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Hotel Magna Pars Suites Milano

Milan, Lombardy, Italy

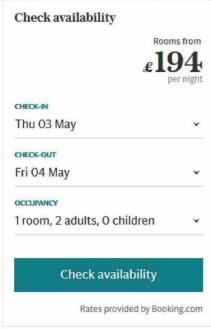
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Telegraph expert rating

"This former perfume factory in the heart of Milan's design district uses fragrances to stimulate the senses, with perfume-infused rooms, olfactory menus and scented cocktails. The minimalist rooms overlook the lush central garden, and there's a great restaurant serving Mediterranean dishes with a twist. "





8/10

Location

It's tucked away on a quiet side street off Via Tortona, a hip spot lined with trendy cafés, stylish restaurants and independent designer boutiques. This is the design centre of Milan, where warehouses have been converted into fashionable hotels, museums and event spaces. Conveniently located less than five minutes' walk from Porta Genova railway station, it's also ideally situated to reach the Navigli District, home to the city's historic canals lined with restaurants and bars.



8/10 Style & character

It's set in a former perfume factory, tastefully blending environmental sustainability and modern technology. The entrance opens up onto a large lobby area where glass windows dominate, giving the impression of being in the open air. Wood, glass and steel are elegantly combined to form a state-of-the-art building constructed around a lush garden that is home to flowering jasmine, maple trees and roses. The building's past as a former perfume factory comes alive in all corners of the hotel, with in-room scents, an olfactory menu and cocktails prepared with perfumed ingredients.





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7_{/10} Service & facilities

Run by a refreshingly young and dynamic team, the service is friendly and professional. There's a lounge-cum-library with comfortable seating housing books published between the 18th and 20th centuries acquired over the years from antique bookshops and private collections from across Europe. There's a small gym, steam room and relaxation area. Yoga lessons can be organised, as well as massage therapies that use a variety of relaxing fragrances. At the ground floor LabSolue Perfume Laboratory you can stock up on a range of fragrances and candles. The hotel is pet-friendly.

0	Bar	0	Fitness centre
0	Laundry	0	Parking
0	Restaurant	0	Room service
0	Steam room/hammam	0	Wi-Fi

8/10 Rooms

Distributed across three floors, the suites are named after flowering trees and plants while others are inspired by fruit trees, including fig and cherry, that produce aromatic essential oils, recalling the site's days as a perfume factory. Each room features a different scent, from woody aromas that recall the outdoors to the gentle scents of juniper and cedar. Embellishing the walls are abstract paintings depicting artists' interpretations of the aromas that permeate each room.

The rooms are particularly spacious, with brushed oak wood floors and designer furnishings including Floss lamps and bold brightly coloured Frau sofas that add a pinch of colour to the all-white design. The large bathrooms have rain showers, and are equipped with scented toiletries.

8/10 Food & drink

A stainless steel open-plan kitchen dominates the hotel's Da Noi In restaurant. The menu consists of creatively presented Italian dishes made using seasonal products, while the open wine cellar is stocked with fine Italian wines. The atmosphere is pleasant and convivial, and seating is either in the elegant interior or in a verdant inner courtyard.

The chef creatively combines ingredients to bring out scents and aromas in his Mediterranean dishes, using a variety of textures to contrast mouthfeel and adding touches of acidic ingredients to bring out flavours (grouper carpaccio with smoked stracciatella cheese, citrus fruits and toasted almonds; turbot with mushrooms, foie gras and lemon).

The breakfast buffet is very good, with plenty of fruits, delectable pastries, cheeses and cold-cuts, along with freshly squeezed juices. For a drink, head to the hotel's Liquidambar Lounge Bar, which serves more than 39 perfume-scented cocktails for its Olfactory Aperitivo.

7/10

Value for money

Double rooms from €260 (£232) in low season; and from €550 (£491) in high. Breakfast included. Free Wi-Fi.

Access for guests with disabilities?

There are three adapted suites, and accessible lavatories in the communal areas (lobby and restaurant).

Family-friendly?

Some rooms have sofa beds, and cots can be added at no extra charge. Babysitting services can be organised.

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