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Grand Hotel Majestic già Baglioni

Bologna, Italy

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9/10

Telegraph expert rating

" Rooted in the city's history, yet projected onto the international scene, Bologna's most prestigious hotel has been, since opening in 1912, the accommodation of choice for visiting royals, heads of state and high-profile celebrities for its luxurious rooms and impeccable service in a prime location. "

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£203 per night

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By **Silvia Donati**,
TRAVEL WRITER

Location

10/10

Right in front of the city's cathedral, the hotel is within walking distance of all major attractions, including the main square Piazza Maggiore, the landmark Two Towers, and the open-air medieval food market. It is next to the 15th-century Palazzo Fava, which houses some of the most important late Renaissance paintings by the Bolognese artists Carracci, whose frescoes also grace one of the hotel's conference rooms, Camerino di Europa.



Style & character

9/10

The hotel is housed in a building dating to the 18th century. Lovingly furnished and decorated, it features an incredibly vast array of precious antiques, wooden furniture, paintings, mirrors, luxurious drapes and fabrics, art objects, making you feel as if you have stepped into an aristocratic palace of the past. The grand staircase accessed from the lobby leads to the elegant foyer upstairs. The rooms are lavishly decorated in classic Venetian style, with stucco, brocade, Murano-glass chandeliers, plus hints of 19th-century French fashion.

Service & facilities

9/10

Italian friendliness meets Anglo-Saxon efficiency to provide a service that is personal, attentive and discreet. Unique touches include: the Personal Art Service, which, upon request, provides an art historian for an overview of Bologna's and Emilia-Romagna's historic and artistic heritage and to help plan itineraries based on clients' interests (£26/€30 an hour); the 'good night book', a little booklet recounting an episode related to the history of Bologna, which guests find on their pillow at night. The hotel caters well to business travellers with seven meeting/conference rooms. The Health & Wellness area is equipped with Technogym machines, a sauna, Turkish bath, and a massage cabin.

- ✓ Bar
- ✓ Fitness centre
- ✓ Laundry
- ✓ Restaurant
- ✓ Room service
- ✓ Sauna
- ✓ Wi-Fi

Rooms

9/10

Each of the 109 rooms, ranging from classic to deluxe to suites, has a different décor and colour theme. All feature comfortable beds with pure linen sheets. The marble bathrooms are spacious and clean; deluxe rooms and up feature double sinks and large

showers. The rooms on the fourth floor are equipped with a balcony with views over Bologna's signature red roofs and medieval towers. The suites are regal.

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Food & drink

8/10

The Three-Fork Michelin rated I Carracci restaurant, housed in a 15th-century frescoed room, is helmed by chef Claudio Sordi, who puts inventive spins on traditional Bolognese dishes, borrowing from the traditions of other Italian regions. Case in point: cacio e pepe tortellini with Parmigiano Reggiano, porcini mushroom powder, Taggiasca olive crumbs. The retro-classic Café Marinetti, once the haunt of the Futurist movement, is ideal for cocktails before or after dinner. The buffet breakfast has something for every taste, with a very generous savory and sweet spread.

Value for money

9/10

Prices vary according to room category: classic double rooms from £264 (€310) in low season; and from £452 (€530) in high. Junior suites from £631 (€740) in low season, and £989 (€1160) in high. Breakfast included. Free Wi-Fi. Last minute deals may be available.

Access for guests with disabilities?

The hotel has a lift and one room specifically fitted for guests with disabilities. The ramp of stairs at the entrance is not equipped for people in a wheelchair, but the staff is happy to help.

Family-friendly?

Yes. There are interconnecting rooms and suites, or a larger room is assigned when an extra bed is requested. At night time, children find a little stuffed animal and some sweet treat in the room.

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