

The Monastery – Luxury Hotel: Florence, Tuscany

Summary

The cultural splendour of Florence, the jewel of Tuscany, needs no introduction, and staying at this stunning 5 star luxury hotel, you will awake to a breathtaking view of the beautiful city beneath you. The Monastery is set in the hills above Florence and almost all the guest rooms enjoy this stupendous outlook. The luxury hotel rooms include period suites, contemporary rooms with terraced gardens and exclusive suites hidden in the gardens. This boutique hotel in Florence is a sublime location for a luxury holiday in Tuscany or for romantic breaks or honeymoons.

Details

Spend your days unwinding at the hotel's heated swimming pool, complete with waterfall, exploring the sights of Florence, Pisa and Tuscany, golfing or hunting for antiques in the craft markets. Evenings are civilised affairs with cocktails and dinner taken beneath the cloisters of the Monastery with the twinkling lights of Florence below.

This 15th century building has been transformed into one of Europe's most recherché 5 star luxury hotels and already numbers royalty and celebrities among its guests. It is now a villa of unsurpassed beauty, and being only a few minutes from the centre of Florence it makes an ideal base for discovering the city and the rest of Tuscany.

Guided tours can be taken from the hotel (hire the hotel's chauffeured vintage car for some real glamour) and don't miss the special itineraries for antiques and crafts, designer shopping, music and theatre festivals.

Michelangelo himself designed the magnificent façade of this luxury hotel. Within, every nook and cranny has an interesting piece of artwork (not least the 17th century fresco of the Last Supper in the private dining room), or graceful statue. The effect is to create a peaceful and stylish environment in which to relax and escape life's pressures.

The grounds include perfectly landscaped Italian gardens and lush woodland full of fragrant flowers and lemon trees. Indeed two of the most exclusive suites are set within private lemon gardens and have been converted from the former orangerie where the monks once stored their lemon harvest. All the rooms at this luxury hotel have a unique style and are superbly appointed. Cocktails and gourmet meals can be taken under the open cloisters with stunning city views below, and private dining and receptions can also be hosted in one of the achingly beautiful loggias. For lazy days, The Monastery boasts an elevated panoramic pool, with waterfall, where light lunches are served.

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To book this hotel call **08717 500070**



Facts & Figures

45 Guest Rooms:

- Superior Double – Recently converted rooms in the Monastery, some overlooking the cloister
- Deluxe Double – In Monastery with views of the Italian Gardens, forest or of Florence itself (including Chapel suite)
- Superior Junior Suite – In the Gardens near the pool. Large bedroom with seating area and private terraces
- Deluxe Junior Suite – Overlooking the Italian gardens, some with views of Florence beyond. Large bedroom with seating area and private terrace
- Executive Junior Suite – In the garden near the pool or the Monastery. Large bedroom with seating area and panoramic views of Florence. Some have private gardens or terraces. (including The Conservatory)
- The Limonaia/Garden suites – in the gardens, with huge arched glazed windows, private terrace and views of Florence and the Italian gardens
- Suites – huge suites in the Monastery with windows to both the gardens and Florence. Some with separate sitting room with fireplace. Period features.
- Garden Suites – large suites located in the garden of the Villa with private terraces and a fantastic view over Florence and the Arno Valley. Separate sitting rooms.
- Presidential Suite – large suite in the lemon gardens with views of Florence and the Arno Valley. Bedroom and separate sitting room. Private garden and terrace with natural spring.

All rooms have: Air-Con/heating – Telephone – Minibar – Sat TV -Safe

Hotel facilities: Heated swimming pool and pool-side bar - Restaurant and Piano Bar - Formal Gardens - Fitness room - Baby-sitting service - Tennis and 3 PGA golf courses nearby (itineraries can be organised) - Parking and Courtesy bus into Florence – Gym – Massages in Room
Also available: Chauffeured car hire - Themed Tours of Florence and Tuscany (Art, Antiques, Shopping, Music, Theatre, Wine Tasting)

Can be hired for wedding receptions, private dining and events – please ask for details

Regional Highlights

- Natural beauty of the Arno Valley and the Chianti Hills
- The cultural sights of Florence, Pisa, Siena, San Gimignano, Lucca and the many other Tuscan towns of note
- Wine tasting (Chianti of the region)
- Shopping for designer fashion, antiques, leather goods and textiles
- 3 PGA golf courses

Location

Nearest Airports:	Florence (c.30 min); Pisa (c.1hr)
Domestic flight connections:	Rome, Milan, Naples
Nearest direct flight from London:	Florence
Nearest train station:	Florence (c.10min drive)
Beach:	c.1.5hr drive
Nearest shops and restaurants:	Doorstep; (Florence c.15 min - courtesy bus)

