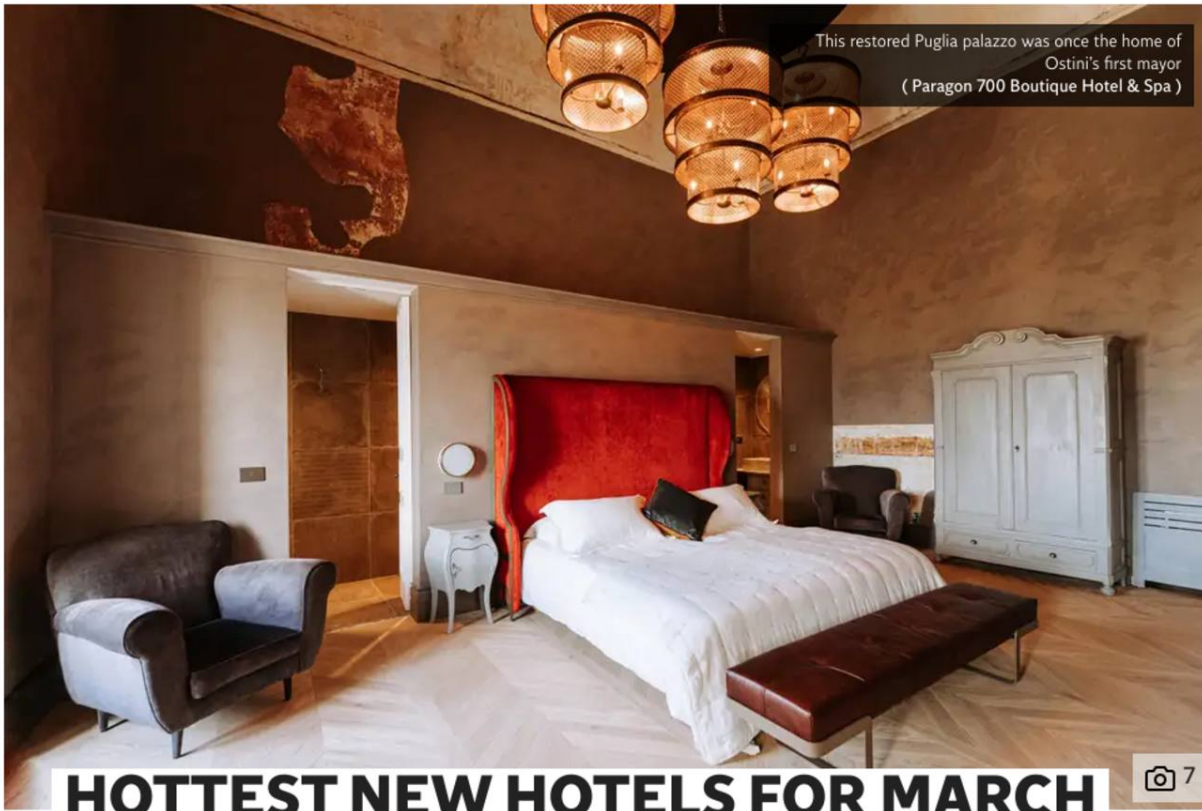




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From Siem Reap to Tuscany, here are this month's most eye-catching hotel openings

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This month sees the arrival of a plastic-free haven in temple hotspot Siem Reap, a restored Italian palace and library-turned-funky-hostel in Aarhus, Denmark.

Here are March's most interesting new hotels



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The latest Tuscan opening has a green and blue colour palette (The Sense Experience Resort)

Arriving in Tuscany's Maremma is a 112-room hotel, which takes heavy inspiration from its rugged natural surroundings. Ringed by 12 acres of parkland, thick with centuries-old trees, sandy dunes and bordering the Tyrrhenian Sea, the property's green and blue colour palettes mirror the pineland and ocean waves.

For aperitifs, there's Red Rabbit bar, followed by casual bites from a funky street food truck, buffets at Dimorà restaurant or posh multi-course dinners served on the sands. There's also a private dog-friendly beach, a heated pool and two golf courses a few minutes' drive away. Complimentary bikes are provided to pootle along hillside paths to medieval villages, and there are spots where you can go horse riding (the area's famed for it), sailing, scuba diving and kite surfing nearby.

*Rates from £86 per room per night based on 2 sharing
preferredhotels.com*

Paragon 700 Boutique Hotel & Spa, Ostuni, Italy



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Another interesting Italian opening is a restored palazzo rosso (red palace) in Puglia's Ostuni, half an hour's drive from Brindisi airport, that was once the home of the city's first mayor. Behind a bold red brick facade, traditional techniques have been employed to restore period frescoes and fireplaces in its 11 rooms, alongside South African sofas and French parquet flooring.

Each room is unique – some have terraces, others a balcony, and in the ritziest, a sunken bathtub. Food at Restaurant 700 comes courtesy of acclaimed chef Paulo Airaud, while innovative drinks are served up by Salvatore Vita.

Ostuni's main square is five minutes away, and there's a citrus grove and pool to retreat to after days spent on a motorbike tour, wine tasting or at sister beach club P-Beach in Specchiolla.

*Rooms from £250 based on two sharing on a B&B basis
paragon700.com*

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