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Castel Hortenberg: Where History Meets Luxury

Castel Hortenberg has stood at the heart of Bolzano, in Northern Italy, for more than 500 years. It's been a private residence for most of its lifetime, but after undergoing an extensive renovation overseen by the most recent owners, the Podini family, the castle has been returned to its former glory and is now a five-star guesthouse, offering luxurious stays and a good dollop of history to boot.

Situated in the ancient capital city of South Tyrol, Castel Hortenberg, despite its historical surroundings, has modern styling throughout. Rather than wishing to pay homage to the dusty nostalgia of the past, Hortenberg looks to appreciate the past while celebrating the present.



Castel Hortenberg. Image: Giovanni De Sandre

The castle is just a few minutes walk away from the downtown area of Bolzano and enjoys an unobstructed view of the Oswald Promenade, which connects the vineyard-covered hills of the winegrowing village of St. Magdalena with nearby Runkelstein Castle.

Framed by four tall towers, the tranquil grounds house 24 suites, of which 21 are located in the main historical building and three in the newly built garden wing. The garden has a heated pool for guests to use, and a spa offers treatments from hot stone massage to peeling and body wraps.



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The restaurant is housed in the 16th-century wine cellar, where guests can dine under the vaulted arches that housed the estate's wine collection over many decades. Guests can choose from the menu, or if they prefer, the chef de cuisine can prepare dishes that perfectly accompany guests' [wine](#) choices.



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Whether you prefer a relaxed retreat amongst the giant old trees, shrubs and Mediterranean flowers while taking advantage of the facilities at Castel Hortenberg, or you're looking for an [interesting base](#) from which to explore the Dolomites or take an excursion on the wine route, this fusion of modern creature comforts and historical location is bound to be a winning combination.