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Umbria To Sardinia: Top Places To Stay In Italy This Summer

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This year, Italy's hotel world is upping the ante when it comes to its many standout luxury offerings, with a plethora of new openings and property updates giving even more choice to visitors. From Italy's mountainous peaks to its azure waters in the dramatic south of the country, here is Part 2 of Italy's latest hotel news from the centre to the south of the country.

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Opening this summer is Borgo dei Conti Resort, a 40-room & suite luxury property in Umbria and a member of Relais & Chateaux. The region of Umbria, which neighbours Tuscany but is often overlooked, has been dubbed the 'green heart of Italy' and is full of treasures when it comes to untouched country estates, art and its own unique cuisine (porchetta is big here). Championing all of this is Borgo dei Conti, surrounded by 50 acres of picturesque olive groves and forest. The resort has been designed by Milanese firm, Spagnulo and Partners, with its rich colour palettes paying homage to Umbria's history.



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Inspired by the work of iconic Renaissance painters, such as Pietro Perugino and Raffaello Sanzio da Urbino (Raphael), the saturated hues are complemented by traditional architecture dating back to the 19th century and native materials that have been paired with contemporary furnishings. The estate also features a culinary offering overseen by executive chef Emanuele Mazzella, and includes a fine dining restaurant, ground-floor bar, classic trattoria, pizzeria and poolside bar. When it comes to wellness, guests can tap into the luxurious spa with its two saunas, a hammam, multiple Jacuzzis and relaxation areas.