



Several hotels and resorts where we stayed in the past 12 months deserve recognition for a certain quality or feature that didn't quite fit into our other awards categories. And of course, we had a splendid time reviewing various cruise ships in the last year. Each had many merits, but only one of them can be crowned as our favorite.

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Where: Living Room Bar, Estate
Mans, Oxfordshire, England -

Best Bang for the Buck: La Fiermontina Palazzo Bozzi Corso

Lecce, Italy



Suite Deluxe Lalla Soudaina, La Fiermontina Palazzo Bozzi Corso

In high season, the cost of Italy's top hotel suites can creep into five digits. But thankfully, you don't need to bankrupt yourself in order to spend a night in a palace. In the Puglia's baroque city of Lecce, the 30-room La Fiermontina Palazzo Bozzi Corso offers a splendid suite for a fraction of what you'd pay in Florence or Venice. Our \$600 per night Suite Deluxe Lalla Soudaina was a 700-square-foot art-filled space with parquet floors, high ceilings, a fireplace and a balcony overlooking the city. An accommodation fit for royalty, but at a price more aristocrats can afford.

[Read more about our stay at La Fiermontina Palazzo Bozzi Corso »](#)