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Stylin' at the Hotel Continentale Florence, Italy



This cool boutique hotel is owned by the family of Italy's premier fashion giant, Salvatore Ferragamo. The design is modern, the vibe is chic and the location, in the heart of the city, overlooking the Ponte Vecchio, is swoon-worthy.

—MARY BETH STANLEY

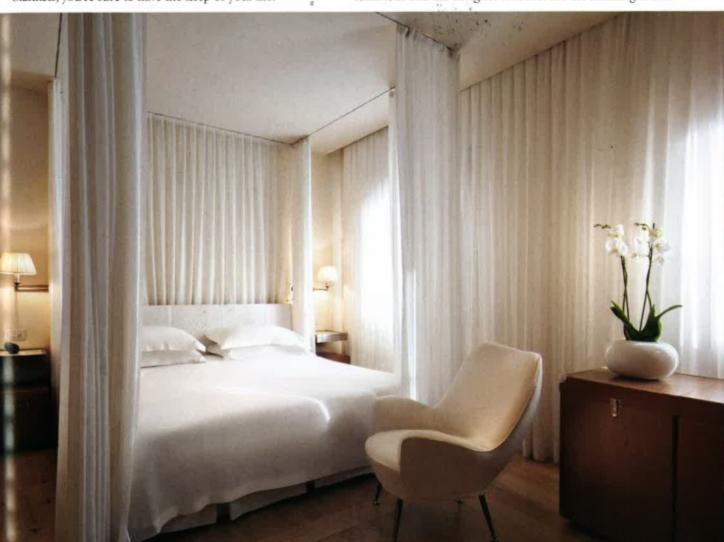
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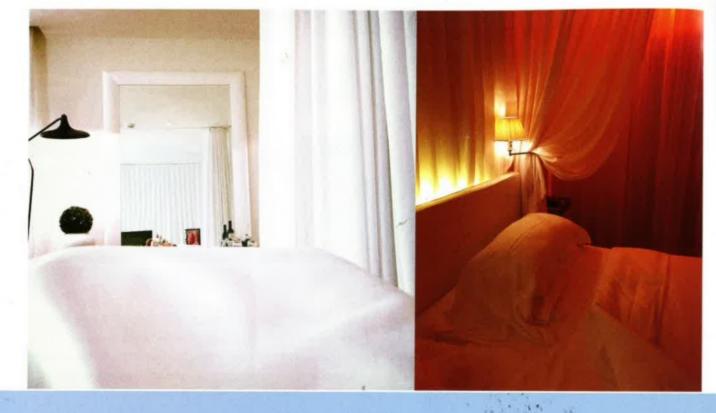
The lobby is sleek with a 1950's retro glam feel. The fireplace is always on and the computerized imagery of the hustle and bustle of the Ponte Vecchio is projected on the wall as you enter. Small private spaces, where you can relax with a view, lead you to your bedroom suite.



SUITE DREAMS

Let's begin with the bed. We promise it's bigger and better than any bed you've ever slept in. Draped in yards of white sheer fabric and layered with mounds of down pillows and blankets, you're sure to have the sleep of your life. Big windows, light oak floors, a desk made from a handcrafted leather trunk, and an oversized clock as your nightstand complete the space. The bathroom is spacious and luxurious and the designer toiletries are the finishing touch.





TAKE IT TO THE TOP

The LaTerraza lounge offers the best views in all of Florence. Relax on comfy sofas with oversized pillows as you take in an amazing panoramic view of the river Arno, the Duomo, the Palazzo Vecchio and the hills and rooftops of Florence.





BREAKFAST IS SERVED

Just steps from the lobby of the hotel is the entrance to the Lungarno Collection's Gallery Art Hotel. This stylish spot is the local meeting place for those in the fashion and art industry of Florence. Find a cozy spot and enjoy fresh warm breads, gourmet coffees or a full brunch as you people watch and plan your day.

Hotel Continentale

lungarnocollection.com

Antinori Winery

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TIME FOR WINE

Carved into the hills of the Tuscan countryside, almost invisible from the outside; are the gates that lead to the Antinori Winery. Located just thirty minutes from the hotel, this underground fortress includes a barrel aging cellar, fermenting cellars, wine museum, bookstore, shop and restaurant. You'll sip wine and taste Tuscan culinary specialties on the glorious outdoor terrace overlooking the vineyards.

