

Press Release

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Discover Milan and the Lombardy region with Hotel Principe di Savoia



Embracing all that the region has to offer, Dorchester Collection's Hotel Principe di Savoia will provide international travellers with the opportunity to rediscover Milan and the Lombardy region with eight exclusive experiences available to hotel guests, when travel allows. From helicopter trips over the Italian Alps, to wine tasting in Franciacorta and Barolo, Hotel Principe di Savoia will invite guests to visit the surrounding areas as well as Milan's iconic art, history, and culture, with private entry to the most celebrated sites.

The wonders of Lake Maggiore

Often considered the most peaceful of Northern Italy's lakes, Lake Maggiore is just an hour from Milan by car. Hotel Principe di Savoia can offer guests a full day dedicated to discovering the area, including a shuttle service to and from Stresa and a tour of the Isola dei Pescatori (Fisherman's Island) by private boat; stopping for a two-course lunch in one of the restaurants on the island.

Starting rate from €700 for two guests (excluding accommodation).

Helicopter over the Italian Alps

For breathtaking aerial views of the region, guests can take an exclusive helicopter ride over the spectacular Italian Alps to the picturesque region of Valtellina, where they will be served a selection of traditional local delicacies for lunch, including Bitto – a local cheese produced only in the summer that can be aged up to 18 years. The experience includes private transfer from the hotel to and from the heliport.

Starting rate from €2,000 for two guests (excluding accommodation).

Explore Lombardy by Ferrari

For fans of Italian sports cars, the hotel can organise a one day driving trip in either a Ferrari California, Ferrari F430 F1, or a Lamborghini Murcielago Roadster. Guests can either choose their own destination, or the hotel can create a bespoke itinerary for them, including a fun day out to the lakes. This experience includes a car and driver available for the entire day, who will act as a guide for the duration of the journey. The price is also inclusive of lunch, the cost of the ferry in the lake district, petrol and full insurance.

Starting rate from €2,000 for two guests (excluding accommodation).

Pop a bottle of sparkling wine in Franciacorta

Located between Lake Iseo and the city of Brescia, Franciacorta is a wine district, rich in history. Just an hour drive from Milan, the region is renowned for its sparkling wine. Hotel Principe di Savoia has created an experience perfect for wine lovers - a guided visit of one of the typical Franciacorta vineyards with the owner, including either an aperitif or a lunch at the winery; complete with private transfers to and from the hotel.

Starting rate from €900 for two guests (excluding accommodation).

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Wine tasting in Barolo

Barolo, in Piedmont, is one of the most famous wine regions in Italy, with a UNESCO World Heritage status. Wines in this region are made exclusively with the red grape, Nebbiolo. Hotel Principe di Savoia can arrange a tasting experience in nearby city of Alba (also known worldwide for its rare white truffles) that will allow guests to discover a number of wines in the region, sampling four different varieties. The experience includes a private car and chauffeur to escort them to and from the hotel to Alba.

Starting rate from €1,000 for two guests (excluding accommodation).

Riva Sailing Experience

For those who love the water, the hotel can offer a private sailing trip on board a vintage Riva Aquarama boat, for a private tour around picturesque Lake Iseo. Guests can enjoy lunch at a charming lakeside restaurant, before ending the afternoon with a tour of a private collection of Riva boats. Hotel transfers are also included within the package.

Starting rate from €2,300 for two guests (excluding accommodation).

A private viewing of da Vinci's 'The Last Supper'

For a one-of-a-kind experience, the hotel can organise a private viewing of one of the most famous and influential murals in the world, 'The Last Supper' by the great Leonardo da Vinci. The painting still resides on the walls of Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan, where it was painted in the 1490s. This unique experience will take place during closing hours, so hotel guests can enjoy the artistic masterpiece without crowds and without any time constraints (a usual visit lasts maximum 20 minutes). The package also includes an English-speaking guide as well as private transfers to the location.

Starting rate from €3,400 for two guests (excluding accommodation).

Go behind the scenes at Milan's famous landmarks

There is much to explore in Milan, and Hotel Principe di Savoia can offer guests behind-the-scenes access and private guided tours of some of the city's most amazing landmarks including:

- **Sforzesco Castle**

Built in the 15th century by Francesco Sforza, Castello Sforzesco houses several of the city's art collections and museums. The castle was home to the powerful ruler of renaissance Milan, Duke Ludovico il Moro (son of Francesco), who employed da Vinci between 1482-1499. Located in Biblioteca Trivulziana, the castle's library, is the Codex Trivulzianus, which includes the artist's studies in architecture and religion.

- **Museum of Science and Technology**

The museum, the largest science and technology museum in Italy, is dedicated to engineer, painter and scientist, Leonardo da Vinci, and features numerous models of his machines and paintings. The museum is housed in the ancient monastery of San Vittore al Corpo in Milan.

- **Ambrosian Library**

Biblioteca Ambrosiana is a historic library in Milan, founded in 1609, home to the Ambrosian art gallery and works from artists such as Raphael, Caravaggio and Leonardo da Vinci. The library houses Codex Atlanticus, the largest collection of da Vinci's papers ever assembled. It contains several drawings on various themes such as mathematics, astronomy, botany, and zoology.

- **La Scala Theatre**

Teatro alla Scala (or La Scala) is a world famous opera house, widely regarded as one of the leading opera and ballet houses in the world. Dating back to 1778, Italy's greatest opera stars have appeared on its stage and La Scala premiered works such as Verdi's *Otello* and Puccini's *Madame Butterfly*. The experience includes a visit to the museum, theatre and "behind-the-scenes" access to the cast areas and the stage.

Starting rate from €150 per person, with an additional cost for private visits during closing hours.

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All rates stated above exclude accommodation. Starting rate for a Classic Room is 330 euro per night, double occupancy (excluding breakfast) and 370 euro per night with breakfast included.

Blackout dates may apply, subject to availability.

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