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Credit: Palazzo Portinari Salviati

Nestled in the heart of Florence, Italy, **Palazzo Portinari Salviati** is a living testament to the city's rich cultural heritage and artistic legacy.

Dating back to the 15th century, Palazzo Portinari Salviati exudes an air of timeless elegance. At different points in time, the building housed two of the most influential families of the Florentine Renaissance: the Portinari and the Salviati. Folco Portinari was the first owner, during the Middle Ages. His daughter, Beatrice, was the muse of Italian poet Dante Alighieri; through his poems, Beatrice is revered as the embodiment of "true love." Under Jacopo Salviati, husband of Lucrezia di Lorenzo de "Medici" (daughter of the famous Lorenzo de Medici, the Magnificent), the property underwent a significant expansion project, eventually becoming the palazzo we know it as today.



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After six years of meticulous restorations by the **LDC Group**, this historic gem has been reopened to the public, offering an exquisite blend of luxury and history to discerning travelers and Florentines alike.



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Scenes from the Odyssey and the Labours of Hercules—interpreted by the late artist Alessandro Allori and his assistants—adorn the splendid ceilings of the palace’s suites and shared spaces. These artistic masterpieces harmoniously coexist with the palace’s period residence, creating a captivating ambiance that transports visitors to a bygone era.

The main floor houses an exclusive period residence complete with thirteen elegant suites. Each is tastefully furnished with antiques sourced from international auctions and precious artworks, including portraits of notable figures tied to the palace’s legacy. The suites boast breathtaking views of Via del Corso, or the Duomo di Firenze. The remaining areas of the palazzo house prestigious apartments designed for residential use.



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Collaborating with the **Mine & Yours Group**, **Chef Vito Mollica** has unveiled a number of culinary experiences throughout the hotel. **Salotto Portinari Bar & Bistrot** is a haven for bon vivants. Here, à la carte breakfast is served daily, as well as lunch, aperitifs, and grand dinners. In the heart of the building stands **Chic Nonna**. Recently awarded one star by the 2023 Michelin Guide, Mollica's culinary

creations offer a delectable complement to the property's artistry. The menu implements simple, seasonal, and sustainable sourcing standards. Additionally, a speakeasy bar recently opened within the back corner of the main lobby, offering an intimate imbibing experience.



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With its splendid frescoes, historical significance, and luxurious amenities, Palazzo Portinari Salviati beckons travelers to experience the timeless allure of centuries past while basking in the lap of luxury.

Top Takeaways:

Rating: Five-Star

The vibe: This property is a timeless world unto its own where history and luxury converge harmoniously, offering discerning travelers a truly enchanting experience.

Food + Drink: Chef Vito Mollica oversees both of the property's dining hubs. **Chic Nonna** boasts 1 Michelin Star and just a handful of dining tables. **Salotto Portinari Bar + Bistrot** is an elegant, convivial watering hole for travelers and locals alike. The speakeasy bar situated within the back of the lobby is famed for its Americano cocktails and light bites.

Amenities: Covered pool; Spa & wellness center; Breakfast; Fitness center; Restaurant; Bar; Private parking; Free WiFi

Any personal neighborhood recs?: A visit to what just well may be Florence's coolest bar comes from the recommendation of Chef Mollica himself: **Locale Firenze**. Voted one of the World's 50 Best Bars of 2022, Locale Firenze is housed within the historical Palazzo Concini. Spanning two floors, the basement dates back to the 13th century and now hosts the mixology lab. The upper level was added in the 16th century, replete with antique furniture, chandeliers, and vintage mirrors. The live DJs and lights shows within the courtyard cocktail bar ensure ample evening entertainment, along with the bartenders who turn the creation of every cocktail into a spectacle.

Our favorite thing about the hotel: Each of the guest rooms and suites tell their own story, but arguably the most spectacular of the bunch is the Beatrice Portinari Presidential Suite. Named for and housed within the old bedroom of Beatrice Portinari, the walls, ceiling, windows, and marble were all restored to their original mint condition.

What's nearby? Ponte Vecchio; Piazza del Duomo; Galleria dell'Accademia; Palazzo Pitti; Piazzale Michelangelo; Galleria degli Uffizi

Rooms: The hotel offers 13 exclusive suites.

Pricing: Rates start at around \$553 during low season.

Closest Airport: Amerigo Vespucci Airport

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