

ITALY

## Stay in style: Milan's swishest hotels

Your complete guide to where to base yourself in Italy's most exciting city, from cosy canal-side retreats to lavish five-stars palazzos

Of course, there's the duomo, La Scala, and the famous glazed arcades of the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II — but [Milan](#) is a city that constantly reinvents itself with new, surprising attractions. Neighbourhoods such as the waterside Navigli, the art-focused Brera, or the newly revamped Porta Garibaldi offer intimate alternatives to the traditional tourist quarter centred on the cathedral. There's a dazzling choice of hotels reflecting the city's diversity of tastes and cultures — choose between everything from old school glamour via hipster hangouts to minimalist architectural landmarks; wherever you stay, you are never far from a first-class coffee or art-stuffed church.

Being the richest city in [Italy](#), Milan is teeming with business people, fashionistas and playboys and there are lots of five-star hotels. We've picked the best of the bunch, along with some more wallet-friendly options that score highly for attentive service, facilities, or overall experience.



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The most exciting new addition to Milan's hotel scene comes from Alex and Carrie Vik, known for creating art-filled hotels in Uruguay and Chile. In their first European venture, the pair have taken a prime palazzo within the famous Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II and created 89 guest rooms, each featuring original artworks. No two rooms are the same, with bold patterned headboards and statement furniture contrasting against old beamed ceilings and frescoed walls.