



Mandarin Oriental Milan

With two Michelin stars and a spa fit for an emperor, this fashion capital stay breathes new life into an 18th-century palazzo

1 Built in the 18th century as a luxurious palace complex, the four buildings housing the Mandarin Oriental Milan have returned to their glamorous glory days after spending the better part of the 1900s as a tax office and bank. The property sits on quaint Via Andegari, which winds along the hawthorn hedge path that once surrounded an ancient Celtic settlement invaded by the Romans. These days, it's fashion cognoscenti who occupy the hotel during Milan Fashion Week.

2 Reflecting a mid-century aesthetic of warm minimalism, the 104 rooms and suites are adorned with custom furnishings (you won't want to leave the deep velvet armchairs) and views of neighborhood rooftops or leafy

courtyards, which are studded with the coats of arms of the historic Lombard provinces. A glass wall between the bedroom and the Italian marble bathroom frosts at the touch of a button.

3 The brand's signature Eastern-inspired therapies take on an Italian accent at the spa, where the sleek indoor pool channels a modern-day Roman bath. Based on time-honored bathing rituals, the three-hour Imperial Roman treatment incorporates empress-approved honey, olive oil, oregano seeds, rose oil, rice, and frankincense into the full-body scrub, wrap, and massage.

4 The hotel's two restaurants have quickly reached dining-destination status. The let-your-hair-down vibe of

The Milano Suite, inspired by designer Piero Fornasetti

Mandarin Bar & Bistrot comes with a *salute*-worthy cocktail list; the Gentleman (vodka, pink grapefruit, Martini Rosato) is the most popular order. And at Seta, which earned a second Michelin star in November, chef Antonio Guida elevates nearly-impossible-to-improve-upon Italian classics with dashes of French and Asian flavors, such as roasted turbot with rosemary-scented miso sauce and a dollop of caviar.

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5 The hotel is a cobblestone's throw from Milan must-sees such as the Duomo, the La Scala opera house, and da Vinci's by-reservation-only *The Last Supper*. Before heading out, stop at the on-site salon by celebrity stylist Massimo Serini to ensure you're at your most Instagram-ready.