

VILLA MICHELANGELO VICENZA – STARHOTELS COLLEZIONE A heavenly retreat in the Berici Hills



The exclusive Villa Michelangelo Vicenza – Starhotels Collezione, the Venetian jewel of the Starhotels group, stands a short distance from the centre of Vicenza, in the small town of Arcugnano, on the slopes of the Berici Hills.

The hotel sits within an 18th-century building, originally the magnificent country residence of the Tomi family, who had it designed in Palladian style. From the Tomi family, it passed to the Osboli Counts, and in 1914, the villa was acquired by the Zilio family. In 1977 it was turned into its latest incarnation as Hotel Villa Michelangelo. With its refined elegance and the serene harmony of its shape, the villa attracted the most fashionable noble society of the 18th-century and became known for its fun and grandiose festivities organized during country vacations, even earning mention in Carlo Goldoni's theatrical works.

In line with the original style, high ceilings with exposed beams, antique furniture and traditional Venetian floors characterize the residence today. Over the last century, major renovations have been carried out to transform the villa into a beautifully preserved jewel. Authentic walnut fixtures, floor tiles and roof beams have been restored to their original splendor and adorn the magnificent structure, creating a refined rural ambiance.





This elegant villa, steeped in history, is getaway for those in search of tranquility and relaxation, away from the stress and strain of urban life. It has a unique structure, consisting of a central body and two side wings with Doric columns that are symmetrically completed by two turrets.

Around the villa is a five-hectare park dotted with centenary trees and magnificent olive groves. Over the centuries, noble women have strolled along these paths for the simple pleasure of walking without aim, soaking in the idyllic rural setting. In the beautiful park today, one can still see many of the original 19th-century trees.

Surrounded by olive groves and sofly rollingt hills, guests can relax in the swimming pool, which can be covered with a retractable enclosure and serve as the perfect setting for special events and functions, together with the panoramic terrace and loggia.



Immersed in the lush Venetian landscape, the hotel is the perfect base for a holiday in search of culture, relaxation and flavor, and the strategic starting point to discover the many attractions of the Veneto region.

In just a few minutes, guests can reach Vicenza and admire Palladio's works of art, a Renaissance master who influenced the history of architecture in subsequent centuries, all the way to present day. As Goethe wrote: the wonderful buildings "fill the eyes and satisfy the spirit" and earned the city UNESCO World Heritage recognition in 1994.





The hotel is perfectly located for a journey that begins in Venice and ends in Padua, via the numerous Palladian style villas spread throughout the countryside. Real open-air museums, these buildings transform the province into a constellation of art that celebrates the history of architecture from the 16th to the 19th century.

From Hotel Villa Michelangelo, you can easily reach Venice and discover its rich history and beauty, from St. Mark's Square, the pulsing centre of Venetian life with its famous cafés, to the Ponte di Rialto, ending with a tour on the Grand Canal.

Verona is another must see city. One of the most romantic in the world, it was immortalised by William Shakespeare in Romeo and Juliet and its Arena is the stage for many important musicals and theatre performances.

The hotel is just 30km from Padua, therefore guests can stop for a visit at the 14th-century Scrovegni Chapel, one of Giotto's masterpieces. Other art and culinary centres worth seeing are Bassano del Grappa, with its museums, and Marostica, renowned for its castle overlooking the village below.

With Venice's Marco Polo Airport just 85km away, Hotel Villa Michelangelo can also be easily reached by train or car using the high-speed rail network or the nearby highway.

Rooms & Suites

The 18th-century tradition called for the amazing architecture of Hotel Villa Michelangelo to reflect the magnificence of the noble family that resided within. This concept is reflected in the hotel's rooms and suites through their high ceilings, antique furniture and breathtaking views of a landscape.

Hotel Villa Michelangelo welcomes guests with its 46 rooms and 6 suites, exposed beam ceilings, Venetian "seminato" floors, exquisite marble bathrooms and balconies with sweeping panoramic views.

The period furnishings, with their understated refinement, are in perfect tune with the relaxed beauty of the natural surroundings. The luxurious fabrics, numerous 18th-century architectural features and distinctive personality of each room offer guests an exclusive and one-of-a-kind experience.

True noble dwellings, the suites evoke the fascinating scenery of *Barry Lyndon*, the 18th-century period drama directed by Stanley Kubrick: the airy ambiance, the sophisticated luxury and a refined service complement a hospitality that is worthy of a prince.





The rooms at Hotel Villa Michelangelo, with their original marble, parquet or carpet floors, are equipped with every comfort.

With their beautiful balconies overlooking the large park and the hills, the rooms and suites are the ideal hideaway for a stay immersed in art and nature, surrounded by beautiful architecture and by an unforgettable landscape.

At guests' disposal, the **Handy Smarthphone** service which offers them the possibility to have a free and unlimited Internet connection and international calls, as well as useful information on means of transport, events not to be missed during their stay, and to be always in contact with the hotel.



Executive Suites

The spacious and luxurious Executive Suites feature elegant décor and luxurious amenities. Stylishly furnished, with precious antiques and exquisite fabrics, they feature marble bathrooms as well as private balconies with panoramic views stretching out from the hotel's park and the lush green hills of Vicenza to the mountains on the horizon. Executive Suites can be connected with Deluxe Double Rooms to create an even larger space for families or groups.







Suites

The Suites are 2-level apartments, light-filled and airy, with the living room on the ground floor and the bedroom on the first. Each Suite is furnished with exquisite antique furniture and features a luxurious marble bathroom and an elegant balcony overlooking the enchanting landscape.







Deluxe Double

The Deluxe Double rooms offer a privileged view over the grounds thanks to their large windows, which flood the spaces with light. The interiors have been carefully designed and a great deal of attention lavished on even the smallest details, with the objective of creating room with a sense of understated, functional luxury. The rooms also include an appealing relaxation area, complete with armchairs and a table. Other features include wood-beamed ceilings, a marble bathroom, one double bed (or two single beds) and a unique color scheme in the furnishings and fabrics.







Superior Double

The decor and fittings of the Superior Double rooms conjure the original atmosphere of an 18th-century country house, with a stylish mix of colours and decor. The feeling of wellbeing that infuses these rooms is enhanced by the modern facilities and the panoramic views.

RISTORANTE LA LOGGIA The flavour of Venetian tradition at Hotel Villa Michelangelo

The cuisine of Veneto is ingredient-driven, like all of Italy's gastronomy, and can count on a trove of distinctive products. Particularly notable, among vegetables, are white asparagus and radicchio. Rice, polenta and game meats are recurring stars in many of the region's specialties, accompanied as they are by the most flavorful local products. Veneto can also boast some of Italy's most interesting grape varietals and wines, like Merlot, Pinot Bianco, Cabernet and Prosecco.

Overlooking the Berici Hills, **La Loggia** is Hotel Villa Michelangelo's charming restaurant, famous for its history and passion for good food.

An expression of quality, elegance and refinement, La Loggia restaurant is a sensorial continuum of the hotel: 4 rooms featuring fireplaces, marble floors and exposed beams, with big windows overlooking the villa's lush grounds and a panoramic terrace with sweeping views of the Berici Hills.





The same calling for excellence is expressed in its superlative cuisine, which is served with the class and style worthy of the aristocracy that lived here for centuries. The restaurant's loggia is particularly enchanting, a true winter garden immersed in lemon and orange trees.



La Loggia's menu combines centuries of rich Venetian food and wine history. The finest ingredients are combined in delicious local recipes, revisited with creative touches by the Chef. Behind every dish made in La Loggia's kitchen are the secrets of Vicenza's culinary tradition, combined with a passion for good food and the mastery of the chef's craft.

By working with local producers, La Loggia offers guests genuine seasonal products, contextualized in their area of production and entirely local, for quality guarantee, including *Vicente DOP sopressa salami*, *black truffles from the Berici Hills*, *Fiolaro di Creazzo broccoli*, the many species of *trout* bred in Vicenza's valleys and the traditional *Asiago cheeses*.

The menu enhances the recipes of the Venetian tradition, like *baccalà alla vicentina*. A lot of products are produced in-house, from our homemade bread, served hot and fragrant, to our fresh pastas and ravioli, to the cakes served for breakfast, afternoon tea or at the end of each meal.

The refined menu, impeccable service and ambience make this villa the perfect setting for banquets, ceremonies, cocktail events and business lunches.







In the morning, a rich American buffet breakfast is served in the restaurant area and during the warm season guests can enjoy it on the panoramic terrace, a stunning location, relaxing and revitalizing.

La Loggia restaurant is open every day from 7:00 to 10:30 am for breakfast, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm for lunch/brunch, and from 7:30 to 10:00 pm for dinner.

LA LOGGIA BAR

Whether you're returning from a walk in the villa's park, a trip to Vicenza, a refreshing dip in the pool or a game on the golf course, **La Loggia Bar** is the ideal place for a drink in good company or a relaxing moment alone.

The winter fireplace and elegant leather seats conjure a sense of timeless charm, providing the perfect setting to rest and recharge. The atmosphere is cozy and inviting at any hour of the day with plenty of privacy and silence for business travelers. With its beautiful interiors and exteriors, overlooking the Berici Hills, the bar features ample spaces and warm and welcoming colours, perfect for an afternoon tea reading a book or a refreshing summer cocktail.

The bar offers a wide range of grappa and local spirits, and, from May to September, also provides poolside service.





THE MEETINGS ROOMS AND THEATRE OF HOTEL VILLA MICHELANGELO A princely setting for unforgettable events

Created to represent the high social standing of the aristocratic families that resided here, Hotel Villa Michelangelo's spaces are meticulously furnished to cater to all kinds of events, business lunches, ceremonies or meetings. The choice ranges from the magnificent setting of the large garden surrounded by the tree-filled park to the 11 charming meetings rooms, with their fireplaces, marbles and quality furnishings, perfect for meetings, conventions and cocktail parties. During the summer months, the events can also be hosted in the outside space in front of La Loggia Restaurant.

The 11 rooms, ranging from 33 to 400 m2, all have natural light and can accommodate up to 300 people. A well-established team of experienced staff can take care of the design, set up and realisation of customisable options to meet every need. All the rooms have everything necessary for hosting successful events, including audio-visual equipment, microphones with an amplification system and a video projector with computer connection.

Gran Salone

Hotel Villa Michelangelo's Gran Salone, the largest space in the hotel, is perfect for any event thanks to its natural elegance highlighted by its delicate colours, clever lighting and beautiful views of the garden. The 400 m² Gran Salone can host up to 300 people for business meetings and large receptions, and consists of three connecting meetings rooms, all lit by natural light.

Sala Michelangelo

Warm and refined in winter, this sunny space opens in the summer onto the panoramic terrace with the pool, making it ideal for luxurious indoor-outdoor events. The original floors are in marble, technologically advanced and, thanks to the large windows, the garden's light spills into the heart of the room. It can accommodate up to 120 people in its 165 m². The adjacent rooftop terrace is equipped with a stage that can accommodate bands or other entertainment.

Sala Goldoni

Carved from the Gran Salone and used for the villa's 18th-century parties, the Sala Goldoni was named after the great playwriter whose plays in Venetian dialect made light of the old aristocracy's passion for luxury and entertainment. With an area of 148 m², Sala Goldoni can accommodate up to 90 people for a banquet and offers a refined atmosphere that combines charm and functionality.





Sala Tomi

A private and intimately luxurious space, the Sala Tomi was named to honour the noble family that built the villa. Ideal for any type of event, from receptions to private parties, the room is 72 m² and can accommodate up to 50 people.

Sala Teatro

This room is a true theatre, an enchanting place that has come to represent the hotel, making it a prestigious lovemark, unique in its kind. The villa's 18th century owners, the Tomi family, commissioned the Sala Teatro to enjoy theatre productions, and it has preserved its charm of centuries past throughout its 101 m². The ceiling is characterized by exposed beams and the walls are decorated with stuccoes and Murano glass chandeliers, while luxurious drapes frame the windows and proscenium.

Sala Caminetto

The small and enchanting Sala Caminetto welcomes guests in a reserved and exclusive setting, promising complete privacy. Elegant period furnishings, exposed beams, Venetian terrazzo flooring and a small fireplace offer the warmth, charm and intimacy that a small private event requires, whether it's a high-profile meeting or a special dinner. The room measures 33 m² and accommodates up to 18 people.

Sala Loggia

The loggia that was once strolled by the ladies and knights of the 18th century is now a cornerstone of unparalleled charm for exclusive events. With its exposed beams, large Murano glass chandeliers and Venetian terrazzo flooring, the lounge is the ideal setting for banquets and cocktails and is made unforgettable by one of the most sweeping and beautiful views of the garden in the entire villa. It measures 33 m² and accommodates up to 40 people.

Sala Melograno

The Sala Melograno, with its 60 m², welcomes guests in a unique setting. Clever restoration has brought new splendour to the original building with wide arches and Venetian terrazzo floors. The careful choice of antique furnishings and lighting creates a charming chiaroscuro effect to paint a stylish and homely atmosphere, ideal for banquets and cocktails.





Sala Portico

Once the *barchessa*, a typical rural outbuilding in Venetian villas, this large porch with exposed beams is characterized by ample sliding windows that eliminate any boundary between the elegant interior and the outdoor garden awash with citrus fruits, olive trees and pomegranates. The Sala Portico is 200 m², ideal for receptions, cocktails and happy hour and can accommodate up to 120 people.

WEDDINGS

The enchanting view, the timeless atmosphere and the richness of history make this 18th- century villa the perfect setting for an unforgettable "I do". It all starts with a light buffet in the garden overlooking the valley, followed by the wedding reception in one of the beautiful rooms of the renowned La Loggia Restaurant, and ends with a poolside drink and music. At the disposal of the bride and groom is an high-level service and a team of talented professionals to take care of every detail.

Wedding Suite

Beauty, refined luxury and sense of wellness are the ingredients of the aristocratic Wedding Suites, reserved for the bride and groom on their wedding night. With a separate living area, the suites have beautiful stained glass windows overlooking the garden and the park and offer a warm welcome with refined furnishings, priceless fabrics, marble bathrooms and an impeccable and discreet service.

Wedding Planner

Leave nothing to chance and let someone take care of every detail, with a wedding planner available upon request. A skilled and competent professional, the wedding planner guides future spouses through their wedding day with the precision, creativity and competence of an events planner who can turn the most important day of a couple's life into an unforgettable sequence of perfect moments.

THE GARDEN, THE PARK AND THE POOL Places to relax and spend the warm summer days in a unique way

Surrounded by green hills, Hotel Villa Michelangelo enjoys spectacular views, immersed in five hectares of private park with centuries-old trees and magnificent olive groves that make the villa the ideal place to relax and enjoy the great outdoors.

The **park** enjoys the welcome shade of centuries-old trees, including old pomegranates and cedars and an olive grove that has existed since the 19th century, already depicted in period cadastral maps.





In addition to the garden, the hotel features a generous **swimming pool** with comfortable sunloungers on the semi-private terraces, allowing guests to swim and relax discreetly during the warmest hours of the day, and tables where they can sip a cocktail by candlelight after dinner, looking out on the Berici Hills.

From May to September, Hotel Villa Michelangelo opens the outdoor swimming pool to its guests and also to public access, for a day of relax away from the chaos of the city and surrounded by the beautiful countryside of Vicenza. Surrounded by a centuries-old olive grove, the large swimming pool can be transformed into an exclusive setting for cocktails and happy hour, accompanied by a DJ, band or other entertainment on the large stage. The pool area has a bar and a retractable cover used during bad weather or the cooler season.



The swimming pool is open from 10am to 8pm with option of dining at La Loggia Restaurant - at a preferred rate for the outside public - where the executive chef recreates Vicenza's culinary history with the best quality ingredients.

GOLF AND OTHER ACTIVITIES LOCATED AROUND HOTEL VILLA MICHELANGELO A day of sports and fun

For those who don't want to miss out on their favourite sports while on vacation, Hotel Villa Michelangelo can organise a day on the green at the nearby **Colli Berici Golf Club** or at the many others located around the hotel.





Located just 12km from the villa, it's open all year round and hotel's guests can enjoy discounted rates for their green fee and cart rental. The club sits among the hills of the municipalities of Brendola and Altavilla and has an 18-hole course that is particularly appreciated by experienced players. The first nine holes, facing the Padana plain, soak up the beauty of the Lessini Mountains and the Little Dolomites, while the second nine are surrounded by a dense and calming oak, hornbeam and chestnut forest. The Golf Club is located in an ideal position, both for the scenic landscape setting between the Berici Hills and for easy access to the Montecchio Maggiore motorway exit, just a short distance from the Old Town of Vicenza.

Just a few kilometres from Hotel Villa Michelangelo, the **Asiago Golf Club** is considered one of the most beautiful mountain courses in Europe. It stretches along a path with incredible views, in a green oasis of tranquillity, ideal for golf but also for a leisurely stroll.

Guests at Hotel Villa Michelangelo can also easily reach the Vicenza Golf Club, just few minutes from the centre of Vicenza. Small lakes, used to make the game more difficult, are interspersed throughout the course, which harmoniously blends into the natural beauty around the city. Keep an eye out for the green herons and other migratory birds that stop along the banks to rest.

For a full day of sport, head to **Golf della Montecchia** near Padua, a golf club that's easy to reach from the city centre and motorway tollbooths.

In less than two hours, other fantastic golf clubs can be found including the Consorzio Lago di Garda, where players can soak up the pleasant climate of the area. There's also the **Terme di Galzignano golf club**, with its 9-hole course surrounded by the Euganean hills, which is a good alternative if guests also want to make a pit stop at one of Europe's most important thermal resorts, just a few kilometres from Venice.

All around the hotel, the Veneto landscape, from Vicenza to Verona, from Padua to Venice, offers incredible shopping opportunities, allowing guests to bring home the colours, scents and flavours of this amazing land.

From Hotel Villa Michelangelo guests can visit Vicenza Fiera, the trade fair located in the city centre and known for the world-famous and high-end jewellery trade show: **VicenzaOro**. For those interested in visiting it, the hotel offers a dedicated shuttle service.





One can also visit the Civic Art Gallery of Palazzo Chiericati, the Natural History Museum, the Risorgimento and Resistance Museum, the Italian Galleries of Palazzo Leoni Montanari, the Diocesan Museum and the Palladio Museum.

The Wine Road of the Berici Hills takes tourists staying in the heart of the Veneto territory to discover the tastes of the countryside and products made exclusively in this area, from wine to salami, cheeses and oil.

The Hotel Villa Michelangelo "Hall of Fame"

These are some of the many Italian and international celebrities who have stayed at Villa Michelangelo Vicenza – Starhotels Collezione:

Queen Noor of Jordan

Sara Ferguson, Dutchess of York

Joaquin Navarro Vals, (Holy See Press Office)

Diego Armando Maradona

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Monica Guerritore

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