



**Magna Pars Suites.** See p252.



decorated with impeccable taste, blending modern and multicultural elements to create distinctive, beautiful spaces alongside a veranda and spacious roof garden. Barcelona and Lalndia mix 1970s lamps, retro sofas and hand-woven Indian rugs in mellow tones; Oaxaca and LaPalmera feature bold Manuel Canovas 1960s wallpapers in zesty orange and green. In an effort to offset emissions, the owners plant trees in Costa Rica and follow eco-friendly practices such as serving purified rather than bottled water and keeping two bicycles for guest use. Breakfast includes organic produce and, when in season, oranges from the owners' own citrus grove in Cimitale (in the province of Naples).

### **Vietnamonamour 2**

Via Taramelli 67 (02 7063 4614, [www.vietnamonamour.com](http://www.vietnamonamour.com)). Metro Zara, or bus 60, or tram 7, 31, 33. Rooms 4. Disabled access. Mapp281 E1.

French-Vietnamese fashion stylist Christiane Blanchet and her Italian husband, Dario Arlunno, opened their second B&B in October 2013, with four rooms above a Vietnamese restaurant. In an eye-popping pink villa on the fringe of the artsy Isola zone, the property feels decidedly more Asian than its sister structure, Vietnamonamour 1 (see p252), in the Piola/Loreto neighbourhood. Bright colours and quirky details – such as patchworks of Vietnamese printed papers and ribbons, or a

collection of miniature oriental keys – bring a slice of the East to this fashionable, yet relatively tranquil, part of Milan.

## **SAN BABILA & EAST**

Expensive

### **Sheraton Diana Majestic**

Viale Piave 42 (02 20 581, [www.sheraton.com/dianamajestic](http://www.sheraton.com/dianamajestic)). Metro Porta Venezia, or tram 9, 23. Rooms 107. Disabled access. Mapp281 G5.

This four-star art nouveau hotel is named after Milan's first public swimming pool, which opened on this site in 1842. The pool has since been replaced with a garden and the first of the city's many summertime outdoor cocktail bars, HClub (see p104). The homely 1920s feel, apparent as you push through the revolving door, is period luxury – not faded grandeur. The resolutely old-fashioned rooms feature deco-style curtains and original furniture. The best are on the third and fourth floors, with garden views.

Moderate

### **Foresteria Monforte**

Piazza Tricolore 2 (mobile 340 237 0272, [www.foresteriamonforte.it](http://www.foresteriamonforte.it)). Bus 54, 61, or tram 9, 23. Rooms 3. Mapp281 G6.

Foresteria Monforte is a contemporary take on bed-and-breakfasting with three colour-coded guest rooms that combine high-end design pieces with the odd antique: the cream one is an upmarket suite; the antique-filled brown is more classic; the purple is stylishly modern. All overlook the tree-lined piazza below. Visitors can use the espresso pots and cheeseboards in the petite shared kitchen at any time, although the lack of space means that breakfast in bed is compulsory. The concierge/proprietor is the English-speaking pharmacist downstairs.

Budget

### **★ RossoSegnale**

Via Sacchini 18 (02 2952 7453, [www.rossosegnale.it](http://www.rossosegnale.it)). Metro Loreto, or bus 39, 55, 56, 62, 81, 90, 91. Rooms 3.

Named after the bright red elevator and stairwell that ascends through the centre of the building, RossoSegnale seamlessly blends art with hospitality. Every couple of months, the B&B's three rooms and publi

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## Hotels

passion for all things visual is only equalled by their desire to make your stay as enjoyable as possible. Tap them for their highly personalised suggestions on where to eat and what to do.

★ **Vietnamonamour 1**

Via Pestalozza 7 (02 7063 4614, [www.vietnamonamour.com](http://www.vietnamonamour.com)). Metro Piola, or bus 39, 55, 62, 81, 90, 91. Rooms 4.

An aura of complete calm pervades this Italian-Vietnamese concept B&B located within an early 1900s villa in one of Milan's quietest streets. Hardwood floors and heavy furniture imported from South-east Asia decorate the guest rooms, and the walls are covered in pink floral patterns, earthy colour washes or bare brick. Breakfast – orange juice, green tea, home-made mango or ginger cake – in the covered garden is a delight. The eponymous restaurant downstairs serves creative Vietnamese cuisine with Italian and French wines. The owners have recently opened a second B&B, Vietnamonamour 2 (see p251).

**PORTA ROMANA & SOUTH**

## Expensive

★ **Magna Pars Suites**

Via Forcella 6 (02 833 8371, [www.magnapars-suitesmilano.it](http://www.magnapars-suitesmilano.it)). Metro Porta Genova, or tram 3, 9. Rooms 28. Disabled access. Map p282 B8.

Room-specific floral or wood aromas greet guests as they enter any of the 28 rooms at Magna Pars Suites, located in a former perfume factory in Milan's designed Tortona zone. Owned by the Martone scent and cosmetics family, the suites are named after fragrant plants (gardenia, rosewood, vetiver) and feature white-and-wood decor, pillow menus and spectacular contemporary botanical paintings by students from the city's Brera Academy. The Martone's daughter, Gorgia, who passes by the hotel most days, designed the bespoke Aqua Adornationis bathroom products, featuring orange essence, sandalwood and musk. The family also provided the collection of 6,000 leather-bound antique volumes (from Dickens to Tolstoy), which guests can borrow from the ground-floor lounge/library. The olfactory experience continues at the Da Noi In restaurant (see p126), which overlooks a compact but intense botanical garden containing 1,500 scented plants.

**Petit Palais Hotel de Charme**

Via Molino delle Armi 1 (02 584 891, [www.petitpalais.it](http://www.petitpalais.it)). Bus 94, or tram 3, 15. Rooms 18. Map p282 D8.

Close to one of Milan's most important canals, this 17th-century palazzo opened as the Petit Palais in 2007, after more than five years of restoration. It's a luxurious property and no expense has been spared, from the Murano chandeliers to the crystal wine glasses. The exquisite top-floor suites have roof

terraces for your own private view of the (somewhat distant) Duomo; the hotel is a 15-minute walk from the city centre, yet peacefully far from the crowds.

## Moderate

★ **Maison Borella**

Alzaia Naviglio Grande 8 (02 5810 9114, [www.hotelmaisonborella.com](http://www.hotelmaisonborella.com)). Bus 167, or tram 3, 9. Rooms 25. Disabled access. Map p282 C9.

This canalside boutique hotel was created from the restoration of a *casa ringhiera*, an apartment building with shared balconies, typical of Milan. Old blends seamlessly with new in the interiors, which mix classic elements such as hardwood floors and visible ceiling beams with contemporary furniture. The intimate atmosphere is a welcome antidote to the bohemian bedlam along the canals – though several of the rooms have *naviglio*-facing balconies, offering picturesque views and the chance to people-watch. The hotel's restaurant, Turbigo (see p128), is open all day and serves typical Italian dishes with a modern twist.

## NHOW

Via Tortona 35 (02 489 8861, [www.nhow-hotels.com](http://www.nhow-hotels.com)). Metro Porta Genova, or bus 74, 90, 91.

Rooms 246. Disabled access. Map p282 A9.

On Milan's design-centric via Tortona, the highly contemporary NHOW sits in the shell of the city's former General Electrics factory. From the polished concrete lobby up to the fourth floor, the hotel is dotted with a rotating selection of artworks and limited-edition furniture. Rooms are decked out with Artemide lights and funky printed wallpaper, and showers are colourful. Exhibitionists should book the Presidential Suite, complete with a glass-bottomed bathtub that acts as part of the living room's ceiling.

★ **Yard**

Piazza XXIV Maggio 8 (02 8941 5901, [www.theyardmilano.com](http://www.theyardmilano.com)). Metro Porta Genova, or tram 3, 9. Rooms 28. Disabled access. Map p282 C9.

Once a discotheque, this bright red, low-rise structure close to the Darsena (canal port) is now a 28-room hotel, with the feel of an eccentric gentlemen's club. The lobby is crammed with sports- and travel-related objets – from vintage Louis Vuitton trunks, to top hats and riding boots, to backgammon sets, all of it for sale. The rooms also have sporting golf. Furnishings a details vary: 'Lodg animals; 'Cambrid; Not surprisingly, by celebrities look management won't one of the rooms quiet courtyard – s accommodations in



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