

GRAND HOTEL BAGLIONI

Conferences often take place at the Grand Hotel Baglioni. It's a popular business hotel with a convenient location between the train station and the old town, extra space for large events, though primarily visited by tourists, who appreciate the historical ambience. The Grand Hotel Baglioni is a large freestanding palazzo, which has a long history like many Florentine structures.

It's one of the first buildings to be documented since the 13th century. In the 19th century it has been the prince palace of the Carrega Bertolini family but at the beginning of the 20th century it was converted in a hotel. It was opened on August 12, 1903.

Fans of *Inferno* are in good hands, because here the interior is genuinely presented with all the comforts of a four star hotel: No sooner you pass through the narrow entrance door, you're standing in the lobby that resembles a small church. This feeling continues on the lower residential floors: The rooms are almost medieval in appearance with their high ceilings, dark wood furnishings, and windows, which also have a sacred character, not only in form, but also because of the colored glass and indeed look like church windows in many of the rooms. The lived in feeling becomes brighter with each ascending floor. While searching for modern architecture in the Hotel Baglioni is to no avail, technology and comfort are naturally adapted to 21st century



On Dante's death mask, Robert Langdon finds a coded message about a "sunken palace" (page 336). In addition, there's talk about a doge, and where is the doge ruling? Robert Langdon is sure: He must go to Venice – at once! Together with Sienna Brooks and Dr. Ferris from the WHO he races to the train station. From the car window, Robert Langdon looks up at the Grand Hotel Baglioni, a hotel he knows well. He remembers how he often participated in conferences there.



standards. The first to have sun is the one who makes it to the roof garden. There you will find a restaurant with over 200 seats spread across the entire rooftop with numerous wine-entwined terraces. From almost every seat there's a panoramic view over the roofs of Florence, of the hills of Tuscany, and naturally, of Brunelleschi's dome. The restaurant is open to the public and having dinner here is certainly one of the highlights of visiting Florence.

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Room rates according to
season and furnishings start at
€ 180 for one night in a
double room with breakfast.