

VILLACORA

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Villa Cora part of **The Leading Hotels of the World**, the international collection that includes the gems of independent, luxury and out-of-the-ordinary hospitality.

THE HOTEL

An elegant 19th-century villa on the outskirts of the historic centre of Florence.

This enchanting 19th-century villa, inhabited in the past by noblemen, artists and emperors, is now a luxury hotel with 44 rooms and splendid common areas where you can enjoy unforgettable experiences and feel like true Florentine aristocrats. Situated inside a private park facing onto the Boboli Gardens, the hotel is only a short walk from the historic centre of Florence.

The rooms are located in three historic buildings. In the **main Residence** there are 29 rooms and suites, all with various exclusive and unique architectural styles. Adjacent to the villa is **Villino Eugenia**, with 13 rooms overlooking the outdoor swimming pool and Boboli Gardens. Each room is decorated and furnished according to the bourgeois customs of the late nineteenth century with ceilings depicting rare and exotic subjects. Finally, there is **Le Follie**, a delightful, welcoming structure with two rooms that guarantees the utmost privacy.

The pride and joy of Villa Cora are the marvellous suites. Amongst these, the **Akihito Suite**, the **Eugenia Suite** and the new **Aurora Suite** stand out for their fascination and particular features.

The **Aurora Suite** is especially unique with its exclusive fabrics from the **Antico Setificio Fiorentino** (*Ancient Florentine Silk Factory*). It offers splendid sweeping views over the city of Florence where you can admire such artistic masterpieces as Giotto's Bell Tower and Brunelleschi's Dome.

The **Akihito Suite**, found on the Piano Nobile, occupies the entire façade of the villa with a view of the city and garden. It boasts extremely beautiful original frescoes by Pietrasanta and Samoggia, parquet floors, a majestic red velvet canopy bed and a living room with period furniture. Completing the imperial suite is a second bedroom, also frescoed, with warm wooden floors and a deep blue canopy bed.

The **Eugenia Suite**, inspired by Napoleon III's widow who stayed at the villa for a long period, is dedicated entirely to roses – her great passion – many of which decorate the furnishings and the walls. The main bed is topped by a sumptuous canopy.

In each of the 44 rooms, even the finest detail has been designed to create a unique environment where luxury and elegance blend together harmoniously. Each room has an original style with rich decorations and authentic antique furniture for ensuring a warm and cosy atmosphere.

The aesthetic refinement is accompanied by high-quality mod-cons including a flat-screen satellite TV, electronic safe, Wi-Fi, mini-bar, and in the Junior Suites and Suites, there is also a Nespresso coffee machine. Roses are an ever-present detail found on the bathroom sponges and the pink slippers for making every woman feel special. The courtesy set consists of top-of-the-range products with unique perfumes and natural ingredients supplied by the Maison Francis Kurkdjian Paris.

Some of the rooms have evocative views over the city's main monuments and the splendid surrounding hills. The bathrooms are entirely in marble from Carrara.



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The villa offers various living solutions to families seeking a safe, peaceful hotel, such as the **Family Room** consisting of two spacious bedrooms, two bathrooms and a small balcony. Then there are the elegant open-space **Duplexes** on two levels, also with two bathrooms and a large walk-in wardrobe. The numerous adjoining rooms are the perfect solution for families or small groups.

RESTAURANT LE BISTROT

On the discovery of the authentic flavours of Tuscan cuisine

The passion for simple cooking, an approach that identifies true luxury with the selection of excellent raw materials and the commitment in the search for bringing to light the authentic flavours of Italian tradition are the ingredients that make the taste experience of the Ristorante Le Bistrot unique. The à la carte menu selected by Executive Chef **Alessandro Liberatore**, a thoroughbred Tuscan, offers a proposal resulting from ongoing research that rewards the seasonal and predominantly local produce. Ristorante Le Bistrot is also open to external guests every day for lunch and dinner, with a kitchen that pays great attention to intolerances and proposals designed to meet everyone's tastes and requirements.

At breakfast, the rich buffet consists of a great array of fresh artisan baked products, pastries, seasonal vegetables and fresh fruit, eggs cooked in a myriad of different ways, and a large assortment of cheeses, smoked fish, and selected hams and salamis.

Sunday brunch in winter, evenings by the pool in summer

Ristorante Le Bistrot is located in the winter garden, by the pool and in the splendid Sala Moresca.

Throughout the year the villa organises various gastronomic events that are open to local guests, with live music and entertainment for children.

Pizza & Champagne animates the summer evenings with live music, offering various types of pizza accompanied by flûtes of Champagne and finishing with sorbets and dessert wines. In winter the exclusive Brunch held on Sundays is instead housed in the splendid salons of the villa. Each event is unique and revolves around a special theme every Sunday designed to satisfy the requests of local guests taking part.

The oenogastronomic proposals are enhanced all year round with dinners created on a theme, events in collaboration with famous chefs, cooking classes for adults and children, and wine and extra-virgin olive oil tastings.

LOUNGE BAR & CIGAR ROOM

The cocktails concocted by our bartenders are what the best of international mixology offers. You can enjoy them from aperitif time to after-dinner drink time:

- in the warm and cosy Cigar Room, bar area with adjacent smoking room;
- at the Pool Bar alongside the pool, open in the summer months;
- on the Bellevue Roof Terrace, a large, elegant terrace on the top floor with a panoramic view over the city. With its white lounges and large sky-coloured cushions especially designed for guests of the villa, this is the ideal spot for enjoying flûtes of Champagne and tasty aperitifs on summer evenings. On request, it is also possible to book exclusive events.



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SPA BENÈ

An oasis of beauty and tranquillity in the heart of Florence

One of the most evocative environments of Villa Cora is the SPA “**Benè**”, found on the lower floor of Villino Eugenia and connected to the main residence by an underground tunnel. The SPA includes a tepidarium with a relaxation area, gym, sauna, hammam, Jacuzzi and three spacious private cabins for personalised treatments, one of which is a duo cabin for couples’ massages and another contains a bath reserved for balneotherapy.

The selected partners for body treatments are **HöbePergh** that use medicinal herbs and pure ingredients that grow in a natural and uncontaminated habitat and the historic **Officina Profumo-Farmaceutica di Santa Maria Novella**, founded in Florence in 1612. Four “signature treatments” are available for you to enjoy called the Ireos Ritual, the Rose Ritual, the Grape-seed Ritual and the Oil Ritual, all based on aromatic herbs, moisturising oils and pure essential oils.

The **wellness centre**, also open to external guests, offers a wide range of traditional oriental and European massages: among the most frequently requested are the Ayurvedic massage, plantar reflexology, the Shea Butter massage and authentic Thai Massage, performed by the expert hands of our therapists to help you recover your “life force“ and re-establish your bio-energetic balance. Thanks to a highly trained staff and personalised treatments that combine luxurious, strictly scientific formulas, natural extracts and manual techniques, the SPA offers its clientele the extraordinary benefits of its philosophy of research in the field of authentic beauty and total wellbeing. To regain energy and equilibrium, the fitness offer is completed with individual Pilates and Yoga classes organised on request and held by dedicated personal trainers, plus there is a healthy menu created by the Executive Chef and personalised in line with the programmes of the Spa, as well as numerous outdoor activities such as running, simple walks in the evocative surroundings of the hotel, and unforgettable cycling tours.

THE SWIMMING POOL AND GARDEN

The heated pool is set in the park in the shade of majestic oak trees.

Villa Cora has a large outdoor heated swimming pool open all year round, located in the Italian park in the shade of magnificent century-old yews and holm-oaks. The paving of the pool area and the water are heated. A special feature in the garden is the presence of a myriad of different types of rosebushes, all in delicate shades, including some of the most sought after English, French and antique varieties that adorn the park amidst the evergreen hedges.

SALONS

Unique environments for special events

The common rooms, sumptuously decorated and situated on the ground floor of the main villa, have been renovated in full respect of the original elements. They offer a myriad of different solutions for meetings, business lunches, events and presentations. The **Sala Moresca**, with its oriental atmosphere in line with the eclectic character of the hotel, can seat as many as 20 people and is perfect for private meetings and dinner parties. The **Salone degli Specchi** - in the past considered the most beautiful ballroom in the city of Florence - is also the largest and most majestic of the rooms. Thanks to the charm of the original Baroque décor it is ideal for sumptuous and lavish events for reliving its original value as a room designed for parties and festivities. The **Sala delle Carte** is instead dedicated to tranquil afternoon teas or reading, while the adjoining **Sala Bianca** features a magnificent monumental fireplace in marble from Carrara and is embellished with a neoclassical statue.



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EXPERIENCES

Authentic experiences thanks to a tailor-made service

All the staff members of Villa Cora are committed to creating memorable experiences for the hotel guests every day, offering a tailor-made service that is impeccable, punctual and at the same time, both discrete and welcoming.

A “family-friendly” hotel, for all intents and purposes, thanks to the special programmes dedicated to children: the **Very Important Baby Program** includes an exclusive welcome kit, activities and games in the swimming pool, painting classes for budding artists and cooking classes for baby chefs, baby menus, goodnight cakes made by the pastry chef and lots of games and surprises.

There are also special programmes for our four-legged friends: the **Very Important Dog Program** includes a kit dedicated to comfort and fun consisting of a dog bed and a large selection of pet toys, added to which, on request it is also possible to avail of the services of an authentic dog sitter.

Moreover, Villa Cora organises interesting **cooking courses** for both adults and children, run by the Executive Chef for small groups: in order to test your skills in the kitchen of a 5-star restaurant discover the secrets of fresh homemade pasta and the traditional dishes of Tuscan cuisine.

Some of the exclusive services offered include:

Very important baby program + Very important dog program + Sunday brunch with live music

Summer evenings on a theme by the pool + Activities for children + Dog sitting + Bike sharing

Cooking classes for adults and children + Wine tasting + Free shuttle bus to the centre of the city

WHERE WE ARE

1.2 km from Ponte Vecchio + 1.4 km from the Uffizi Gallery + 1.5 km from the Santa Maria Novella train station

Outdoor valet parking on the hotel grounds.

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