

## From Picasso to Anish Kapoor: 3 Luxury Hotels That Bring Art To Life

*Discover the experience of staying amidst the brushstrokes of renowned painters, immerse yourself in cultural experiences, and enjoy epicurean excellence.*

Imagine a vacation that doesn't just take you somewhere, but immerses you in the heart of an art lover's dream. Every hotel carries a distinct allure—some with quintessential charm, others with grandeur that defies the ordinary. But then, there are art hotels that dismantle the pedestrian notion of hospitality. From sculptural surprises in the vertiginous atriums to suites that feel like private art galleries—every corner whispers the secrets of renowned artists and the local culture. The ambience is a kaleidoscopic tapestry that leaves you suspended in an orbit of ingenuity and reverence. Think of it as an all-access pass to live, breathe and sleep in art. Whether wandering in the art-laden halls of The Five Arms Hotel or soaking up the artistic drama in the palatial Byblos Art Hotel and Galleria Vik Milano, these places promise a stay that is as inspiring as it is indulgent.

### 3. Luxurious And Legendary Experiences Await At The Galleria Vik Milano, Italy



The rooms are luxe with pop-art style paintings and the windows open onto the Galleria. (Image credits: Galleria Vik Milano team)

Perfectly nestled within Milan's iconic Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, Galleria Vik Milano is a stunning blend of history and modern artistry. Originally built in the 1800s, the building was acquired by a hotel group and rebranded into Galleria Vik 2019. Norwegian-American hoteliers Alex and Carrie Vik have collaborated closely with local artists, turning this historic landmark into a dynamic cultural destination. The luxury hotel features 89 uniquely designed rooms and suites, each showcasing extraordinary (sometimes shocking) art and arcade views. A striking Rodin sculpture greets guests in the lobby setting the tone for the hotel's artists' journey. Long hallways on multiple floors become a canvas for artistic expression, where brushstrokes tell their own stories. In a surprising twist, one corridor unveils artwork that can only be seen under black light, adding an element of intrigue to the experience.

Original paintings hang on the walls along with colourful art frescoed directly on the interiors by street artists and international auteurs. The walls are finished in stucco Veneziano, a luxurious Italian technique and an extensive collection of contemporary, mid-century, vintage, and antique Italian furniture are tucked into each room. Overlooking the iconic Bull Mosaic of Galleria, the 'Vikisimmo' restaurant within the hotel offers a curated seasonal menu of European and Chilean culinary traditions. The effulgent hotel seamlessly straddles the realms of hospitality and art – existing as both a luxurious retreat and a living museum.

*DP Loves A visit to I Dodici Gatti, the best pizzeria in the town on the rooftop of Galleria Vik Milano, for the best wood-fired Neapolitan-style pizzas and Italian comfort foods.*

These art hotels are a nucleus of artworks, sculptures and sensory indulgence, reminding us that travel is more than just a change of scenery—it's a chance to immerse in something more extraordinary. So, whether you are a seasoned art connoisseur or looking for an artistic escape steeped in wonder and inspiration, these remarkable destinations should be on your travel bucket list.