

GRAND HOTEL PARKER'S, NAPLES

FLORENCE: LITTLE BLACK BOOK

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***Bazaar* reviews the elegant 5-star Grand Hotel Parker's in Naples, Italy**

A 'small luxury hotel of the world' (SLH), Grand Hotel Parker's is all about the finer details. From the impeccable service - *nothing* is too much for Parker's staff - to the Carthusia of Capri's scents that fill the hotel, this is one place that hasn't missed a trick. Grand yet welcoming and utterly romantic, this 82 room hotel is the perfect place to stay.

Why go?

Located in the quieter 'Chiaia' area of Naples, Grand Hotel Parker's is the city's hidden gem. A short walk from Amedeo train station and the upmarket shops of Chiaia, it has the perfect view over the city. Founded in 1870, it is one of the historical city's oldest and most beautiful hotels. It doesn't thrive on an ostentatious manifestation of five star luxury, but rather respects the history and traditions of the culture-rich city of Napoli.

What's the vibe?

Like a traditional Neapolitan home, but grander. The ceilings are high, the bathrooms are marble, and there are beautiful statues at every turn. There are rooms to cater to every need, whether you're looking for a secluded double room or a duplex suite (these really are spectacular.) Unforgettably, the sea view rooms have a view over the 'Lungomare', Naples' stretch of coastline that comes alive in the evening. You can stroll along here for a bite to eat or even just an ice-cream and the opportunity to absorb the beauty of the city's coastline.

Bazaar also got a sneak peak of the newly built rooftop terrace - an exquisite setting for anything from casual drinks to weddings. Guests will be able to relax amongst the lights and green grass of the rooftop, or appreciate the serenity of viewing the city from George Restaurant's balcony. And if, like many Neapolitans, any guests might find themselves tempted by a cigar, there is also the cigar corner complete with its own decadent atmosphere and cigar humidor. All you'll need is an aperitif and and some great company to match.



Best bit

That's a tricky one, but the food will have to win. A full English breakfast will never taste the same once you've experienced the hotel's morning spread (though the same could be said for the exquisite menu at dinner.) Freshly baked pastries including 'a riccia' and 'a frolla' - two of Naples' infamous breakfast pastries - are the perfect way to start the day and will leave you with a lasting impression of the city's rich culinary traditions. Dinner is

equally, if not more impressive. Here you'll find traditional dishes with a contemporary twist and in true Neapolitan style, there are four courses - antipasti, primi, secondi and dolci. Well, when in Naples...

What is there to do?

Where do we start. Walking the streets of Naples is the best way to get to know this magnificent city - every corner and 'Piazza' has its own charm. Well known for its beautiful Churches and Pizza, the city offers something truly incredible to see (or try) at every turn. Santa Chiara and San Domenico Maggiore are two of many splendid Churches and Da Michele, the city's most famous pizzeria, is an experience not to be missed.

If you like walking, it's a beautiful stroll down to Castel Dell'Ovo from Grand Hotel Parker's, where you'll be able to dine on the water surrounded by stunning views. And of course, there's the Vesuvio, with its imposing beauty and extraordinary history. Just be sure to plan this for the early hours or the climb to the top might just be a struggle.

Final verdict?

This hotel has it all - the charm, the elegance, the food and the view. *Bazaar* can't recommend it enough.

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