

CALIFORNIA STYLE & CULTURE



D
I
S
C
O
V
E
R
I
E
S

TRAVEL
D I A R Y

Room 208, decorated by
MARIO SCHIFANO, at
GALLERIA VIK MILANO
Below: The LE BRISTOL
PARIS colonnade.

TIME FOR AN UPGRADE

Just in time for the return of international travel, the world's favorite *fashion hotels* have been smartening themselves up

GALLERIA VIK MILANO

What could be more Milanese than culture, art and fashion colliding in one place? A hotel housed in the most jaw-droppingly beautiful luxury mall in the world, perhaps? With its vaulted arches and central glass dome, the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II was built for the king of the same name in the late 1800s. Today it is the first city location from the Uruguay-born Vik Retreats hotel group, which gained popularity over the past decade or so with its art-focused properties in South America. Galleria Vik Milano has 89 individually designed rooms with stucco Veneziano walls, site-specific installations and artworks sourced from around the globe. Across the hotel you'll find old and new peacefully coexisting, whether that's handpainted frescoes and a cast of Auguste Rodin's *The Thinker* in the lobby or the rooftop pizzeria, offering red and white varieties that are wood-fired the Neapolitan way. There's no better place to pick up some new-season Prada, since you can even pop over in your slippers. galleriavikmilano.com.