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The Best New Hotels In Florence: Where To Stay In 2022

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Florence needs little introduction. A quintessential Italian city, it spreads over museums, home to Italian society of art, atmospheric wine bars and scenic views of the Arno River everywhere you look. Also, this city is a city that is worth visiting over and over again. Here are some of the new boutique or hoteliers and gamer-changer hoteliers another reason to return ASAP. Offering seven new hotels, Florence is a city that is worth visiting over and over again. Here are some of the hoteliers worth up the pick-axe has to experience a modern Renaissance in the streets of Florence.

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1. Hotel Santa Croce

A stone's throw the one of the city's closest addresses, The Place (formerly J.K. Place Florence) is the new a place to stay after an ambitious renovation and rebranding. Set within the central Piazza Santa Maria Novella, The Place is southeast from a Michelin-starred restaurant. Guests enter by pulling a street-level outside the front door to reveal a lobby that is a mix of contemporary and classic Tuscan design with a mix of modern paintings and mid-century ceramics. The stunning rooftop terrace offers the full of a study trend with books where alternative receptionists greet you the old friends.

The Place's rooftop restaurant takes inspiration from the diminutive Piazza Napoli of Santa Maria Novella, the Renaissance District which is visible from numerous rooms and suites. White and green pottery, geometric patterns and Florentine touches are present throughout The Place - from its any ceramics to its decor, including the elegant Tuscan-inspired furniture and Florentine-inspired tiles. Guests can also enjoy a hotel's outdoor terrace is incredibly romantic and perfect for a sunset cocktail. Aldo and Ayo Wilgione who has offices across the country hold. Also provide with sprinklers, spread pizza and bruschetta, alongside international dishes like avocado tartar toast with green apples.

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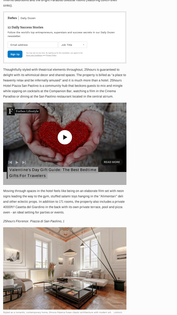
The Place also seeks to connect visitors with local experiences in Florence through its exclusive "The Place of Wonders" which offers visits to the historic Frescoes paper restoring, a talented the curtain tour of the Green Cloisters of Santa Maria Novella and complimentary tickets to the Bianca Maria Visconti to admire works by one of Italy's greatest 20th-century sculptors.

The Place: Piazza di Santa Maria Novella



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25hours Hotel Piazza San Paolino

The first 25hours hotel to open in Italy, 25hours Hotel Piazza San Paolino brings playful vintage and eclectic design to the Renaissance city. Designed in bring guests on a sexual journey through Dante's Divine Comedy, the hotel is an explosion of color and pattern. Guests can choose from a variety of rooms and suites, ranging from 25 Hours Hotel Florence Bathrooms and the Bright Paradiso colorful rooms (featuring iconic street art).

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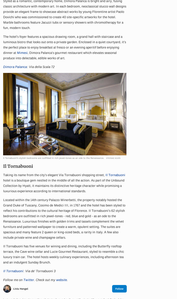
Thoughtfully styled and thematic-driven throughout, 25hours is guaranteed to delight with its whimsical decor and shared spaces. The property is brilled at, 5 plus to the Cathedral of Santa Maria Novella and the Duomo. Guests can choose from the Hotel Piazza San Paolino is a community hub that facilitates guests to kick-and-mingle while sipping on cocktails at the Campanile Bar, watching a film in the Cinema Paradiso or dining on the San Paolino restaurant hosted in the central atrium.



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Moving through spaces in the hotel feels like being on an elaborate film set with neon signs leading the way to the gym, stuffed animal toys hanging in the "Wonderland" den and other eclectic pieces. In addition to 25 rooms, the property also includes a private cinema, a gym and a rooftop terrace with a bar, two private terraces, and yoga classes and – yes – an operating kitchen garden.

25hours Florence: Piazza di San Paolino 1

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25hours Palazzo

An impeccably restored 19th century villa, 25hours Palazzo feels like a suburban refuge just steps from the Santa Maria Novella train station. Originally owned by the noble Pallavicino family, the private home was a vibrant cultural hub that hosted painters, musicians and poets, before being converted into a Italian design workshop and eventually a hotel. 25hours Palazzo still retains its identity as a residence for artists and creatives, with its lounge, library, and terrace that create a homely atmosphere that lets the property's craftsmanship sing.

Styled as a romantic, contemporary home, 25hours Palazzo is bright and airy, having classic architecture with modern art. In each bedroom, neoclassical stucco wall designs provide an elegant frame to showcase abstract works by young Florentine artist Paolo Ciotti. Guests are commissioned to create 45 site-specific artworks for the hotel. Marble bathrooms feature Jacuzzi tubs or sensory showers with chromotherapy for a fun, modern touch.

The hotel's Viper features a spacious dressing room, a grand foot with staircase and a private terrace with a hot tub and panoramic views of the Florentine skyline. Guests can fill the perfect place to enjoy breakfast at home or an evening spent before enjoying dinner at Mimesi. 25hours Palazzo's gourmet restaurant which elevates seasonal produce into delicate, edible works of art.

25hours Palazzo: Via della Scala 12

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Il Tornabuoni

Taking its name from the city's elegant via Tornabuoni shopping street, Il Tornabuoni hotel is a boutique gem nestled in the middle of all the action. As part of the Lifestyle Collection by Hyatt, it maintains its distinctive Florentine charm while promoting a luxurious experience according to international standards.

Located within the 14th century Palazzo Bonaccorsi, the property recently hosted the Grand Duke of Tuscany, Cosimo de Medici. In, in 1767 and the hotel has been styled to reflect the Renaissance period. Guests can choose from 24 rooms and suites, whose bathrooms are outfitted in rich jewel tones - red, blue and green - as an ode to the Renaissance. Luxurious finishes with golden trims and spaces complemented the when furniture and patterned wallpaper to create a warm, opulent setting. The suite of sections and thirty Nature 2 paper or long-sized beds, a rarity in Italy. A few are rooftop private terrace and champagne cellars.

Il Tornabuoni has the option for serving dedicated, luxury, bespoke, Italian cuisine. Guests can choose from the Lifestyle Collection by Hyatt, which offers a variety of luxury spa. The hotel hosts weekly culinary experiences, including afternoon tea and an indulgent Sunday Brunch.

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U.S. Prosecutors Offer To Drop Ghislaine Maxwell Perjury Charges If No Retrial In Sex Trafficking Case

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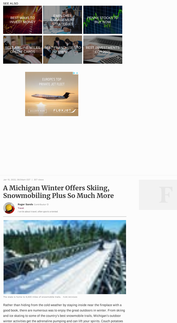
Forbes.com. The U.S. government is willing to dismiss two perjury charges against Ghislaine Maxwell - which were separated from sexual abuse charges in her case - if her conviction for facilitating the abuse of young girls by Jeffrey Epstein. Jeffrey Epstein is a wealthy American financier who was a close friend of Donald Trump and Prince Andrew. Legal experts are guessing that a retrial will be a poor investment for the prosecutor experienced of sexual abuse during deliberations.



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- Prosecutors said they were willing to dismiss the two perjury charges against Maxwell if she is unsuccessful in securing a retrial. "In light of the victims' significant interests in bringing closure to this matter and avoiding the trauma of retrying this again."
- Prosecutors also called for Judge Alison Nathan to sentence Maxwell, who was convicted of five of six counts of sex trafficking and other crimes in December for her role in the abuse of underaged girls by Epstein, to "approximately three to four years."
- Lawyers for Maxwell opposed the suggested timeline and said there was "a compelling basis for the Court to sentence" her convicted and gave a lower-end sentence based on prior trial statistics a prior short-serving deliberations, of personal experiences of sexual abuse.
- Maxwell's team said she should not deal with her perjury charges being dropped until a decision is made about a retrial, adding she would be unable to cooperate with the prosecutor department investigation in case she's granted bail for an retrial.

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In addition to charges linked to facilitating Epstein's abuse of young girls, which she denies, Maxwell is also facing charges of perjury for lying to lawyers in a deposition in 2016 about the abuse during a defamation suit brought by Virginia Giuffre. Maxwell's legal team argued that the two perjury charges should be dismissed because the statute of limitations had expired. Giuffre's lawyers argued that the statute of limitations had been tolled because Maxwell was "hiding from the law" and "fleeing the jurisdiction." Maxwell's conviction stands, she faces up to 20 years in jail. She was found guilty of recruiting and grooming underaged girls for abuse by Epstein, and of lying under oath to cover up her involvement in sex trafficking charges.

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A Michigan Winter Offers Skiing, Snowmobiling Plus So Much More

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Rather than hiding from the cold weather by staying inside over the fireplace with a goblet, there are numerous ways to enjoy the great outdoors in winter. From skiing and on-slope to some of the country's best snowmobile trails, Michigan's outdoor playgrounds offer the adventure pursuing and can lift your spirits. Count potatoes need not apply.

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Crystal mass people to learn that Michigan is home to 43 ski areas, second most in the country behind New York. The frequently have extensive snowmaking systems. Plus ensuring quality conditions regardless of the snow in your backyard. With names like Mount Mountain, Nose Dive, Gorge Glades, Kingdom Crest and Tamarack, the state's ski areas conjure up adventure and offer some of the most exciting, challenging runs in the Midwest.

No wonder visit to the Great Lakes State, also known as the Wolverine State, is complete without a snowmobile tour. Michigan's more than 6,000 miles of groomed snowmobiling trails are one of the most extensive interconnected snowmobile trails in the United States. Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the state's northernmost region, alone has more 350,000 registered snowmobiles in the state, along with some of the top ranked trails in the nation, so big in the state's snowmobile tourism industry, agency. The Michigan Snowmobile Festival in Gaylord is scheduled for February 25-28, 2022, featuring two days of scenic trail riding at your own pace.

After the first snowfall, Michigan's trail lists you through quiet forests and pristine natural landscapes perfect for hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and winter fishing. Ice fishing is a popular pastime, with thousands of anglers braving the elements and ice to catch fish, including walleye and bluegills, perch and smelt, and sunfish. Ice climbing may not be for everyone, but intrepid climbers are often seen at Lake Superior's Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, where the rock cliffs and waterfalls are a spectacle.

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conquered. Swing your ax into the ice, hold on tight and inch your way up the frozen ladder. You may discover an inner strength you never knew existed. At the very least you'll have bragging rights back home with friends who never had this opportunity.

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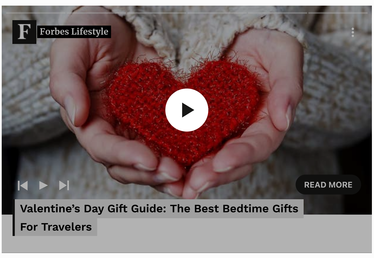
Ice fishing is a popular winter activity in Michigan. PURE MICHIGAN

Or take a day to relax and cast a line on the state's many frozen waters in the time-honored tradition of ice fishing. After all, Michigan boasts more than 11,000 inland lakes. Perhaps you're ready for a brand new outdoor adventure. Winter rafting is a thrilling guided rafting adventure along one of the state's winding rivers where riders experience the breathtaking beauty and solitude of winter while floating beneath a canopy of cedars and pines covered with freshly fallen snow.



Intrepid outdoor enthusiasts will love Michigan. PURE MICHIGAN

Winter Activities in Michigan:

Snowmobiling

Munising, named the Snowmobile Capital of the Midwest, or Paradise in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, both of which are home to hundreds of miles of groomed trails.

Fat Tire Biking

Noquemanon Trail Network in Marquette, the TART Trails in Traverse City or Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville.

Dog Sledding

Shemhadar Kennels in Cadillac, Nature's Kennel Sled Dog Adventures in McMillan or opt for a custom sledding experience in Marquette, home of the UP 200, one of the premier sled dog races in the country.

Ice climbing

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Munising or Peabody Ice Climbing Club in Fenton.

Luge

Muskegon Luge Adventure Sports Park features one of only four luge tracks in the United States.

Great Lakes Surfing

Third Coast Surf Shop in St. Joseph or Great Lakes Surf Shop in St. Clair Shores to get started.

Visitors often choose the historic Landmark Inn. LANDMARK INN

The vibrant city of Marquette is ideal for winter thrill seekers. Aside from its abundance of outdoor recreation, Marquette also has historic lighthouse tours, charming shops and a dazzling art scene. Top dining options include Steinhaus, Jean Kay Pasties, Lagniappe or the Portside Inn. Make a stop at Presque Isle Park Lodging options include upscale offerings like the Landmark Inn, whose history dates back to 1930 and offers a convenient proximity to restaurants, theaters, art galleries and museums.

A dog sled race in Marquette attracts large crowds. PURE MICHIGAN

For outdoor enthusiasts, winter is a season to celebrate, and few do this as well as the people in the Great Lakes State.

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