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# A New Luxury Hotel Just Opened In Verona, Italy

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One of the rooms at Vista Palazzo Verona PHOTO: COURTESY OF LARIO HOTELS

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Ask any local about Verona and they'll likely tell you it's centered around three things: love, music, and art. The city is famed for being the setting of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* and is one of Italy's biggest cultural centers, so much so that it has been dubbed a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It's particularly vibrant during the summer, when the city comes alive with weekly operas

at the Verona Arena and a combination of fairs, plays, and concerts at the Roman Theatre. And as of last month, well-heeled travelers that are seeking luxurious digs during their visit can now enjoy a stay at the five-star Vista Palazzo Verona.

The boutique hotel is set in the heart of the Verona, located on a quiet alley off of one of the city's main streets. Just minutes from Juliet's house, Piazza del Erbe, the shop-lined Via Mazzini, and the arena, it's prime for exploration. But once you step inside, you're whisked away to a tranquil haven that feels world's away from the hustle and bustle.



One of the suite's bathrooms with Verde Saint Denis marble quarried in Valle d'Aosta  
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Each of the 16 accommodations, 13 of which are suites, are uniquely outfitted; feature their own color palette; and are a true celebration of Italian design, with materials and furnishings having been sourced from local companies and artisans. Most of the luxurious rooms feature both a standalone tub and walk-in rain shower and are outfitted with comfortable Simmons mattresses, but it's the details that make them shine. Above the bed you'll find intricate handwoven masterpieces by Dedar, a

family-run fabric house that dates back to 1976, while custom furnishings are made by Minotti Collezioni. The gorgeous bathrooms are decked out in marble—procured from all around Italy, including Sardinia, Tuscany, and Lombardy—of various colors, including green, slate gray, and orange, and are stocked with plush monogrammed towels by Rivolta Carmignani, natural J.and.C. Cosmetici toiletries, and a vase of eucalyptus and lace leaf set on the sink. It feels like a home, and a very well decorated one, at that.



Sottovoce PHOTO: COURTESY OF LARIO HOTELS

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Above you’ll find a rooftop terrace with 360-degree views of the city. Stop by for an aperitivo, then head down the stairs to the hotel’s restaurant, Sottovoce, where the Milanese chef shines a



spotlight on ingredients found in the Veneto region. There's also a robust wine cellar that features 150 different labels, majority of which are from the area, but with at least one vino representing every region of Italy in addition to a few French options as well.



The spa suite PHOTO: COURTESY OF LARIO HOTELS



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But no stay at Vista Palazzo Verona would be complete without a visit to the full-service spa. The subterranean oasis utilizes

Biologique Recherche products, arguably some of the finest on the market. There are standard treatment rooms, but if you really want to be pampered book the private spa suite, a 484-square-foot space complete with a sauna and whirlpool with built-in loungers. Additional facilities in this peaceful enclave include a Turkish bath, an experiential shower with five settings, an ice fountain, and an indoor pool with a hydromassage tub where you'll also find an ancient Roman well embedded in the wall.

During your time here, make sure to also take advantage of the experiences that they offer. Palazzo Maffei, a private gallery that forges a dialogue between classical and contemporary art, is typically only open on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays, but guests of Vista Palazzo Verona can have private access to it during the weekdays. The hotel can also arrange wine tours to nearby vineyards as well as excursions to Lake Garda. And should you want a quick day trip to Milan for some world-class shopping or Venice to see the canals, they're both just a little over an hour away by train.

For more information or to book a room, visit [Vista Palazzo Verona's website](#).



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