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## Queen for a Day: 5 of the World's Best Palace Hotels

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We can be tiny-house minimalists or midcentury modernists at home, but almost all of us, on some level, swoon for the regal grandeur of another place and time. Every once in a while, it's a treat to swan around like some duchess or maharaja, surrounded by frescoed walls, parquet floors and magnificent chandeliers.

Plenty of grand hotels have "Palace" in their name, but the reality is that most of their rooms and common areas are in new buildings that are less than palatial. But these five are the real deal, with a history that lives up to their billing.



Vista Palazzo  
A suite at Vista Palazzo  
vista palazzo, italy

When it opens next month, this intimate hotel will be the first five-star property right in the city of Como, combining stunning views of Lake Como with easy access to restaurants and shops. Housed in a 19th-century Venetian-style palazzo, it has 18 residential-style rooms and suites, all with sumptuous furnishings and glorious Italian marble bathrooms. There's also a spectacular rooftop "infinity bar" with a counter overlooking the water.