

BED AND BREAKFAST

Ad Astra

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Our Review

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What's your initial impression of Ad Astra?

Ad Astra Hôtel Particulier feels like a little-known Florentine secret: a gorgeous private apartment on the first floor of an aristocratic urban villa just 10 minutes from the Ponte Vecchio. Expect lavish flourishes and 21st-century design.

Nice. Who's here?

Wannabe aristocrats, star-crossed lovers, and newlyweds.

How's the whole arrival process?

Check-in is easy and thorough. Staff isn't on hand 24 hours, but you're given an emergency phone number for when they're not there.

Helpful. But we're really here for the bed—how are the rooms?

Individually decorated rooms feature classic elements with contemporary touches: original molding with rich accent colors, Italian furniture (midcentury to the '70s), artisanal lighting and woodwork, and framed art hand-picked by the owners (from Pucci scarves to original prints).

Any other details that make your stay that much more comfortable?

Rooms are stocked with an espresso machine, DVD player, HD TV, and C.O. Bigelow bath products; some rooms have freestanding tubs; and one of the suites has a wraparound terrace. There's excellent wifi.

What about the food options—anything good on-site?

A delightful breakfast buffet includes local products; enjoy it in the luminous salon or out on the terrace, which offers a view of Villa Torrigiani. Salon has complimentary coffee and tea throughout the day; there's also an honesty bar with wines and spirits.

What else should we know before booking a stay here?

There's parking, and the hotel also offers a great view of the Villa Torrigiani.

Sounds lovely. So why would you recommend the Ad Astra?

This oasis in the middle of Florence is a worthy stay, especially in the hotter months when hordes of tourists clutter the streets.

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5/5 PHOTOS



FLOOR

Aristocratic retreat

STAFF

Courteous

BED & BATH

Dreamy



FOOD & DRINKS

Lovely breakfast buffet

THE GROOM

Private