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The Season of Quiet Openings

A dispatch of the hotels reshaping how we travel this autumn — from Venetian palazzos to a sailing yacht off Sardinia.

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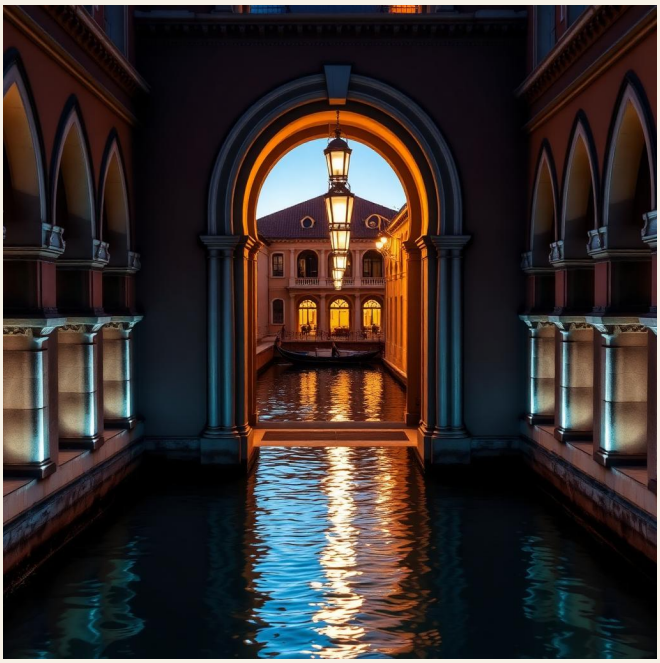
A note before you check in.

Dear traveller,

The most interesting hotels this year are not shouting. They are quietly reopening behind restored façades, folding new craftsmanship into old palazzos, and rewriting what a luxury stay can feel like when it is done with real intention.

In this issue, I have gathered the openings I am recommending most often to clients this autumn — properties that reward slow travel, deep conversation with a concierge, and a willingness to arrive by boat when you can.

— Daniela Paderi

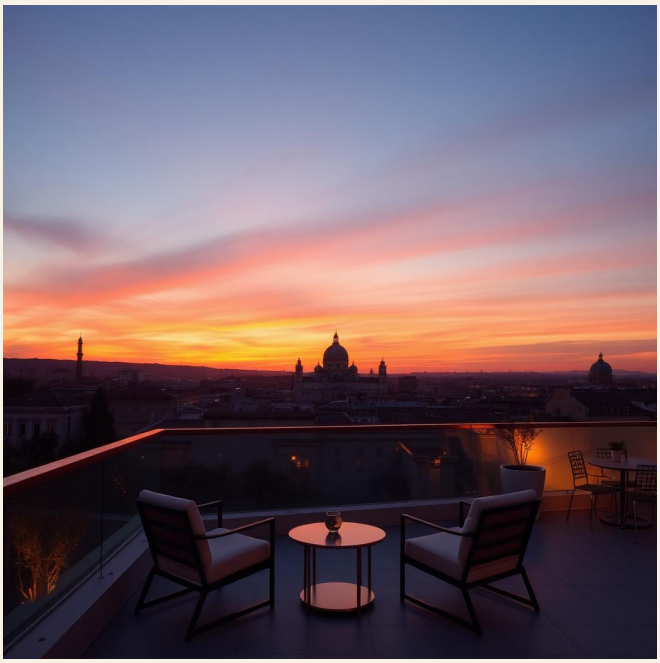


VENICE · REOPENING

Orient Express Venezia returns to Cannaregio

After an eight-year restoration, the fifteenth-century Palazzo Donà Giovannelli has reopened as a 47-room hotel. Aline Asmar d'Amman preserved the frescoed ceilings and Murano chandeliers, then layered in moiré silks and sculptural marble that feel unmistakably contemporary.

Ask for a canal-side suite and let the concierge arrange dinner in the hidden courtyard at La Casati — chef Heinz Beck's three-Michelin sensibility served under the stars.



ROME · NEW OPENING

La Minerva writes a new chapter beside the Pantheon

Once host to Melville, Stendhal, and George Sand, the seventeenth-century palazzo behind the Pantheon has reopened as Orient Express La Minerva — ninety-three rooms restored by Hugo Toro with quiet Art Deco flourishes and Rivolta Carmignani linens.

Book the rooftop for aperitivo. St Peter's dome sits framed in the golden hour like a private view painted just for you.



AT SEA · DEBUT

Corinthian — a 110-guest sailing yacht

The most compelling new hotel this year isn't a hotel at all. Designed by Maxime d'Angeac, Corinthian sails between Capri, Porto Cervo and Marseille with only 110 guests, six restaurants under Yannick Alléno, and a whisky speakeasy tucked beside a barbershop.

It is also the first luxury yacht built with SolidSail — a lighter wake, for those of us who care.

ALSO WORTH KNOWING

The short list.

Aman Rosa Alpina	Reopens in the Dolomites in December after two years dark.
Passalacqua, Lake Como	A new lakefront suite added for winter — book six months out.
Six Senses Milan	Opens in the historic Palazzo Cittadini Stampa in spring.
Cheval Blanc Seychelles	Now taking reservations for its first Indian Ocean property.

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Every itinerary I design is built the same way — around who you are, how you like to arrive, and the version of a place you want to remember.

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