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## QUICK FACTS

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51 rooms

The only 5-star hotel inside the old walls of Siena

Sapordivino Restaurant

Enoteca Sapordivino

Wine Cellar

Historic Frescoed Ballroom

Originally a wedding gift to his niece from Pope Alexander VII

Wedding and M&E facilities



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## LOCATION

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Siena's exquisite Centro Storico is the medieval heart of this ancient city and a UNESCO World Heritage site. It's in this exclusive setting that guests discover a magnificent 17<sup>th</sup> century palazzo – Niquesa's Grand Hotel Continental.

The Grand Hotel Continental is steps away from Siena's cobbled medieval lanes and the city's stunning architectural features, including the famous Piazza del Campo and the Romanesque-Gothic cathedral.

Siena is famous for a rich tradition of arts and artists, and the city remains a vital cultural centre with its many museums and galleries. Being in the heart of Tuscany, food and wine lovers will be in their element with a whole host of delicatessens, restaurants and bars on their doorstep. Equally intrinsic to Siena is the city's wealth of local craft, which is just the tip of the city's shopping potential to cover all tastes from hidden antique markets to glittering high-fashion boutiques.

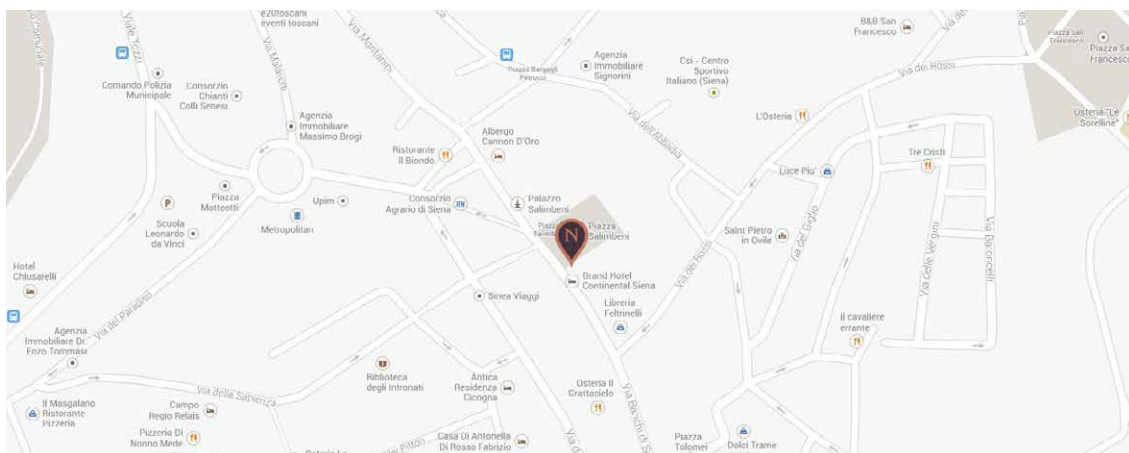


## HISTORY

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Our boutique hotel is a paragon of fine Renaissance architecture, with opulent rooms boasting original frescoes, priceless artworks and precious antiquities. Built in the 17<sup>th</sup> century as an aristocratic residence. This Grand Palace, also known as Palazzo Gori Pannilini, was originally build as a wedding gift from Pope Alexander VII, a member of the powerful Chigi family to his niece Olimpia and her fiancée Giulio de' Gori.

The palazzo was converted early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century into an elegant hotel called the Continental, whose guests included the most celebrated figures of the period, but closed down in the 1990s. The subsequent refurbishment and transformation of the hotel uncovered hidden frescoes of incredible beauty and unique cellar with medieval tower.





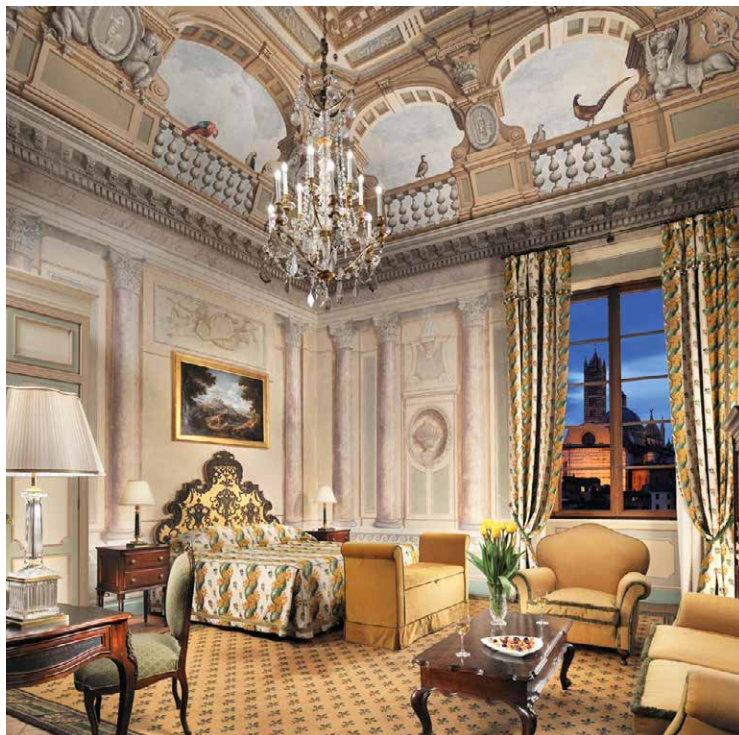


## ART AND ARCHITECTURE

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The original interior layout was retained in creating 51 rooms and suites furnished with antique furniture and costly fabrics, where painstaking care is lavished on every detail. A classic glass revolving door provides access to the magnificent entrance hall, where the high frescoed ceilings of Palazzo Gori Pannilini are lit by lantern-shaped lamps in the eighteenth-century style.

A pleasant surprise is provided on the right by the contemporary SaporDivino wine bar & restaurant located in the former courtyard, now covered by a transparent dome and converted into a winter garden. The two modern elevators of glass and steel serving the three floors complement the classic architecture and stone work.



## SUITES AND ROOMS

Our beautiful classic rooms are unashamedly opulent. Your stay will be enhanced by a luxurious environment and enriched by a curated collection of precious antiques and paintings; and finishes of silk, porcelain, marble and travertine.

### ROYAL SUITE

Perched at the very top of the palazzo in the two-storey tower, the Royal Suite is a veritable kingdom of luxury and refined privacy with incomparable views over the city and its surrounding hills and valleys. From the parlour with its wood-beamed ceiling to the quiet study with its panoramic views of the world below and the bedroom on an altana, all of the rooms of this magnificent suite create refined and harmonic ambiances graced with antiques. The walls are covered in precious silk and bathrooms are made with soft cool marble to invoke historical inspiration in this beautiful setting.

The hotel's elegant hotel bedrooms have been honed over centuries; defined by master craftsmen who have embellished them with their art.





## CUISINE

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### SAPORDIVINO

SaporDivino is considered to be one of the great temples to the art of culinary meditation, where Chef Luca Ciaffarafa inspires diners to taste, listen, recognise and appreciate. Luca fiercely champions local produce, and his interpretation of traditional Tuscan cuisine is very personal, presenting a vibrant menu that tells culinary stories about the region.

As well as an enticing menu, the restaurant offers diners historic and sophisticated surroundings, whether it is the enchanting inner courtyard with its glass cupola or the elegant Sala Gori room. It is this combination that, over the years, has made SaporDivino a focal point for the local and international elite.

No Sienese dish would be complete without wine; the property's local wineries are some of the finest in Italy.

### ENOTECA SAPORDIVINO

Adjacent to the restaurant, the Wine Bar welcomes guests to enjoy a pre-dinner aperitif or cocktail served by experienced bartenders in a peaceful and relaxing atmosphere. The wine cellar, hidden beneath the hotel's once-lost medieval tower, provides a unique and enchanting place to explore the hotel's collection of great Italian wines and priceless vintages.





## WEDDINGS, MEETINGS AND EVENTS

The Grand Hotel Continental boasts four of the most impressive halls in Siena: the Salone delle Feste, Sala Olimpia, Sala Gori and the Library. The hall are lavishly decorated with trompe l'oeil, 17th century frescoes and Murano glass chandeliers and provide the perfect backdrop for meetings, launches, banquets and weddings.

So whether it is for a grand occasion for 100 guests or an intimate get-together the hotel's highly trained professional events staff will ensure every event is pulled off to the highest calibre.



Theatre



Boardroom



U-Shape



Classroom

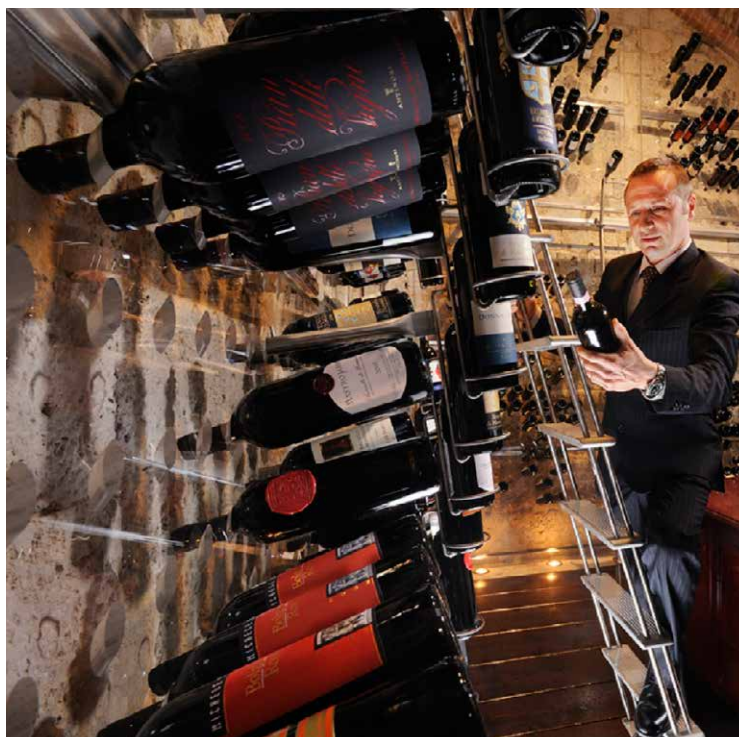


Banquet



Cabaret

SALONE DELLE FESTE	MAX CAP. 100	MAX CAP. 35	N/A	MAX CAP. 40	MAX CAP. 100	MAX CAP. 85
SALA OLIMPIA	N/A	MAX CAP. 18	N/A	N/A	MAX CAP. 18	N/A
SALA GORI	N/A	MAX CAP. 30	N/A	N/A	MAX CAP. 45	N/A
THE BIBLIOTECA	MAX CAP. 30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



## CONCIERGE

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### LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Head Concierge Nabile El Sayed and his team offer access to unique private tours including gourmet and vineyard excursions, cooking classes and truffle hunting. Further cultural tours including to nearby Florence can also be arranged with 24 hours' notice and at an additional cost.

### TRANSPORTATION

Siena central Railway station: 1 km  
Florence A Vespucci Airport: 50 km  
Pisa G. Galilei Airport: 100 km

### PARKING

Nearby private garage, preferential pricing for hotel guests, valet service for pick up and delivery.





## NIQUESA HOTELS & RESIDENCES

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Niquesa Hotels & Residences has carefully built up a collection of six historic, restored palazzi in some of Italy's most culturally important cities including Rome, Florence, Siena and Vicenza.

In 2014 the Royal Demeure hotel group re-branded to become Niquesa Hotels & Residences. The rebrand allowed the property elements harmonise with other aspects of the wider business including jewellery.

The group is privately owned by Italian Professor Luigi de Simone Niquesa, who started his career at the Hotel d'Inghilterra Rome and quickly rose through the ranks to General Manager. In 1987 the Professor recognised a huge opportunity with some of the noble homes of architectural importance in Italy. His entrepreneurial skills and ambition combined with an education in economics led him to begin the creation of an exclusive hotel collection, featuring properties situated at the heart of leading Italian cities renowned for their cultural heritage.

The brand's love of the good life is perfectly embodied in the collection's six deluxe boutique hotels. Each has its own inimitable character, and each exemplifies our Italian heritage through its elegant style and the way in which it warmly welcomes and personally serves its cherished guests.

These hotels have attained a balance between honour for their vestiges of ancient Italy and their celebration of modernity. They are temples of hospitality, representatives of Niquesa's artisan soul.

Niquesa's service philosophy comes from their worldly knowledge and personal experiences as a guest.

## MEDIA ENQUIRIES

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