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Top 10: the best design hotels in Florence



Soprarno Suites

Florence, Tuscany, Italy

8/10 Telegraph expert rating

A stylish, shabby-chic guesthouse in Florence's 'Left Bank' Oltrarno district, popular with fans of vintage design, modern beatniks and families with teens. Owners Matteo and Betty have a passion for vintage design which is reflected in the eclectic décor of this charming and contemporary guest house. Reception is on the first floor (there's an old-fashioned lift, or the stairs); some of the bedrooms are here, others on the second floor. Both 'apartments' have book-lined lounges, and the kitchen of the first-floor space is available for guests' use; there's also an honesty bar. The bedrooms are so different, and all so delightful. 'Camera di Betty' (no. 11) – perhaps the most romantic, with its baby-blue colour scheme and in-room clawfoot bath.



AdAstra

Florence, Tuscany, Italy

9/10 Telegraph expert rating

AdAstra is set in the largest private garden 'intra moenia' (between walls) in Europe. Yet, it's a mere stroll away from the buzzing nightlife of the boho-chic Oltrarno neighbourhood, south of the river. Inspired by the concept of a Parisian hotel particulier, this boutique hotel has the feel of an aristocratic private apartment which is not far from the truth – the Marchese Torrigiani lives on the ground floor. The owners have taken the period features (frescoes, vast chandeliers, fine stucco-work and creaky original parquet floors) and added a quirky yet convincing mix of vintage, up-cycled and reclaimed furniture, objets and knick knacks from the Fifties, Sixties and Seventies. The result is classy, comfortable and highly original.