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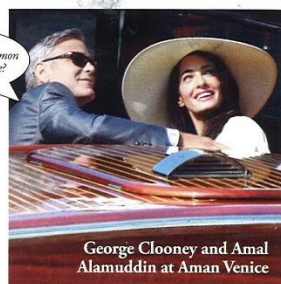


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## 101 HOTELS CITY



What's Matt Damon doing up there?



George Clooney and Amal Alamuddin at Aman Venice

### AMAN VENICE

VENICE, ITALY

In summer, when Venice is thick with visitors, there's nothing more thrilling than seclusion – particularly when you're hidden away within the sumptuous Palazzo Papadopoli. This Grand Canal-side palace, home since the mid-16th century to Italian nobles, is the city's most ravishing place to play out your *principessa* fantasies. To swish around the gilded ballroom, to sip fresh bellinis in damask-covered living rooms and, best of all, to breakfast in the garden (a rare thing in Venice) while gondolas float by. Cleverly, although the bones of the building are ancient, Aman has dotted the lofty rooms with low-slung B&B Italia Maxalto furniture that encourages gazing up at the Tiepolo-school frescos. The bathrooms are sumptuous marble (of course), the food has been concocted by a Michelin-starred chef (ditto) AND George Clooney married Amal here... *Bellini Travel* ([bellinitravel.com](http://bellinitravel.com); 020 7602 7602) offers three nights from £2,300, including transfers. **AND ANOTHER THING** Cruise the lagoons on Eolo, an old Venetian *bragazzo*, sampling the captain's superb food as you sail ([cruisingvenice.com](http://cruisingvenice.com)).

### HOTEL LUNGARNO

FLORENCE, ITALY

The crowning glory in Ferragamo's hotel clique has flung open its doors after a long-awaited nip and tuck. Situated practically on top of the Ponte Vecchio, this fresh-faced Florentine townhouse is a soothing balm to the jam-packed streets of the city. It's also home to a stonking private art collection: over 400 original pieces in the living room and suites, including works by the likes of Picasso and Cocteau. The swathes of chocolatey wood and creamy leather add a very Italian feel, but it's not pastiche. Monogrammed pillows are everywhere, as are geometric patterns on the upholstered chairs. Most of the 65 rooms overlook the Arno river, and the smart Picteau bar is full of immaculate Italians channelling Cary Grant. Beware: the Michelin-starred Borgo San Jacopo restaurant needs to be booked weeks in advance. Try not to OD on pizza before you get there. *Double*, from £380 ([lungarnocollection.com](http://lungarnocollection.com); 00 39 055 2726 4000).

**AND ANOTHER THING** Skip over the Ponte Vecchio to the roof terrace at sister hotel Continentale. Order a Spritz and admire the view. Simple.

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