

Always Italy

A perennial hospitality hot spot, Italy has seen an exceptional year of new arrivals, all aiming to add extra sweetness to a trip offering a taste of la dolce vita. Each of these five hotels is exceptional in its own right, but here's a tip sheet to help pick the one most suited to you.

	QUICK HIT	WHICH ROOM?	DRINK THIS	ORDER THIS	DO THIS
HOTEL DE LEN Cortina D'Ampezzo, Dolomites Rooms from \$270	Minimalist, contemporary boutique hotel, an alternative in a chic village known for mega-chalets. 	Balconied rooms with primo mountain and village vistas, plus extra space for outdoor yoga.	Carum Carvi, an imaginative spin on the classic negroni, delicately infused with local cumin. 	 <p>▲</p> The extra-thick, toothsome spaghetti known as <i>bigoli</i> , lovingly sauced in duck ragù.	A three-hour evening takeover of the top-floor spa, reserved for a single couple, followed by a private dinner.  <p>▲</p>
CASA DI LANGA Cerretto Langhe, Piedmont Rooms from \$500	Sustainability-minded, pastoral-luxe vibe on 100 rolling acres in the Alta Langa wine region, not far from Barolo and Barbaresco.  <p>▲</p>	One of two Monviso suites, which have canopy beds, large terraces and views of the valley, mountains and a historic castle.	Americano, made with bitters and vermouth from the surrounding Piemonte region.	Flavors from the Garden, a five-course, vegetarian tasting menu; some of the produce is grown right on-site.  <p>▼</p>	Scouring the estate for truffles with expert hunters and their oh-so-cute and highly trained Lagotto Romagnolo dogs.  <p>▼</p>
PALAZZO FIUGGI Fiuggi, Lazio Rooms from \$757	A modern medi-spa in a century-old art nouveau palace 50 miles from Rome.	The Imperial Suite, with Murano chandeliers, notable for its 1,000-square-foot terrace ideal for treatments.	A signature tea of chamomile, lavender and passionflower blended in a nearby monastery. (Palazzo Fiuggi is alcohol-free.)	Summer Garden of seasonal vegetables and red quinoa, made marvelous thanks to the genius of Michelin three-star chef Heinz Beck.	Rigorous outdoor-focused fitness journeys created in a new partnership with Ranch Malibu.  <p>▼</p>
BORGH SANTANDREA Conca Dei Marini, Amalfi Coast Rooms from \$1,028	A Gio Ponti-inspired reboot of a midcentury-modern hotel clinging to 200-plus feet of waterside cliffs and with its own private beach. 	One of two suites with private pools, Room 407 has a particularly decadent bathroom, to boot.	Barman Ivan Stankovics's effervescent Verbena Negroni, with citrus and herbal notes.  <p>▲</p>	 <p>▲</p> When in Rome, carbonara—and when on the Amalfi Coast, <i>linguine alle vongole</i> .	After a dip in the 65-foot-long waterfront pool, explore the coast from a traditional wooden gozzo sailboat. 
VILLA IGIEA Palermo, Sicily Rooms from \$675	Anglo-Italian hotelier Rocco Forte runs the Sicilian capital's only true luxury stay in a once-private seaside aristocratic home.	The 1,550-square-foot Donna Franca Suite, with its luxuriously vast terrace looking over the Gulf of Palermo.	The Madame Loren, a mix of gin, strawberry, orange and tomato liqueur named for former villa guest Sophia Loren.	A humble <i>macco di fave</i> (fava-bean puree, a Southern Italian comfort-food staple) fancied up with red prawns freshly harvested off Sicily's west coast.	Take a private architecture-focused tour of Palermo to see the legacies of the influential Florio family, who owned the villa from 1899 to World War I.

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