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Blending old with new, dazzling renovation projects has transformed tired old buildings into opulent boltholes in some of the world's most beautiful cities. A stunningly tasteful makeover of the grand 13th-century Palazzo Volpi in Venice has turned the boutique property into an elegant Italian sanctuary. While at Madrid's Gran Hotel Inglés, the Art Deco vibe might see you swapping your jeans for a vintage frock as you soak up the sun, and in the city that never sleeps, New York's quirky NoMad is an urban delight. Closer to home, Principal in Edinburgh blends a proud sense of tradition with modern touches and Copenhagen's Nimb Hotel offers stylish extravagance alongside obligatory Scandi minimalism. But be warned: while city breaks are all about seeing the sights, you may struggle to leave these hotels...



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Blush pink and monochrome flow into the corridor; a spacious living area is at the heart of Suite III; en-suite bathrooms offer extra luxury in Suite I; and no decorative detail is forgotten

PALAZZO VOLPI

Venice, Italy

The lowdown A slice of the Dolce Vita with individual design. **Best for** Romantics who want to get away from the crowds. It hardly seems possible that this beautiful 13th-century Venetian palazzo stood decaying and unloved for nearly 70 years, inhabited only by a solitary priest. Happily, new owners and Paris-based designers Anna Covre and Frederic Tubau have come to the rescue. Staying faithful to the Palazzo's heritage, they have created a sumptuous haven, which is handily located on one of Venice's most attractive and serene squares. With just three spacious suites (and a fourth on the way) the Volpi's cool, refined elegance offers a unique way to experience the Italian city. Two of the suites have one bedroom, while the third has three – plus a canal view and its own private courtyard. No expense has been spared on restoring the Palazzo's original features, including exposed timber beams, majestic old staircase and windows. These are complemented by brushed oak parquet and white Italian marble flooring with matching fireplaces. Bespoke furnishings comprise silk rugs, velvet chairs and artisan lighting, as well as glittering mirrors with in-built Netflix-ready TVs. The bathrooms are wildly luxurious, and the suites also have state-of-the-art kitchens and dreamy beds with memory foam mattresses and satin linen. Other finishing touches include underfloor heating for the cooler months.

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