Half-board optional.



VILLA LA MASSA

A 16th century estate set on the bank of River Arno surrounded by 22 acres of lush gardens, Villa la Massa is a stunning residence just a stone's throw from the centre of the city. Each of the 37 rooms and suites are divided into three villas overlooking the Chianti hills. After a day immersed in the beauty of Florence city, guests can indulge at the new spa, enjoy a private wine tasting at *The Cellar* or simply take in the tranquil surroundings at the traditional Tuscan restaurant.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 30 minutes from Florence Airport and 70 minutes from Pisa Airport / 37 Rooms & Suites / 1 Restaurant & Bar / Spa / Nearby Tennis & Golf / Swimming Pool / Children Welcome
PRICES 4 nights from £985pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.



CASTELLO DEL NERO HOTEL & SPA

Dating back to the 12th century, this converted castle is surrounded by an idyllic setting in the heart of the famous Chianti wine region within easy reach of Florence and Siena. Over 700 acres of rolling hills, vineyards and lakes surround the estate with stunning views over the dramatic countryside making it the prime location for a Tuscan retreat complete with Michelin-starred dining and Tuscany's first ESPA-branded Spa.

Many of the 12th century features are still evident in the 50 rooms and suites with vivid frescoes, charming vaulted ceilings and original Tuscan furnishings. And after a day exploring, the Michelin-starred *La Torre* restaurant will treat you to a gourmet experience of real Tuscan cuisine. The stunning backdrop of the surrounding hills can be enjoyed from their second restaurant set in a beautifully restored former stable, while the *ESPA at Castello del Nero* offers a vast range of treatments using estate-produced olive oil from the surrounding olive groves.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 45 minutes from Florence Airport and 90 minutes from Pisa Airport / 50 Rooms & Suites / 2 Restaurants (1 Michelin starred) & Bars (1 seasonal) / Spa / Fitness Centre / Tennis / Swimming Pool / Children Welcome
PRICES 4 nights from £885pp including flights, car hire and breakfast.



CASTELLO DI CASOLE

Set on an estate of 4,200sqm, the stunning centre piece is a restored hilltop castle surrounded by beautifully manicured grounds. The boutique, all-suite hotel intertwines perfectly old world charm with modern luxury. Today the estate is still very much a working farm and game reserve which you are invited to explore by foot, and enjoy the beauty which surrounds you.

The authentic restoration has resulted in a stunning all-suite property, from Studio Suites in the main building to the enticing apartment-style Olive Grove Suites just a short stroll away. Then dotted throughout the historic estate are their restored Farmhouse Villas, each with dramatic glass-tiled private pools offering privacy and seclusion – an ideal choice for families or those simply wanting to get away from it all. Back at the main hotel, the restaurants and bars will treat your palette, whilst the *Essere Spa* and pool will treat your body and soul.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 60 minutes from Florence Airport and 110 minutes from Pisa Airport / 41 Suites / 11 Villas / 3 Restaurants & Bars / Spa / Fitness Centre / Swimming Pool / Children Welcome with Babysitting Facility
PRICES 4 nights from £855pp including flights, car hire and breakfast.





ROSEWOOD CASTIGLION DEL BOSCO

Imagine waking to gaze on your own private Tuscan estate, surrounded by vineyard-cloaked hills dotted with ancient farmhouses? Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco, in the UNESCO-listed Val d'Orcia National Park and in the Brunello di Montalcino wine-producing region, offers just that. The skilful blend of authentically restored 17th- and 18th-Century villas and suites, and 21st-century refinements are now under the careful management of the prestigious Rosewood Group.

The 23 spacious suites are in the heart of the estate, in a film-set-perfect hilltop 'village' of shuttered buildings, tall cypresses and stone-flagged streets. Spread across the estate, the 10 lovingly restored villas (two to six bedrooms) with their raftered ceilings and arched windows, are furnished in a gracious, Sienese style, rich with antiques and offering every refinement from walk-in closets to private pools. With a spa, cookery school, winery, restaurants, private golf course, tennis courts, infinity pool and hiking trails, you may never need to leave the estate.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 90 minutes from Florence Airport and 120 minutes from Pisa Airport / 23 Suites / 10 Villas / 2 Restaurants & Bars / Spa / Tennis / Swimming Pool / Private Golf / Children Welcome with Club for 3-12 years
PRICES 4 nights from £1,295pp including flights, car hire and breakfast. Half-board optional.



CASTELLO BANFI

Immersed in the stunning Tuscan countryside of the famous Brunello region, the Castello Banfi is a family-owned vineyard estate and winery set in 7,000 acres of vineyards and olive groves. Founded by two Italian-American brothers in the late 1970's, the estate has been a working state-of-the-art winery ever since, producing the very best premium and sparkling wines. At the centre of the winery lies the uniquely stunning hotel of Il Borgo.

Built into the winery estate, the 14 delightful rooms and suites are located in an historic Borgo at the foot of the walls of the medieval castle. Dating back to the 1700's, today the ancient stone hamlet has been carefully transformed into a home away from home. *La Taverna* restaurant in the arched cellar, the reading room, pergola garden, hillside swimming pool with wonderful vineyard views and a fitness area all add to the Castello's elegant charm and delightful comfort.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 120 minutes from Florence Airport and 60 minutes from Pisa Airport / 9 Rooms & 5 Suites / 1 Restaurant & Bar / Children Welcome
PRICES 4 nights from £1,165pp including flights, car hire and breakfast.



PRINCIPE FORTE DEI MARMI

A stay at this ultra-stylish hotel promises a delight for all the senses, based on a revolutionary concept embracing food tastings and groundbreaking Spa treatments. Softly sophisticated rooms offer privacy and intimacy among furnishings by renowned designers and a cool beach club makes this the hot address of this popular beachfront town.

Four poster beds, marble bathrooms and the latest technology are encapsulated in a choice of spacious rooms and suites of calming and cool tonal hues. Many have floor to ceiling windows that look out over the Apuan Alps or gardens, and which let the natural light flood in. The high-tech *Egoista Spa* offers various diversions you would expect from a spa, plus the very latest wellness and health programmes. Tuscan-influenced cuisine is found in its three restaurants where wines and local flavours combine in unique reinterpretations of classic meals. At night enjoy great music, food and views at the *67 Sky Lounge Bar*, and by day the beach club welcomes you to enjoy spacious gazebos or cabins on the golden sand and fresh seafood fayre in their casual beach restaurant.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 30 minutes from Pisa Airport / 28 Rooms & Suites / 3 Restaurants & 3 Bars / Spa / Fitness Centre / Tennis / Swimming Pool / Beach Club with Surf School / Children Welcome

PRICES

4 nights from £2,285pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.
 Half-board and full-board optional.

HOTEL IL PELLICANO

Situated in Porto Ercole on the Argentario coast this elegant property resembles a small charming village thanks to its cluster of cottages that form the hotel, and which cling to the rugged hillside above the azure blue waters that lap its beach club – think more Amalfi coastline than Sardinian beach – with its classic Tuscan-styled rooms reflecting the style and beauty of the region.

There are many reasons why you should visit this southern part of the Tuscan coastline, but two of them are Il Pellicano and a Michelin Star. The latter is held thanks to the impressive talents of chef Sebastiano Lombardi and you can sample his craftsmanship in *Il Pellicano* restaurant and then learn some of his skills during a cooking class, just one of the many activities devised to keep you as entertained as you want to be. And when you don't want to be active, head to either the *Beach Club* or the *Pelliclub* for some much deserved R and R – you will be in great hands.



THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 90 minutes from Rome Airport / 50 Rooms & Suites / 2 Restaurants & Bars (1 Michelin-starred) / Spa / Fitness Centre / Tennis / Swimming Pool / Private Beach / Children Welcome 10 years and above

PRICES

4 nights from £1,155pp including flights, car hire and breakfast.

THE LAKES & VERONA

All deserving of your discovery in their own right, these are the gems of Northern Italy. Since Roman times LAKE COMO has been popular with the rich and famous, an appeal that still remains today as it is widely regarded as one of Italy's most beautiful lakes. Whilst the largest of the lakes, and one of the most popular; is LAKE GARDA and for good reason. A lake that has only been discovered by a lucky few is LAKE ORTA, with its dramatic play between mountains, weather, light and the enchanting island of San Giulio. This lake offers a treat for the soul as well as the eyes. Meanwhile, if fair VERONA was in any other country it would be flooded with tourists thanks to its architecture, boutique shops and of course the annual Opera Festival.



HOW TO GET THERE

British Airways offers direct departures from London to Milan and Verona, with low cost airlines offering alternative timings and direct departures to Milan from Gatwick, Luton, Birmingham, Manchester, Edinburgh and Glasgow; and to Verona from Gatwick, Manchester, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Belfast.

WHEN TO TRAVEL

Winter is much colder and less predictable until **March**. **April** can be lovely with spring flowers blooming. **May, June** and **September** offer great temperatures and are a little quieter as Italians' traditional holiday is **July** and **August** when temperatures are at their peak.



HOTEL KEY 1. VILLA CORTINE PALACE 2. LIDO PALACE 3. VILLA D'ESTE 4. CASTADIVA RESORT & SPA
5. GRAND HOTEL TREMEZZO 6. VILLA CRESPI 7. PALAZZO VICTORIA



LIDO PALACE - Lake Garda

Built in 1899 on the banks of Lake Garda, it is only the vast glass atrium which adorns the original, and lovingly restored, grand Palace in a stylish architectural juxtaposition that gives any clue of the chic modernity within.

The rooms and suites here are as stylish as they are comfortable, minimalist yet welcoming; a difficult balancing act but one executed to perfection here. The manicured grounds house an outdoor pool with sundeck and lead you down to the lake's edge. Internally the state-of-the-art *Centoundici Spa* offers treatments from around the world in a haven of relaxation, and as you may expect of two dining venues, one promises a more relaxed environ whilst the other, *Il Re della Busa*, serves up a more formal ambience along with haute cuisine. Form, function and finesse; this is a true designer hotel with a lake front location to match.



THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 45 minutes from Verona Airport / 36 Rooms & 6 Suites / 1 Restaurant & 1 Bar / Fitness Centre / Spa / Children Welcome

PRICES

4 nights from £795pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.

VILLA CORTINE PALACE - Lake Garda

Found dotted on a stunning peninsula reaching out into Lake Garda, the likes of which nature perfected long before Dubai copied. The charming cobbled streets of Sirmone lead to this meticulously restored and grand neoclassical villa. The epitome of refinement and elegance, a stay here is a memory to treasure. Fondly understated as the 'house on the hill', this incline leads through verdant gardens to the lake shore and its own private jetty with sunbathing deck.

Within the portico-façade lie grand public rooms of frescoes, marble and mosaics. Some of the rooms are located in this original Villa, whilst most can be found in the latterly built, adjoining wing. All are elegantly furnished with antiques, parquet flooring, Venetian glass chandeliers, marble bathrooms and views out over the gardens or down to Lake Garda. In the summer time, leave the heated poolside and drift to the convivial *Beach Bar and Barbeque* promising a relaxed and popular lakeside dining choice. The restaurants serve up lake views along with exquisite culinary offerings in a choice of intimate or grand surroundings.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 45 minutes from Verona Airport / 54 Rooms & Suites / 2 Restaurants & 2 Bars / Children Welcome

PRICES

4 nights from £820pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.
Half-board optional.



VILLA D'ESTE - Lake Como

One of Italy's best known properties, the Villa D'Este is utterly peerless and entirely worthy of its reputation as one of the finest hotels in the world, known for its pure Italian opulence and commanding position on the shores of Lake Como. Built in the 16th century as the summer residence of a Cardinal, it became the favoured hotel of European Royalty since opening its doors in 1873.

Each of the 152 rooms and suites are uniquely styled and decorated with true splendour and graceful living in mind. They are adorned with period furniture, swathed in silks and brocades, and featuring oil paintings, with many having either a balcony or terrace; and for complete seclusion there are even three private villas. With its floating pool, tennis courts and marina, there is plenty to amuse while the range of excellent indoor and al fresco bars and restaurants will see that you want for nothing.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 60 minutes from Milan Malpensa Airport / 152 Rooms & Suites / 3 Villas / 3 Restaurants & 2 Bars / Wellness & Beauty Centre / Swimming Pool / Water Sports / Children Welcome

PRICES

4 nights from £1,255pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.

CASTADIVA RESORT & SPA- Lake Como

Situated directly on the shores of Lake Como, CastaDiva Resort & Spa is a haven from the real world. Lavish decoration is blended with luxurious comfort in rooms and suites embellished by silk and velvet that attempt to distract you from that stunning lake view.

A collection of villas which house the 73 uniquely appointed rooms and suites are dotted amongst the lush grounds and are connected by winding white pebble paths surrounding the main Villa Roccabruna, and complemented by two stand-alone villas for private use. Rich in décor and eclectic in style, try as they might they cannot compete for your attention from the incredible lake views afforded by many of the rooms and suites. Step off the lake's edge and out on the heated floating pool, complete with Jacuzzi, sun deck and bar. Meanwhile beneath you lies the surprisingly spacious subterranean spa offering the very latest in wellness treatments. The *Bellini Bar* delivers sunset aperitifs with a welcome mixer of a stunning lakeside backdrop and after dark the fine dining *L'Orangerie* restaurant serves gastronomic delights with a focus on local traditions and flavours.



THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 60 minutes from Milan Malpensa Airport / 73 Rooms & Suites / 2 Villas / 2 Restaurants & 2 Bars / Spa / Swimming Pool / Children Welcome

PRICES

4 nights from £935pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.



VILLA CRESPI - Lake Orta

On Lake Orta in the heart of Piedmont, the Villa Crespi's fairytale folly has 14 rooms and suites each of which will delight you with a romantic rococo style that evokes the tales of *One Thousand and One Nights*. The inspired chef produces magical menus befitting his two Michelin stars, and will share the secrets of his recipes in mouth-watering cooking classes. Villa Crespi, situated on this undiscovered lake, is truly a place to dream of.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 40 minutes from Milan Malpensa / 14 Rooms & Suites / 1 Restaurant (2 Michelin starred) & Bar / Spa Treatments / Cooking Classes / Children Welcome

PRICES 4 nights from £1,120pp including flights, car hire and breakfast.

GRAND HOTEL TREMEZZO - Lake Como

This historic Art Nouveau palace offers the most beautiful view of Lake Como, facing Bellagio with the rose-tinted Grigne mountains as a backdrop. The hotel is nestled within a beautiful century-old park teeming with ancient magnolias, clouds of azaleas, tulips and geraniums. It's what William Wordsworth described as a 'spot of time' – a sight of heart-stopping beauty that lasts a lifetime.

The 90 elegant rooms and suites reflect the surrounding paradise of clear waters, blue skies and ancient trees, warmed by early 20th-Century furnishings and flooded with Italian light that shines through wide windows filled with enchanting views. Balconies, ultra luxe Rooftop Suites, outdoor Jacuzzis, terraces and the romantic setting of *La Terrazza* restaurant, all make the most of the spectacular natural surroundings. There's even a floating pool resting on the lake's surface for an unforgettable bathing experience and a panoramic *T Spa* offering exclusive ESPA treatments.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 70 minutes from Milan Malpensa Airport / 90 Rooms & Suites / 5 Restaurants & 2 Bars / Spa / 2 Swimming Pools / Private Lakeside Beach Club / Private Boat / Children Welcome

PRICES 4 nights from £1,140pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.



PALAZZO VICTORIA - Verona

Centrally located just a short walk from the Arena and close to the main shopping of Via Mazzini, this restored 14th century palace is elegantly decorated in the style of the Veneto region. The 74 rooms and suites are a throwback to the buildings origin, each individually styled featuring parquet floors, marble bathrooms and in some cases, original frescoes. In *Borsari 36*, Michelin-starred chef, Carmine Calò, promises to serve up delicious traditional Italian and regional cuisine with a contemporary twist.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 30 minutes from Verona Airport / 74 Rooms & Suites / 1 Restaurant & 1 Bar / Children Welcome

PRICES 4 nights from £630pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.

PORTOFINO

Once a sleepy fishing harbour, this small town is now a tourist idyll along the picturesque Italian Riviera. Relaxing and people watching are the two biggest pastimes here, as during the summer the port becomes a hub of yachting activity and the harbour simply pulses with life. For those more active there are popular diving sites nearby and, of course, you can have a go at sailing yourself. Or for those more historically minded there are several museums, castles and churches close by that are well worth exploring. And Castello Brown, dating back to the 16th Century, offers one of the best views of Portofino from its once protective battlements, but if you like to be in the thick of it, take a pew at the harbour and be a part of the summertime buzz.



HOW TO GET THERE

British Airways flies daily to Genoa from Gatwick, with low cost airlines offering alternative timings from Stansted.

WHEN TO TRAVEL

Even in winter temperatures rarely dip below freezing.

March to June and **September to October** are very pleasant temperatures in which to visit. **July** and **August** are the warmest months, but kept fresh by onshore breezes.



BELMOND HOTEL SPLENDIDO

There are so many reasons to stay in Portofino on the Ligurian coast and the Hotel Splendido, on a luxuriant hillside overlooking the yachts and islands in the harbour, is not least among them. Set within four acres of romantic gardens, this glamorous retreat encapsulates a true Belmond experience in the heart of a vibrant and elegant local scene.

Each of its 67 rooms and suites are uniquely decorated, many with balconies or terraces offering enchanting panoramic views of the bay. Located amidst the beautiful Mediterranean gardens, the Wellness centre boasts a sauna and steam room providing the perfect sanctuary for relaxation. Meanwhile the "Smile" childrens club will keep them doing just that. The two restaurants offer the very best of Italian cuisine, not to mention stunning sea views. If jet-set cool in old world Italian charm is for you, then the Hotel Splendido is a must.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 45 minutes from Genoa Airport / 67 Rooms & Suites / 2 Restaurants & 2 Bars / Spa / Fitness Centre & Tennis / Swimming Pool with Heated Sea-Water/ Complimentary Shuttle to Splendido Mare / Children Welcome with "Smile" Club for 4-12 years

PRICES

4 nights from £975pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.
Half-board and full-board optional.

BELMOND SPLENDIDO MARE

Sister property to the Belmond Hotel Splendido, the waterside Splendido Mare has a picture-perfect position in the very centre of Portofino. Looking out onto the small, pretty square and delightful, famed harbour it provides the perfect vantage point to watch the world go by while dining alfresco in true Italian style. The Splendido Mare enjoys the use of all of the magnificent facilities of the Belmond Hotel Splendido while optimising its central location in the heart of one of the most photographed parts of the world.

Most of the beautifully airy 16 rooms and suites have balconies or a terrace giving perfect views of sea and pretty lanes along which a host of the literati and glitterati have meandered. With excellent regional specialities and a superb wine list, *The Chuffay* restaurant epitomises the glamour of the Splendido Mare, whether eating indoors or al fresco on the harbour side to the accompaniment of lapping waves and gently rocking yachts.



THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 45 minutes from Genoa Airport / 16 Rooms & Suites / 1 Restaurant & Bar / Spa / Fitness Centre / Swimming Pool / Complimentary Shuttle to Hotel Splendido / Children's "Smile" Club for 4-12 years at sister Hotel Splendido

PRICES

4 nights from £890pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.
Half-board and full-board optional.

AMALFI COAST, SORRENTO & CAPRI

The Sorrento and Amalfi Coast will make you giddy – and that’s not just because its famously winding coastal road involves impossibly steep mountain sides and even longer drops. No, it’s because the place is both astoundingly beautiful and impossibly glamorous; artists, writers and movie stars all flocking here to find anything from sunshine to inspiration. But this region to the south of Naples is no jet-set affair; its mood slow-paced rather than sophisticated and its way-of-life still firmly rooted in the past. Fishermen still haul in their catch at pastel-coloured towns like POSITANO, for example; the medieval cathedral continues to take pride of place in AMALFI, whilst RAVELLO still needs nothing more than its celebrated gardens and picture-perfect Mediterranean views to keep its visitors enthralled. You can expect some steep climbs here, but remember there’s always a glass of limoncello waiting for you at the end! After a short crossing you reach the island of CAPRI, off the Amalfi Coast, which offers anything from Roman remains to Versace gowns and let’s not forget the staggering sea views.



HOW TO GET THERE

British Airways flies daily to Naples from Gatwick with low cost airlines offering alternative timings and direct departures from Gatwick, Bristol, Birmingham, East Midlands, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Glasgow and Edinburgh.

WHEN TO TRAVEL

Winters here are generally mild but can be wet and as such much is closed in the region. April to June and September to October are the nicest temperatures and it is generally quieter. July and August are peak months for temperatures and people.



HOTEL KEY 1. PALAZZO AVINO 2. BELMOND HOTEL CARUSO 3. MONASTERO SANTA ROSA HOTEL & SPA 4. HOTEL SANTA CATERINA 5. LE SIRENUSE 6. CASA ANGELINA 7. GRAND HOTEL EXCELSIOR VITTORIA 8. J.K. PLACE, CAPRI 9. GRAND HOTEL QUISISANA



PALAZZO AVINO - Ravello

Not only is this 12th century Italian villa overflowing with refinement and romance, but its attentive staff simply can’t do enough for you. Its fine dining restaurant boasts a Michelin star and its leisure amenities include a sublime spa, a stunning swimming pool and a fabulous beach club just 15 minutes’ (complimentary shuttle) drive away.

The family owners take great pride in their stunning hotel, and it shows in the opulent finessing and antique furnishing of its classically styled rooms and suites. Found on the Terrace Belvedere, from 6pm you can enjoy the freshest lobster or choose from one of 100 different Martinis. Well, it had to be something special to tempt you away from their Michelin-starred restaurant. Talking of special, at sunset head to the rooftop solarium with its two whirlpools and enjoy a glass of Prosecco with an unforgettable view of the Amalfi coastline. However, the Clubhouse by the Sea allows you to get a lot closer; with its private water’s edge villa setting, complete with pool, restaurant, changing facilities and beach platforms down to the sea, it is the ideal way to while away the day.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 60 minutes from Naples Airport / 43 Rooms & Suites / 3 Restaurants & Bars (1 Michelin-starred) / Spa / Fitness Centre / Swimming Pool / Children Welcome
PRICES 4 nights from £875pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.



BELMOND HOTEL CARUSO - Ravello

This former 11th century palazzo is set 350-metres above sea level on the highest point in Ravello, and the Belmond Hotel Caruso certainly makes the most of its spectacular views which can be enjoyed from the outdoor terrace, infinity pool or manicured terraced gardens. Cloaked in history, the palazzo has been beautifully transformed into an opulent base from which to explore Ravello and the Amalfi coastline, all of this perfectly blended with gracious hospitality and the charm of a private home.

Reflecting the classic Neapolitan era, each of the 50 rooms and suites are uniquely designed. The frescoes, vaulted ceilings and even the tiny baroque-style chapel are all evidence of its fascinating origins; the fitness facilities, wellness centre and infinity-edge pool (complete with iPods and Evian vaporisers) displaying its awareness of modern trends. A contemporary twist has also been given to the Caruso’s cuisine, the traditional Neapolitan dishes served in restaurants either indoors or on panoramic terraces.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 60 minutes from Naples Airport / 50 Rooms & Suites / 2 Restaurants & 2 Bars / Spa / Fitness Centre / Swimming Pool / Shuttle Service to Amalfi and Positano / Children Welcome
PRICES 4 nights from £985pp including flight, transfers and breakfast.

MONASTERO SANTA ROSA HOTEL & SPA Conca Dei Marini



Perched on a spectacular cliff top between Positano and Amalfi it delivers eagle-like views over the beautiful bay of Salerno. This privately owned former 17th century monastery, which only opened its doors in May 2012, offers panoramas like no other; be it from the rooms, suites, restaurants, spa, cascading gardens or their infinity edge pool.

With state of the art contemporary comforts where once were nuns, the 20 superbly appointed rooms and suites have vaulted ceilings and many original features, each beautifully complemented with furniture and furnishings carefully sourced from across Italy. Situated on the highest level of the hotel, the level at which you enter, the Sea View Deluxe Rooms with Terrace are heaven sent, with an outdoor space from which to drink in the views along with some chilled Prosecco. Several floors below, the *Il Refettorio* restaurant specialises in the cuisine of Campania and, as you might expect with such views of the Amalfi Coast, it delights in serving the freshest of local catches with the finest of home-grown produce from its gardens. Fittingly for a former monastery, the spacious spa is a delight of spiritual tranquillity with a superb range of treatments and techniques. There can be few more spectacular sea views in this part of Italy and Monastero Santa Rosa is one of the finest, most elegant vantage points.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 75 minutes from Naples Airport / 20 Rooms & Suites / 1 Restaurant / Spa / Swimming Pool / Shuttle Service to Amalfi / Children Welcome from 16 years and over

PRICES

4 nights from £1,195pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.



HOTEL SANTA CATERINA - Amalfi

This 19th century whitewashed villa clinging to a panoramic cliff has been transformed into a much-loved seaside getaway by three generations of the Gambardella family. The traditional décor is testimony to their taste; the lengthy repeat guest list an affirmation of their hospitality. Surrounded by the stunning scenery of the Amalfi coast, the Santa Caterina is personal expression of local style.

Most of the 66 classically-styled guest rooms boast sea view balconies with infinity pools on offer in some of the 'named' suites. Elevators cut into the rocks whisking you down to a private beach club complete with large heated saltwater pool and seafood restaurant; the culinary focus moves back up the cliff to the excellent Mediterranean-style eatery after dark. Indulge in a signature citrus massage at the wellness centre offering an extensive range of face and body treatments with additional steam, sauna and fitness centre.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 60 minutes from Naples Airport / 66 Rooms & Suites / 2 Restaurants & Bars / Spa / Fitness Centre / Swimming Pool / Beach Club / Children Welcome

PRICES

4 nights from £1,070pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.
Half-board and full-board optional.

LE SIRENUSE - Positano

Set in the heart of the picturesque village of Positano, overlooking the spectacular Amalfi coastline. This 18th century palazzo owned by Marchese Sersale since 1951 is very much the kind of place you can make yourselves at home. Once a charming summerhouse, today Le Sirenuse is a delightful retreat which still retains the atmosphere of a private house.

The Michelin starred *La Sponda* restaurant provides a romantic atmosphere with Neopolitan-inspired cuisine and intriguing fellow guests combined with 400 candles to create an almost theatrical ambience. Antique-filled lounges lead to cosy sitting areas which in turn lead to panoramic terraces overlooking the 'vertical town' of Positano beneath and the Mediterranean beyond. White-washed walls and hand-made tiles distinguish the 58 rooms and suites, most of them boasting terraces and sea views. The *Aveda* spa, swimming pool and switched-on service finish it all off perfectly.



THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 90 minutes from Naples Airport / 58 Rooms & 2 Suites / 1 Restaurant & Bar (Michelin-starred) / Fitness Centre / Spa / Excursion Boat (summer only) / Children Welcome over 6 years of age

PRICES

4 nights from £1,040pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.

CASA ANGELINA - Praiano

Set between Amalfi and Positano and sheltered on a cliff in Praiano overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, the Casa Angelina faces the stunning sunset with Capri's famous "Faraglioni" rocks in sight. This boutique retreat is where the Amalfi Coast goes all minimalist with whiter than white décor both inside and out. Terraces, floor-to-ceiling windows and even a glass-fronted lift to the beach ensure you never forget where you are.

Each of the 43 rooms and suites are exquisitely contemporary with just the occasional splash of colour provided by whimsical Murano glass sculptures, all complete with clean lines and white furnishings creating a serene ambience showcasing stunning views of the Gulf of Salerno, most with balconies or terraces. The *Un Piano nel Cielo* restaurant is an exceptional culinary experience for anyone with an appreciation of Mediterranean cuisine. Indulge at the Wellness Centre with its indoor pool, sauna, on-hand personal trainer and aqua gym or for the more adventurous, there is the *Master Angelina* private boat available to hire to enjoy the beauty of the Amalfi from sea level.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 80 minutes from Naples Airport / 43 Rooms & Suites / 1 Restaurants & Bars / Spa / Fitness Centre / Swimming Pools / Beach Club (reached via lift plus 200 steps) / Complimentary Shuttle to Positano / Children Welcome from 12 years

PRICES

4 nights from £765pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.



J.K. PLACE CAPRI - Capri Harbour

Originally a 19th Century private house, J.K. Place is a cool and contemporary seaside home, with warmth and intimacy. This elegant, chic, all-white getaway overlooks Capri's main harbour where the stylish rooms and suites boast sea views, several with their own terraces. Traditional Mediterranean fayre is served on the hotel's panoramic terrace from its fashionable *JKitchen* restaurant. Whilst serenity is to be found in the *J.K.Spa*, for everything else Capri is on your doorstep.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 90 minutes by car and hydrofoil from Naples Airport / 22 Rooms & Suites / 1 Restaurants & Bar / Spa / Fitness Centre / Swimming Pool / Children Welcome

PRICES 4 nights from £1,440pp including flight, transfers and breakfast.

GRAND HOTEL EXCELSIOR VITTORIA - Sorrento

Owned and run by the same family since opening in 1834, the Grand Hotel Excelsior Vittoria is set in the heart of Sorrento, surrounded by five acres of lush private gardens with stunning views over the shimmering bay of Naples from its cliff top position. This tranquil retreat boasts a reputation for elegant Neapolitan service and hospitality which has certainly stood the test of time.

Many of the 92 rooms and suites boast superb views of either the bay or the lush gardens. Whilst creature comforts and graceful living are very much the order of the day, the ultra modern spa *La Serra* will ensure that relaxation is guaranteed. Acres of private gardens, a swimming pool and a private lift to the harbour make this a perfectly unique and charming hotel. The icing on the cake is the Michelin star recently awarded to their *Terrazza Bosquet* restaurant

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 60 minutes from Naples Airport / 92 Rooms & Suites / 2 Restaurants (1 Michelin starred) & 2 Bars / Spa / Fitness Centre / Swimming Pool / Private Lift to Harbour / Children Welcome

PRICES 4 nights from £765pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.



GRAND HOTEL QUISISANA - Capri Town

This Grand Dame is a truly iconic hotel found in the very heart of chic Capri life, just steps from the Piazzetta. See and be seen in their sumptuous *Rendez-Vous* restaurant or at the happening *Quisi Bar*, both situated on the bustling 'Via Camerelle'. Or choose to retreat to the sanctuary of *QuisiBeauty* – one of Europe's finest spas – or sip a cocktail around the hotel's pool. Whatever you do here it will be in vogue, as this is the pinnacle of fashionable Capri.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 90 minutes by car and hydrofoil from Naples Airport / 147 Rooms & Suites / 3 Restaurants / 3 Bars / Spa / Pool / Tennis & Fitness Centre / Children Welcome

PRICES 4 nights from £985pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.

Half-board optional.

PUGLIA & BASILICATA

The southern regions of PUGLIA and BASILICATA deserve to be discovered. They boast stunning coastlines enchanting cities and some of Italy's finest food and wine. PUGLIA, the 'heel of Italy', boasts world class resorts alongside charming Masseria's with beautiful sandy beaches. Whilst there explore the region, including a visit to the fairytale town of Trulli with its white stone houses and conical roofs, or Lecce, dubbed Florence of the South due to its wealth of historical architecture. Meanwhile, the neighbouring region of BASILICATA is ideal for touring. From the UNESCO World Heritage site of Matera with its fascinating network of ancient caves and narrow streets, to Maratea, where majestic mountains sweep down to the Tyrrhenian coastline. And in between lie forgotten villages such as Bernalda with its genuine hospitality as well as nearby pristine white beaches. These southern regions are the epitome of an untouched and forgotten Italy and as such are truly worth discovering.



HOW TO GET THERE

British Airways flies daily to Bari from Gatwick, with low cost airlines offering alternative timings and direct departures from Stansted to Bari or Brindisi.

WHEN TO TRAVEL

With its Mediterranean climate Puglia boasts a longer season than most, with spring being generally warm. Summer is peak season here with long, hot and dry days with temperatures up to 30°C. The autumnal weather typically begins in **October**, however temperatures generally remain in the 20s until **December**.



HOTEL KEY 1. BORGO EGNAZIA 2. MASSERIA SAN DOMENICO 3. MASSERIA TORRE COCCARO 4. CANNE BIANCHE 5. PALAZZO GATTINI 6. HOTEL SANT'ANGELO 7. PALAZZO MARGHERITA 8. LA LOCANDA DELLE DONNE MONACHE



BORGO EGNAZIA - Puglia



An Italian masterpiece, crafted with care and expertly executed, yet this resort is only 4 years old. So you are forgiven for not having been... yet. And when you do, you will be treated to a place like no other; cool and contemporary; yet architecturally sympathetic, with service Grand Dame resorts crave and facilities in abundance. It will enrapture.

Located among fields of olive trees on the Adriatic, Borgo Egnazia shines brightly, no small part thanks to the local white Tufo limestone of which it has been built. Within its 20 hectares the accommodation here is composed of three distinctive areas: the decadent and sophisticated La Corte – in the hotel's main building; the classically styled Il Borgo village square, and the elegant and spacious three bedroom Villas. Only their own Championship 18-hole golf course lies between it and the Adriatic Sea, where you'll find two beach clubs. Five minutes away is a safe sandy beach with a kids' game park, a bar and gazebos, whilst inside the property grounds *Cala Masciola* beach club has the waterside restaurant, water sports and relaxing cabanas with steps leading down to the crystal clear waters from the gentle low rock platform. A magical kids' club with vast indoor and outdoor play areas, plus a host of engaging activities will keep the little ones enthralled. Meanwhile, discover the *VAIR SPA* – an oasis for the soul with treatments infused with southern Italian influences. Equally local are the beautiful ingredients used in the several restaurants, lovingly nurtured into mouth-watering dishes served in a choice of venues from formal to charming. This is a place that has quickly gained an enviable reputation, and for great reason.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 50 minutes from Bari Airport / 40 Rooms & Suites in La Corte (Hotel) and Borgo (Apulian Village) and 15 Villas / 4 Restaurants & 4 Bars / Fitness Centre / Swimming Pool / Golf / Cooking School / Tennis / Beach Club / Water Sports / Children Welcome with Club for ages 4-12 years



PRICES

4 nights from £690pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.

Half-board optional.

MASSERIA SAN DOMENICO - Puglia

Nestled within ancient olive groves with distant views of the Adriatic Sea and just 500 metres from the coast in Italy's Puglia region, Masseria San Domenico was once one of Italy's oldest watchtowers, dating back to the 14th Century. This beautifully restored farmhouse has undergone careful restoration and been converted into a heavenly haven that exudes traditional service in classic style with a distinct Greek feel.

Elegantly furnished, each of the 45 rooms and suites has stunning sea or garden views. Choose the recently refurbished Suite Masseria Deluxe located on the ground floor boasting a private terrace or the Junior Suite Classic with connecting single bedroom making it perfect for families with young adults. And for spa lovers, the charming Deluxe Rooms are strategically set close by the *SPA-Thalasso* which offers a vast range of therapy treatments using local ingredients' in addition to the heated Thalasso pool, gym, sauna and steam room. With a range of facilities both on your doorstep and nearby, guests can avail themselves at the magnificent salt water swimming pool with *Al Fresco* pool grill restaurant or perhaps sample the local cuisine at the San Domenico restaurant using local produce from the hotel's own land and fresh fish and shellfish from the Adriatic Coast. The Masseria San Domenico is also a haven for golf and beach lovers with an 18 hole golf course and private beach just



THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 60 minutes from Bari Airport / 45 Rooms & Suites / 4 Restaurants (Jun-Sep) & 1 Bar / Spa / Swimming Pool / 2 Beach Clubs / Golf / Children Welcome

PRICES

4 nights from £895pp including flights, transfers and breakfast. Half-board and full-board optional.



MASSERIA TORRE COCCARO - Puglia

Built in the 16th century as a watch tower, the Masseria Torre Coccaro is an exquisite country farmhouse, surrounded by stunning sea views of the Adriatic and set in a vast rural estate rich with olive trees. Located near Fasano, this family-friendly retreat welcomes guests with a friendly atmosphere and individual touches.

All the bedrooms here are utterly charming, but of note is the Orange Garden Suite with private pool and Jacuzzi set in its own garden and the expansive Chapel Suite beside the ancient church. There are four restaurants including the *Restaurant Gourmet* set in the stables dating back to the 1600's and an exclusive sea restaurant with oyster bar. *Masseria's Spa Aveda* offers a range of treatments and Turkish bath. And if that's not enough to tempt you, Masseria Torre Coccaro is a paradise for children and beach lovers. It boasts a private sandy beach with Beach Club, a massage pavilion and even a 'quiet' mini-club.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 60 minutes from Bari Airport / 33 Rooms & Suites / 3 Restaurants & Bars / Spa / Beach Club / Cooking School / Children Welcome

PRICES

4 nights from £790pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.
Half-board optional.

CANNE BIANCHE - Puglia

Cool and calming, light and airy; this is where soft sea breezes make the sheer curtains dance upon the threshold of your room's terrace or balcony. A white-wash of style and comfort from the moment you arrive, and through every experience within the hotel.

The simple lobby and its bar are designed to invite you to linger and gaze at the views framed through its huge picture windows, yet venture out past the large pool and through the lush gardens to arrive directly on the serviced beach. Just 20 leisurely minutes stroll on the sand and you'll find yourself in the small town of Torre Canne, where local cafés, bars and restaurants await your discovery. And the freshest local ingredients also pepper the menu at their mouth-watering *Timo Restaurant*. Whilst their intimate Wellness Centre serves up home grown lavender, rosemary and citrus fruits within its extensive range of treatments. And the rooms, well they are as elegant as they are simple; a clean space in which you can relax and unwind.



THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 60 minutes from Brindisi Airport / 55 Rooms & Suites / 2 Restaurants (1 seasonal opening) & Bar / Fitness Centre / Wellness Centre / Children Welcome

PRICES

4 nights from £635pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.
Half-board optional.



PALAZZO GATTINI - Matera

Dating back to the early 15th Century, until the late 1800s the Palazzo Gattini was the residence of the oldest noble family in Matera, the Earl of Gattini. Behind its stunningly original façade lie 20 elegantly charming rooms and suites by design architect Ettore Mocchetti. The *Don Matteo* restaurant combines antique and contemporary décor as well as national cuisine, while the SPA occupies the lower floor of the Palazzo in caves excavated in the calcareous stone.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 60 minutes from Bari Airport / 20 Rooms & Suites / 1 Restaurants & Bar / Spa / Fitness Centre / Swimming Pool / Children Welcome

PRICES 4 nights from £975pp including flights, car hire and breakfast.



PALAZZO MARGHERITA - Bernalda

Family is the abiding word at Palazzo Margherita. Located in the small hilltop town of Bernalda close to the Ionian Sea, it was built by the Margherita family. Together with acclaimed French designer Jacques Grange, Francis Ford Coppola has created a luxurious, authentically Italian country house hotel that's palatial in style and levels of comfort. There are Juliette balconies, claw-footed baths and romantic courtyards, but what really distinguishes Palazzo Margherita is the lovely family-friendly atmosphere.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 90 minutes from Bari Airport / 9 Rooms & Suites / 2 Restaurants & 2 Bars / Spa / Cooking Classes / Children Welcome
PRICES 4 nights from £1,090pp including flights, car hire and breakfast.



HOTEL SANT'ANGELO - Matera

Located in the heart of Sardo Caveoso and ideally twinned with Palazzo Gattini, Hotel Sant'Angelo is best described as a luxury cave. Patient preservation and renovation of over 1400 square metres of historical underground homes have created a hotel with 20 cave rooms in the original dwellings. The elegant *Regia Corte* restaurant is stunningly set in two interconnecting halls with walls, ceilings and roman arches of roughly hewn rock and whitewashed stone. A stay here is a one-of-a-kind experience.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 60 minutes from Bari Airport / 20 Rooms / 1 Restaurants & Bar / Children welcome

PRICES 4 nights from £865pp including flights, car hire and breakfast.



LA LOCANDA DELLE DONNE MONACHE - Maratea

This former convent is tucked away in the picturesque old village of Maratea – its 18th century origins can still be discerned in the whitewashed walls, original tiled floors and raw stone walls. Just 27 uniquely-styled rooms and suites are on offer here making it ideal for an intimate wedding setting. You can certainly kick austerity into touch in *Il Sacello* restaurant, the Italian cuisine drawing from the fresh seafood and flavours of Basilicata restaurant attracting an equally smart and modern clientele.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 2 hours 30 minutes from Naples Airport / 27 Rooms & Suites / 1 Restaurant & Bar / Children Welcome
PRICES 4 nights from £620pp including flights, car hire and breakfast.

SICILY & SARDINIA

For all that it's part of Italy, SICILY – the largest island in the Mediterranean – is another country. It wears its history on its sleeve with rich relics scattered almost casually. The food has hints of Arabic spices; the vegetation is exotic with oranges, lemons and palms; the pace of life slow, warm and friendly. Historical riches include show-stopping Greek temples, Baroque churches, and medieval mosaics, and no visitor can resist the pull of Mount Etna's eerie volcanic landscape. Midway between Italy and North Africa, SARDINIA is Italy with a twist of the exotic. In the south, idyllic sandy coves mix with spectacular wave carved rocks and Cagliari's Citadel and Roman amphitheatre. Whilst in the north the glitterati descend to lap up the long hours of sunshine in luxurious surroundings



HOW TO GET THERE

SICILY: British Airways fly to Catania daily from Gatwick with low cost airlines offering alternative timings and direct departures from Gatwick, Luton and Manchester. Low cost carriers also fly direct to Palermo from Gatwick and Stansted, and Trapani from Luton and Manchester.

SARDINIA: British Airways flies directly to Cagliari and Olbia in Sardinia from London three times a week in season.

A British Airways operated flight departs for Cagliari from London and Manchester twice a week, with low cost airlines also flying there from Luton, Stansted and Manchester.

WHEN TO TRAVEL

Winters in Sicily are generally cooler with a higher chance of rain. During **April to May** the temperatures are warming which is ideal for touring. **June to August** are the warmest months (August can be busy with Italian holiday makers) with **September** and into **October** being a lovely time of year to visit. Flights to Sardinia and hotel opening dates mean you'll only visit between **mid-May** to early **October** when there is the best chance of sunshine and lowest chance of rainfall.



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VERDURA RESORT, SICILY - A Rocco Forte Hotel



A stunning full-service resort that promises holiday memories to cherish, complete with great facilities for children, 45-holes of golf, an enormous spa and an infinity-edge swimming pool, as well as 1.5km of private coastline on the rugged south-west coast of Sicily. Sir Rocco's interior-designer sister, Olga Polizzi, has once again made her unique modish mark on all 203 sumptuous rooms and suites with her inspired use of stone, wood, earth tones and dramatic accent colours set off by views of the Mediterranean Sea.

Sicilian, Italian and Mediterranean dishes are all showcased in the restaurants, and for the kids there's an early sitting option, plus an informal buffet-style eatery and the traditional pizzeria of the vibrantly colourful trattoria Lialò's. Enjoy the 45 holes of incredible golf, designed by Kyle Phillips, including two 18-hole Championship courses running along the coastline. Relax in the invigorating Thalassotherapy pool spa with its multitude of tailored-treatments which takes wellness and pampering to a whole new level. Meanwhile, in season let the Children's Club and teen 'Hang-out' area keep the junior guests more than happy from dawn 'til dusk. Both comprising of a full range of special activities with dedicated areas, plus pre-arrange all the appropriate amenities to be awaiting your arrival, from a high chair and a baby proofed room to a Nintendo Wii Console, to help save on your packing. That is not to mention the tennis, bicycles, wind- and kite-surfing, football, sailing, jeep adventures, fishing trips, wine tasting and cooking lessons which mean you'll be kept as busy as you want to be.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 75 minutes from Palermo Airport / 203 Rooms & Suites / 4 Restaurants & 5 Bars / Spa / Tennis / 3 Golf Courses / Water Sports / Children Welcome with Club for 4-12 years

PRICES

4 nights from £895pp including flights, transfers and breakfast. Half-board and full-board optional.





BELMOND GRAND HOTEL TIMEO Taormina, Sicily

The first hotel to be built in Taormina, Belmont Grand Hotel Timeo is set high amongst the rocky hills of Sicily's east coast directly in front of the Greek Theatre with sweeping views of the coastline and stunning Mount Etna, this glamorous retreat is all that an enchanting escape should be.

The 70 rooms and suites are full of Italian style and flair, from Sicilian baroque to country charm, and offer balconies, terraces and bay or garden views. Restaurant dining features carefully chosen local specialities and superb terrace views of Mount Etna and Giardini Naxos while the wellness centre specialises in treatments using local flowers and fruit essences. When de Maupassant wrote that Taormina is "a landscape in which you can find all that seems to be created on earth to seduce the eyes, mind and fantasy," he knew of what he wrote.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 50 minutes from Catania Airport / 45 Rooms & 25 Suites / 2 Restaurants & 2 Bars / Spa / Fitness Centre / Watersports / Beach Access at sister Belmont Villa Sant'Andrea / Children Welcome

PRICES

4 nights from £1,120pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.
Half-board and full-board optional.

SAN DOMENICO PALACE - Taormina, Sicily

Perched at the southern end of Taormina overlooking the bay, this former Dominican Monastery has been transformed into a Grand Hotel. Wander the hotel's cloisters or their luxuriant gardens down to the pool and spa, when you are not wandering the charming streets of Taormina. And at the end of a day dine on finest ingredients lovingly nurtured into two Michelin starred cuisine, and that in the summer allows you to dine al fresco on their panoramic terrace.

The beautiful accommodation here is split across two wings, the Garden Wing, found within the 14th Century Convent, is where you'll find the lead-in classic rooms which still retain the original dimensions of the monastic cells and the promise of peace and tranquillity. In the newer, which here means 1896, Grand Hotel Wing the rooms are more spacious with Ionian Sea or Mount Etna views, and the unique suites even boast a private Jacuzzi on their panoramic terrace. The pool, spa and gardens delight during the day, and as evening draws in, head to Lounge where, in summer, you can sit in the alfresco courtyard listening to live piano music. And there are not just stars overhead when you finally dine, as their Executive Chef Massimo Mantarro serves up unique cuisine worthy of two Michelin stars.



THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 60 minutes from Catania Airport / 90 Rooms & 15 Suites / 3 Restaurants (one 2 Michelin Starred) & 3 Bars / Fitness Centre / Spa / Swimming Pool / Children Welcome

PRICES

4 nights from £750pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.
Half-board optional.



BELMOND VILLA SANT' ANDREA Taormina, Sicily

Set on its own private beach on the bay of Mazzaro' and surrounded by stunning views of Mount Etna, Belmont Villa Sant' Andrea is just a short cable car ride from the heart of stunning Taormina. Built in 1830 by an English aristocratic family, this secluded retreat is nestled amongst vast tropical gardens and offers all the charm of a private residence.

The 64 rooms and suites have views over the private bay and many boast either lovely 'Juliet' balconies or terraces for al fresco living while the bathrooms are a wealth of marble. Restaurant Oliviero is justifiably famed for its superb Mediterranean cuisine with innovative twists which uses only the very freshest of local produce and seafood and there can be fewer better sea views than from its tree-shaded panoramic terrace. Enjoy exclusive use of the tranquil beach or indulge in the wellness centre set in the subtropical garden, offering revitalising treatments.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 50 minutes from Catania Airport / 64 Rooms & Suites / 1 Restaurant & 3 Bars / Spa / Fitness Centre / Children Welcome with "Smile" Club for 4-12 years
PRICES 4 nights from £980pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.
Half-board and full-board optional.

LA PLAGE RESORT - Taormina, Sicily

At sea level of Taormina and set within the nature reserve of the Isola Bella – Pearl of the Ionian Sea – this beachside resort offers its guests a stylish retreat, with a chilled sound-track of lapping waves and the clink of glasses.

Situated directly on the edge of the crystal clear waters that gently lap the shores of their butler-serviced beach club, this resort has a stylish beach-house feel about it. Crisp whites and cool blues give a certain style to their rooms, suites and, dotted amongst the gardens offering privacy – some with Jacuzzi's and Isola Bella views for breakfast al fresco on your terrace – their cottages. Indulgence can be anything from fresh ice-cream served at the beach bar to an enriching treatment from the ExPure Spa. And decadence includes the opportunity for private dining on the pebble beach, with traditional Sicilian fayre served from the Fusion Restaurant. This is beach chic living, conveniently close to the Taormina cable car.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 50 minutes from Catania Airport / 61 Rooms, Bungalows & Suites / 1 Restaurant & 2 Bars / ExPure Spa / Children Welcome
PRICES 4 nights from £795pp including flights, transfers and breakfast.
Half-board optional.



CALA DI VOLPE - Sardinia



This Luxury Collection resort is an icon of lavishness, not just in the highly desirable Costa Smeralda, but worldwide. An A-Lister getaway with all the VIP trappings you could hope for are here, including the beautiful azure sea front setting on show from the balcony or terrace of every room and suite.

If you haven't been, it is a resort designed to imitate a charming Sardinian village, with locally inspired décor for its beautifully appointed rooms and suites. Guests languish by the Olympic-sized pool or head, by hotel boat, to the nearby stunning private sandy beach. The Wellness Centre is on hand for additional pampering, but the impeccable service and chic escapism is what draws people back time and time again, not to mention the exquisite cuisine of the *Cala di Volpe Restaurant*. If you haven't been, the sumptuousness of this ultra-exclusive resort is to be experienced to be believed. And those who are tempted to return, you know exactly to what we refer. However, to one and all we advise, to avoid disappointment, book early.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 45 minutes from Olbia Airport / 121 Rooms & Suites / 2 Restaurants & 2 Bars / Wellness Centre / Horse Riding / Fishing / Tennis / Golf (nearby) / Water Sports / Hotel Boat / Children Welcome with Club

PRICES

4 nights from £1,695pp including flights, transfers and half-board. Full-board optional.



HOTEL ROMAZZINO - Sardinia

Perched atop the gentle hillside overlooking the stunning Costa Smeralda coastline, and not far from Porto Cervo, this stunning resort is a perfect complement to its sister hotel Cala di Volpe. Except here, the powder white sandy beach is just a stroll away through the flowering gardens and the new Toy Club has been created to lavish attention on the younger guests.

Within its white-washed walls the rooms, suites and 3- and 5-bed villas are styled on the local Sardinian design. Traditional wooden furniture adorned with handmade local fabrics, stand on tiled floors, which lead you out to your balcony or terrace. There are plenty of room or suite options for more space, including the lavish 3-bed villas or their 5-bed villa – all with butler service, a private heated pool and private beach access, they are discreetly situated toward the bluff point yet within an easy stroll of the resort's extensive facilities. For children, the new *Toy Club* promises a world of engaging play and discovery, making this a favourite for families. And for grown-ups, there is a Wellness Centre, white sand beach, tennis courts, and large pool. So the only thing left to satisfy is one's appetite, and here there is a fabulous choice of dining venues promise you a discovery of the diverse flavours of the Sardinian cuisine.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 45 minutes from Olbia Airport / 100 Rooms, Suites & Villas / 2 Restaurants & 3 Bars / Fitness Centre / Wellness Centre / Fresh Water Pool & Sea Water Pool / Tennis / Children Welcome with Club PRICES 4 nights from £1,685pp including flights, transfers and half-board. Full-board optional.



RELAIS VILLA DEL GOLFO - Sardinia

Like a typical Sardinian village, the clusters of white walls and terracotta tiles climb the lush green hillside overlooking the stunning Bay of Cannigione. This northern Sardinian resort purveys charm in abundance.

The accommodation choice is between rooms and the smaller suites found in the central house; larger suites located separately affording more privacy, a larger terrace and some with their own pool; or, their three-bed villa. Whichever you choose you will be delighted as they are appointed in a simple yet elegant Sardinian style and all have those incredible views. As does the pool and Mediterranean inspired *Restaurant Miraluna*. A fun dining alternative is the nearby farmhouse-restaurant, *La Colt*, which serves up fresh, organic, local Sardinian fayre in a family style setting. Also nearby, just 15 minutes walk, is the town of Cannigione with bars, restaurants and small shops. A beautiful beach is only 200m away, or a serviced one is just one kilometre (reached by complimentary transfer). Back on site the *Amonia Spa* will unwind, whilst those views will enchant.

THE ESSENTIALS Private transfers are 35 minutes from Olbia Airport / 60 Rooms & Suites / 1 Restaurant & 1 Bar / Spa / Swimming Pool / Complimentary Hotel Shuttle Service to Tanca Manna and Barca Bruciata Beaches / Children Welcome from 6 years of age PRICES 4 nights from £855pp including flights, transfers and breakfast. Half-board optional.

FORTE VILLAGE RESORT - Sardinia



With eight different 4 and 5 star hotels dotted throughout 55 beautiful acres, Forte Village Resort is a Mediterranean beach resort unlike any other, and currently benefiting from a multi-million euro investment programme. This award-winning and world famous Sardinian escape caters to virtually every possible holiday whim.

For adults there is the 'Leading' *Thalasso del Forte* spa with its series of Thalassotherapy pools, an Ayurvedic Park, medical spa and massage treatments, or a personalised wellness programme, including a plan with fitness guru to the stars, Matt Roberts, plus boutique retail therapy and evening shows at the Piazza Maria Luigia. For those bringing kids (younger ones or teens) there is the truly vast *Leisure Land* and *Children's City* as well as the resort's endless white sands and pools to entertain and delight. For the more sporty young ones there is a rugby academy with Austin Healey and Will Greenwood; a tennis academy and an official *Chelsea Football Club Soccer School* – the 'school run' has never looked so appealing! This really is a family resort on a grand scale. Dining is also an integral part of the resort, with not one but four Michelin starred chefs – Gordon Ramsey, Giancarlo Perbellini, Rocco Iannone and most recently Antonello Arrus – starring here alongside 17 other restaurants. So as with every aspect of this incredible resort, the choice is yours; just stay long enough to enjoy it all.

THE ESSENTIALS

Private transfers are 45 minutes from Cagliari Airport / 750 Rooms, Bungalows, Suites & Villas spread across 8 individual hotels / 21 Restaurants (4 with Michelin stars) & Bars / Spa / Tennis / Watersports / Scuba Diving / Chelsea Football Club Soccer School, plus Rugby, Tennis, Cricket, Boxing, Table-Tennis and Cycling Academies / Children Welcome with Children's City for 2-12 years and Leisureland

PRICES

4 nights from £995pp including flights, transfers and half-board.



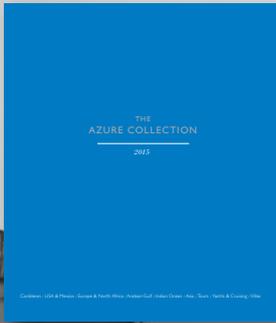
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Image: Villa Scuola at Castello di Casole (page 31)



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