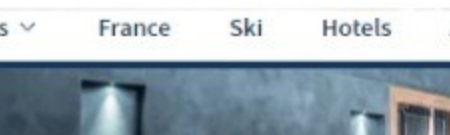




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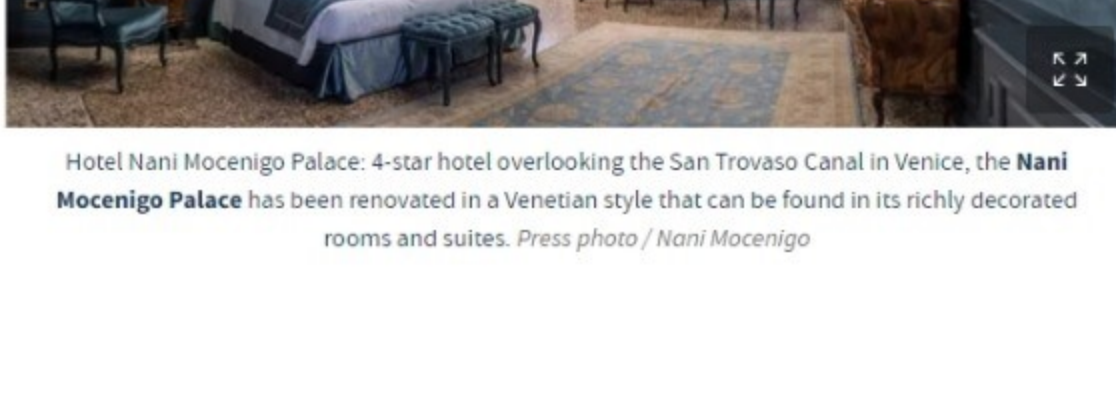


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Notice to romantics who dream of spending the night in an authentic *palazzo* without breaking the bank. This four-star hotel in the Dorsoduro district is housed in a fifteenth-century building, which belonged to the Doge. But do you sleep there like a king? We tested.



Hotel Nani Mocenigo Palace: 4-star hotel overlooking the San Trovaso Canal in Venice, the **Nani Mocenigo Palace** has been renovated in a Venetian style that can be found in its richly decorated rooms and suites. *Press photo / Nani Mocenigo*

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## Nani Mocenigo Palace

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This fifteenth-century palace belonged to the 74th Doge of Venice, Agostino Barbarigo, who bequeathed it to his daughter. But, cruelty of the story, it was Nani Mocenigo, her rich merchant husband, who bequeathed her name. The building has since undergone renovations, resulting in a harmonious mix of genres, Turkish and African influences blending with the original elements. The frescoes of Jacopo Guarana (1720-1808), collaborator of Tiepolo, stand alongside the stuccoes of Alessandro Vittoria (1525-1608). The building has since housed a museum and a university, before being transformed into a hotel.

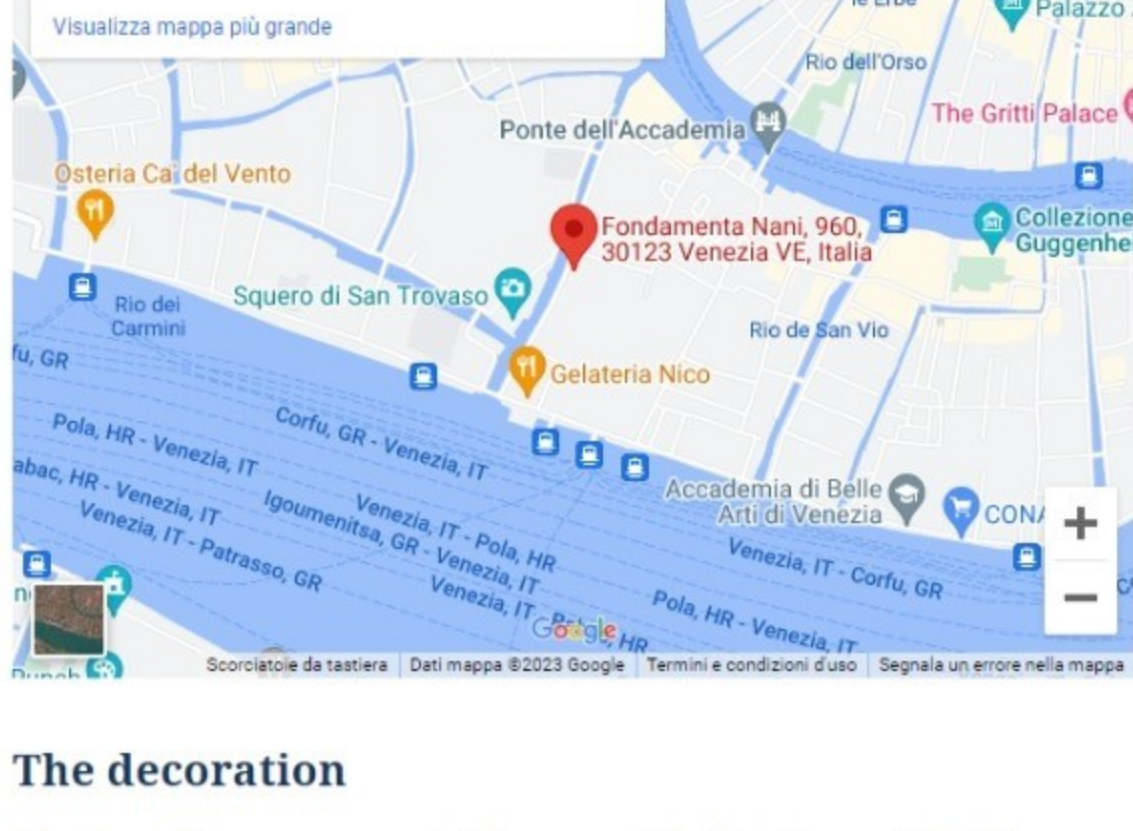
Today, the façade, typical of Venetian Gothic, turns the heads of passers-by.

### The situation

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It is ideal. The palace has its feet in the water of the Rio di San Trovaso, which flows into the Grand Canal. A location that allows water taxis to drop off guests, or pick them up, directly in front of the hotel. With its small bars and restaurants, lively but away from the hubbub (and tourist traps) of the center, the "sestieri" of Dorsoduro is reputed to be the favorite of the Venetians. The hotel is located a three-minute walk from the Academy Gallery and five minutes from the Peggy Guggenheim Foundation. To St. Mark's Square, the Academia vaporetto stop is just 200 metres away.

**Hotel Nani Mocenigo Palace.** Fondamenta Nani 960 30123, Venice. Tel: +39 041 52 00 145.



### The decoration

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The owners wanted to respect the Venetian spirit of the building, even if it came close to the archetype: chandeliers and Murano glass sconces by *Maestro* Fabio Fornasier, velvet everywhere, heavy curtains with upholstered headboards, large mirrors. The history of the building does the rest: the majority of the furniture is period, such as the bas-reliefs and ceilings, remarkably preserved. And what about soils. In terrazzo and terracotta, they are spectacular. The whole thing is, obviously, quite busy and will scare away aficionados of minimalism good complexion. But what are they coming to Venice to do?



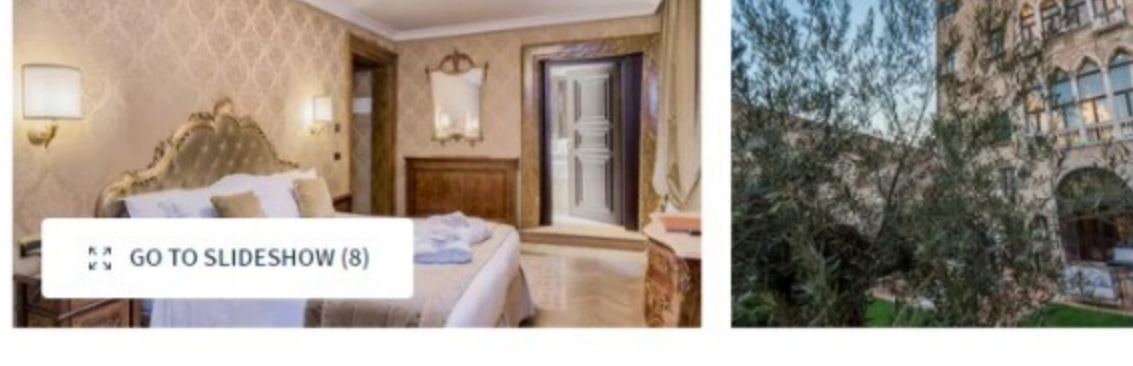
Splendid frescoes and bas-reliefs adorn the walls of the palazzo. *Press photo / Nani Mocenigo*

### The rooms

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The rooms, thirty in number, are divided into five categories, from the small Comfort (15 m²) to the huge presidential suite (80 m²). Ours, a Deluxe Junior Suite, is 65 m² and six meters high under ceiling - or, should we say, frescoed. It is very well equipped - Italian marble bathroom with bathtub AND shower AND dressing table, slippers and bathrobes, espresso machine, large sitting area with sofa bed, kettle, mini-bar and even a minibar, two TVs! As for the bath products, they are, the height of chic, signed Hermès (up to the shower cap). The view is pretty, without being out of the ordinary - the room overlooks the rooftops. Two small drawbacks. The openings are narrow and it is therefore permanently dark behind the heavy velvet drapes. And the air conditioner makes noise at night (maybe an adjustment that we will not have been able to do).

### Guided tour of the Nani Mocenigo Palace, Venice



### Service and facilities

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On the ground floor, an exhibition space-boutique allows you to admire (and buy, if you can afford it) handmade creations in Murano glass. Like many establishments of the Serenissima, the Nani Mocenigo is associated with the master glassmaker who made all his lamps. The owners therefore offer guests free excursions, by private water taxi, on the island of Murano, with a detour through its wind tunnel. We reassure you: no obligation to purchase at the key! At the reception (open 24 hours a day), the concierge is given good advice and speaks very good French. A dry cleaning service and a shuttle to the airport are available at an additional cost, as is an excursion card ("Venice by night", "The jewels of Venice", "Tour of the Grand Canal" ...). However, the hotel does not have a spa or gym.

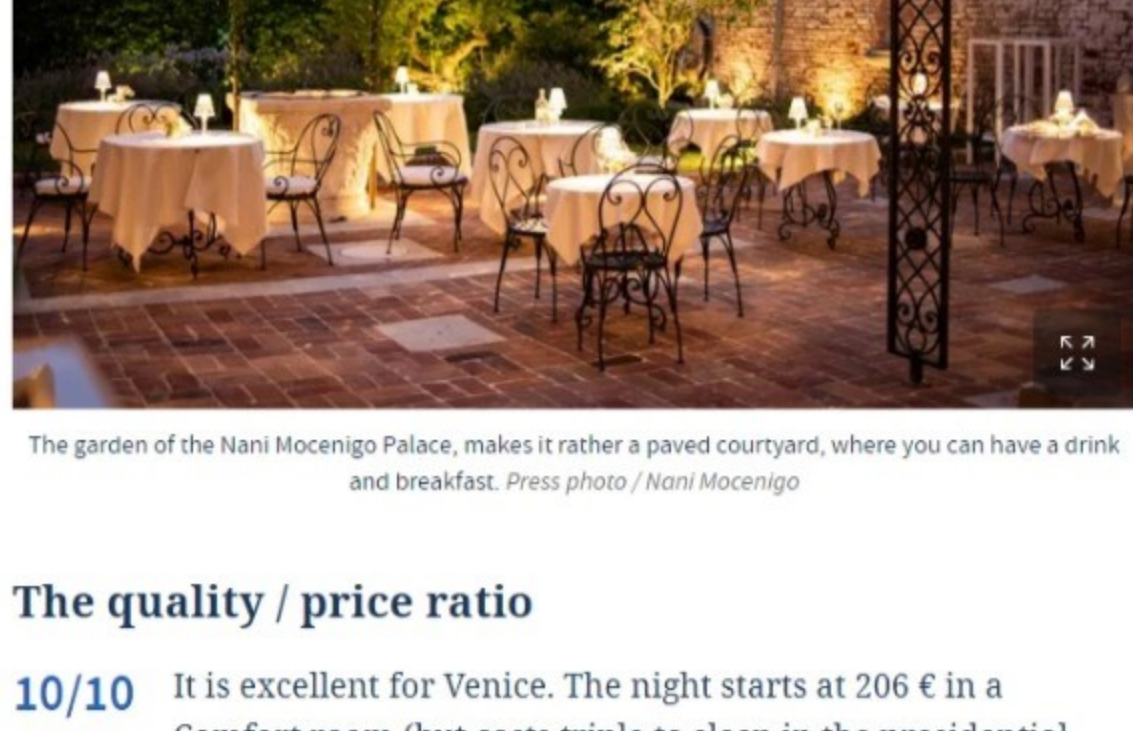
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### At the table and at the bar

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In the absence of a restaurant, the Nani Mocenigo Palace offers a snacking offer in its "lounge bar" and in its garden. In fact, rather a charming paved courtyard where tables and wrought iron arbors are arranged. In the evening, the place lends itself perfectly to *al fresco* cocktails and out of sight. The classics - Bellini, Spritz, Espresso Martini - are served with a smile and accompanied by *cicchetti* - the Venetian version of tapas. Served in the summer in the same place, breakfast - at the time of our visit, a buffet on request, sanitary standards requires - is ok, nothing more. We will regret bottled fruit juices rather than pressed minute.



The garden of the Nani Mocenigo Palace, makes it rather a paved courtyard, where you can have a drink and breakfast. *Press photo / Nani Mocenigo*

### The quality / price ratio

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It is excellent for Venice. The night starts at 206 € in a Comfort room (but costs triple to sleep in the presidential suite and its 80m²). Our Deluxe Junior Suite is charged 477 € per night. For the neighborhood, it's a deal. And surely one of the only palazzo in Venice to charge such rates.

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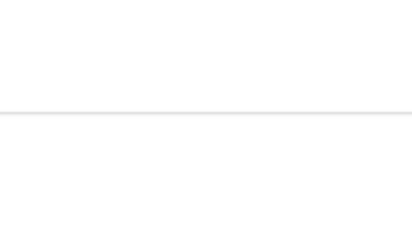
Before being a charming four-star boutique hotel located along the Grand Canal, it was the elegant palace of a wealthy art collector. A beautiful stop in the heart of the Serenissima. We tested.



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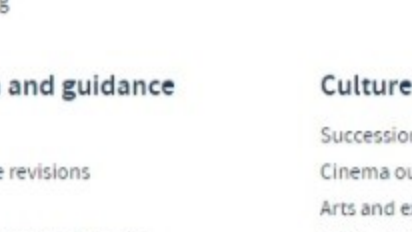
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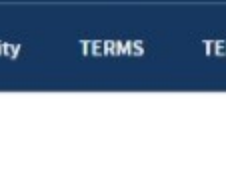
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