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Summer 2022: Luxury hotel openings in Italy

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VILLA PASSALACQUA, MOLTRASIO, LAGO DI COMO



View over the lake. Ph. via Ricky Monti



Villa Passalacqua bathroom. Ph. via Stefano Giftthaler

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On the contrary to what many think, Vincenzo Bellini did not compose La Norma in his Sicily in 1829, instead he composed it in a villa in Moltrasio on Lake Como. Built towards the end of the eighteenth century, it was Andrea Lucini Passalacqua's dream to create one of the largest and most sumptuous residences in the area. And so it has been and will continue with the new project by Paolo, Antonella and Valentina De Santis, owners of the Grand Hotel Tremezzo, who have converted this palace into a new five star hotel. Each space has been meticulously restored and recovered: by each space we don't only mean the stuccoes and frescoes but also the hidden tunnels and the centenary beams. It opened on June 3rd as hotel with 24 suites spread between the main villa, the old stables and the house by the lake. Immerse yourself in a park that slopes down to the lake with terraced gardens, an ancient orchard, the olive grove that shades the outdoor gym and a lake view pool with umbrellas and accessories signed La Double J.

Address: Via Regina, 28, Moltrasio, Lago di Como

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7PINES RESORT, BAJA SARDEGNA, COSTA SMERALDA



The 7Pines Resort Sardinia Destination is due to open on the 16th July by Hyatt in Baja Sardinia. The new five-star hotel is immersed in a promontory of 15 hectares of Mediterranean scrub overlooking the sea, a few minutes from the Costa Smeralda and in front of La Maddalena islands. Its features a private beach and four secluded coves exposed to the sun all day long (in fact, very ideal for watching the sunset). In the shared areas of the hotel, as well as in the 76 rooms and suites, the Sardinian imprint is the protagonist everywhere: in the architecture, in the atmosphere and in the style, from the choice of materials such as granite and white marble from Orosei, to the handcrafted ceramics and Samugheo fabrics. Even in the kitchen, priority is given to local ingredients and traditional recipes, according to the idea of su

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brought by the chef Pasquale D'Ambrosio from Campania. While at the Cone Club on the beach (also reachable by sea from a private dock) the chef Tohru Nakamura, two Michelin starred chef from Munich, devotes himself to more international dishes, to be shared and paired with cocktails signed by mixologist Philip Bischoff from Bangkok.

Address: Località Mucchi Bianchi, 07021 Baja Sardinia

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VISTA PALAZZO, VERONA



Vista, Verona

If you have already bought a ticket for the Opera Festival at the Arena but you have not yet booked your suite, we can only recommend this five-star luxury hotel inaugurated on May 8th. Part of the Lario Hotels group, which has been operating in the hospitality sector for more than a century, Vista is situated in the center of one of the most romantic cities in Europe, five minutes from Romeo and Juliette's balcony and Piazza delle Erbe. It houses 16 eclectic style suites with pieces of historical design, contemporary furnishings by master craftsmen, Italian fabrics and a panoramic terrace that overlooks into the distance to the vineyards of Valpolicella (also open to external guests for an aperitif or all day, express dining)

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Sottovoce restaurant is also open to the public, with a revisited Italian menu, and a small winery that pays homage to Verona as the international capital of wine. It is the only hotel in town with an indoor pool and a spa suite with a Turkish bath, emotional shower and a private sauna.

Address: Corticella Leoni, 3, Verona

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IL SALVIATINO, FIESOLE



A room at Il Salviatino

A sumptuous Renaissance country villa immersed in a centuries-old park on the Florentine hills. Born as a villa to then become seat of the Stanford University until 1973 and then, the hotel reopened on the 26th May with a new project signed by Tearose, the agency Milanese of events that first introduced flower design into our culture. The monumental staircase, the ancient library, the frescoed ballroom, the kitchens and the 8-meter-high vaulted bar have all been restored with a contemporary guise. The Tearose style combines classic and contemporary, botanical touch and great architecture, haute cuisine and healthy food. The forty rooms are scattered between the villa and the ancient lemon houses, some with a private garden. All differ in size (from 30 to 165 square meters) and character, they have floors in oak parquet and Tuscan marble, emotional showers and a powerful Internet connection, quite rare in the Tuscan countryside.

Address: Via del Salviatino, 21. Firenze

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LA PALMA, CAPRI



Balcony with a view at La Palma

The oldest hotel on Capri was known on the island as "the hotel of artists", due to its bohemian acquaintances. After an immaculate restyling by Francis Sultana, world renowned English interior designer, Hotel La Palma reopened and marks the first Italian member of the prestigious group Oetker Collection. But we will have to wait until August (date to be confirmed) to enjoy the fifty rooms, the rooftop, the spa, the beach club and the cuisine of the exceptional chef Gennaro Esposito.

Address: Via Vittorio Emanuele, 39. Capri

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