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## The 30 greatest hotels in Italy

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Italy has so much to offer the visitor: art-packed cities, majestic mountains, a dazzling coastline and some of the best food and wine in the world. The accommodation scene doesn't disappoint either. Take your pick from grand lakeside piles, cliff-hanging coastal gems and rural resorts inhabiting entire hamlets with a handful of frescoed rooms in the storied family palazzo. There are sleek, design-led city boltholes, hilltop castles with dreamy vineyard views, cosy mountain retreats with stellar restaurants and fabulous spa resorts offering solace for mind and body.

Recent years have seen a host of new Italian hotel openings, especially in the major cities, with big-name international brands adding lustre to the already rich pickings at the top of the pile while a slew of new boutique-style options offer a more personalised – and affordable – approach. To bag a bargain, and to avoid the crowds, travel off-season; in winter for the art cities and in the so-called 'shoulder seasons' for hotels on the coast, around the lakes and in the mountains. This is our pick of the 30 greatest hotels in Italy for your next visit.

### The Place Firenze



#### *9/10 Telegraph expert rating*

The Place occupies a tall, elegant townhouse in the centre of Florence, just south of Santa Maria Novella Station. With its immaculate interiors, cocooning atmosphere and exceptional service, it's the perfect Florentine pied-à-terre. Spread over four floors are 20 rooms, wrapped around a small internal courtyard and done out in a palette of whites and creams with blond oak floors and four-posters hung with heavy wool drapes. The lounge bar and restaurant is a relaxed space with an open fire and comfortable chairs, perfect for a signature cocktail (a Smoky Negroni maybe) or an intimate dinner for two. Chef Asso Migliore's all-day menu features the likes of avocado and green apple salad, tartare of rare Calvano beef, and his signature 'Lo Spaghetto'.