

Four Seasons Hotel Firenze is a living museum of art history, set within the walled tranquillity of Florence's largest private garden. The Hotel comprises two Renaissance palaces, whose previous residents include a Pope, an order of nuns, Italy's first railway company, five centuries of Florentine nobility and a Viceroy of Egypt (who sold it when his harem was barred from moving in). Today, the Hotel's colourful history unfolds through its ornately painted and crafted interiors, which have returned to their original beauty following seven years of painstaking restoration.

The Hotel is located on the edge of Florence's historic centre and occupies two protected buildings: the 15th century Palazzo della Gherardesca and the "Conventino", a 16th century Palazzo, which was once a convent. Between them lie over 11 acres (4.5 hectares) of botanical gardens – the Giardino della Gherardesca – one of the most beautiful and undiscovered green spaces on the right bank of the River Arno.

Behind its classical but unassuming façade, the Hotel will offer its guests the rare opportunity to view 15th – 19th century artworks in their original context. Frescoes, bas-reliefs, stuccoes and silk wallpapers have been carefully restored to reveal vivid detail dating back over five centuries. Original works of art and architectural detailing can also be found in several of the Hotel's 117 bedrooms, suites and bathrooms. The Hotel also honours the city's culinary and cultural heritage. Il Palagio, the main restaurant, uses Tuscan ingredients sourced direct from local producers; the Spa features bespoke natural products created by Officina Profumo-Farmaceutica di Santa Maria Novella; room amenities have been custom-made by Florence-based Lorenzo Villoresi, the first Italian Perfumer to win the coveted Coty Prize. Throughout the Hotel, Four Seasons unpretentious and welcoming service is inspired by the warm hospitality of a Tuscan home.

At the far end of the gardens, the Conventino provides an arrangement of 37 rooms and suites, served by its own reception, concierge, breakfast room and business centre. The quiet garden location and additional street entrance onto Via Gino Capponi offer a discreet alternative to the main Palazzo building, as well as pedestrian access to the Duomo and Florence's other main sights in under 15 minutes.

Key features of Four Seasons Hotel Firenze:

A historic landmark property situated within the restored 15th century Palazzo della Gherardesca and early 16th century Palazzo/Conventino

11 acre (4.5 hectare) garden – the largest private garden in Florence

The opportunity to view Renaissance art in its original context including frescoes, bas-reliefs, stuccoes and silk wallpapers

117 individual guest rooms and suites, many of which showcase original Florentine art and craftsmanship

Two-storey Spa with 10 treatment rooms, featuring bespoke products from Officina Profumo-Farmaceutica di Santa Maria Novella, one of the world's oldest herbal pharmacies, dating back to 13th century Florentine monks

Italian dining at Il Palagio, with strong emphasis on local Tuscan produce and a separate wine bar featuring over 50 top labels by the glass

Outdoor pool and Fitness Centre with adjacent Hair and Beauty Salon

Extensive indoor and outdoor meeting space including the ornate painted former church of the Conventino