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Majestic allure in Trieste

Located in the heart of Trieste, **Savoia Excelsior Palace Trieste – Starhotels Collezione** is a magnificent seafront luxury hotel with views over the Gulf and Riva del Mandracchio, facing Palazzo dei Congressi and the Maritime Station, with one side of the building overlooking Piazza dell'Unità d'Italia.

Described as "*the most important and luxurious hotel in the Austro-Hungarian Empire*" at the time of its original opening in June 1911, to this date Savoia Excelsior, with its impressive white façade gazing over the endless views of the Adriatic Sea, is a perfect expression of the majestic, refined, sumptuous, and unequalled style of the turn-of-the-century *Grand Hotel*, that immediately evokes all the Mitteleuropean splendor.

The hotel offers a wide range of services designed to enhance guests stay in the heart of Trieste. From 24-hour room service to valet parking, Wi-Fi, concierge and a fitness room. There is also a quiet library, perfect for reading, relaxing and listening to music, as well as for an informal meeting or a regenerating aperitivo.

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A legendary hotel: history, restoration and design

Originally built in 1911 in order to accommodate the Hapsburg court and dignitaries attending the launch of the new flagship of the Austro-Hungarian Navy, the hotel was designed by the Austrian architect Ladislaus Fiedler, who used ultramodern materials for that period, such as reinforced concrete. The Palace became known as the "Ocean Liner Hotel" owing to its privileged position in front of the Ocean Terminal, and on the occasion of the first arrival in Trieste of the Italian King Vittorio Emanuele III on 3rd November 1918, the prefix Savoy was added to the hotel's name which definitely became Savoia Excelsior Palace.
Designed to be the ideal *Grand Hotel*, it instantly became a model for other hotels. Throughout its history, its guests have included aristocrats, artists and diplomats, as well as the tourist elite visiting Trieste by land or sea, on their "Grand Tour" to or from northern Europe.

Reopened in 2009 after almost 3 years of complete restoration under the guidance of the Regional Directorate for Cultural Heritage and Landscape and with the cooperation of local institutions, the Savoia Excelsior Palace exudes *Grand Hotel* charm through numerous prestigious details.
The main purpose of the refurbishment was to restore this monumental and historical building respecting the original style, endowing the city with a splendid symbol of an epoch as well as an ideal location for official receptions, when Trieste was reinforcing its position as a renowned international tourist destination.

Various parts of the facade have been restored: the mosaics in the upper section were cleaned and conserved. New pieces to replace those missing were created by the Orsoni furnace in Venice.

The Belle Époque stained glass windows on the grand staircase were dismantled, cleaned, given new lead seals, reassembled, secured and brought back to their original grandeur. The embossed metalwork forming the two entrances of the lobby lifts underwent a delicate color restoration, adjusting the parts that had lost their original tone and differentiating the various alloys. The metal parts of the grand staircase's handrails and banisters were also restored to enhance their original decorative detail. The stucco decorations on the frescoes of the great halls' ceilings on the ground floor and the lobby were also recovered and the colors, which had faded with time, returned to their original splendor. The resulting effect is a spectrum of well-defined, warm hues and colors brought to life by the direct sunlight that pours in through the large windows, transporting guests in the luxurious atmosphere of a bygone era.

More than 60 period pieces of furniture and decor were fully restored, according to the original drawings made for the Savoia Excelsior Palace between 1910 and 1912. Chairs, console tables in Liberty-style, mirrors, chests with inlaid rosewood and gold leaf finish as well as bronze decorations have returned to their former glory thanks to the expertise of Florentine restoration specialists.

Rooms & Suites

The 144 rooms and suites of the Savoia Excelsior Palace have been recently restyled to further enhance decor, services and comfort. Particular attention was given to the smallest details, from the monogrammed velvet cushions to the bolsters, from the matching tassels and fringes to the precious Calacatta marble of the bathrooms: everything has been carefully designed to create luxurious spaces that exude calm and imperial serenity.

Furnished in classical style with contemporary touches, the rooms feature subtly poudré colors, luxurious materials and upholstery in delicate pastel hues: they are quiet waterfront oases, perfect for relaxing with the sound of the rolling waves as the only backdrop. Many offer breathtaking views of the beautiful panorama of the Gulf of Trieste, extending almost as far as the Castello di Miramare.

Presidential Suite

The enchanting Presidential Suites are designed to offer an unforgettable stay in the heart of Trieste. In their generous 75 sqm interiors, guests can enjoy both the elegant, spacious lounge, luxuriously decorated with sophisticated furnishings and exquisite fabrics, and sublime sea-view from the terrace. The large bedroom has a soft king-size goose-feather bed, while the Calacatta marble bathroom includes a bathtub, a hydromassage shower and prestigious toiletries.

Suite

Perhaps no other rooms evoke the Savoia Excelsior Palace's old *Grand Hotel* splendor better than the Suites. These are veritable apartments overlooking the sea that can transform a weekend or a holiday in Trieste into a unique experience. Every detail is carefully conceived to offer guests the most luxurious comfort in a supremely elegant setting, blending classic elegance and contemporary details with opulent fabrics and prestigious furnishings. The Suites have a separate living room and a large Calacatta marble bathroom with a wide selection of sophisticated toiletries.

Junior Suite

Carefully designed down to the smallest detail, the 8 Junior Suites are ideal for a holiday or a business trip in Trieste. Measuring 30 sqm, they comprise an ample lounge area with parlor, a night area with soft goose-feather bed, a luxurious and elegant marble bathroom and a furnished terrace with a beautiful view of the historic port.

Family Room

Spacious and comfortable, the Family Room is a cozy refuge for those who travel in style and demand the finest hospitality not only for themselves, but also for their children. With Starhotels's "V.I.K. Very Important Kids" service, the youngest guests (under 16 years) will receive their own welcome kit featuring amenities, surprises and tips.

Restaurant & Bar

The lobby, facing the sea and inundated with natural light, offers the perfect setting for the **Savoy** restaurant, the ideal destination for a light lunch or a refined à la carte dinner.

The restaurant's signature cuisine is creative, with a nod to local traditional gems. The chef selects the finest ingredients and artisanal producers, favoring short supply chains.

Executive Chef Andrea Stoppari – a true Trieste native, thirty-seven years old, half of which spent in the kitchens of the best Italian hotels – ties his cooking philosophy to the territory and local traditions. His menu, based on captivating local best products, focuses on fish and seasonal ingredients, proposing dishes like *Seabass tartare with ginger guacamole*, *Cuttlefish julienne over a purple-potato and green-asparagus mousse* or the quintessential *Wiener schnitzel with paprika potatoes*, a homage to Trieste's Austro-Hungarian past.
The restaurant serves delicious homemade pasta dishes, ranging from Gragnano to traditional southern Italian, with sauces inspired by Mediterranean flavours. Last but not least, the delicious selection of freshly made pastries and desserts.

The wine list is a treasure chest of mostly local wine varieties, native from producers of the Italian and Slovenian Collio.

Savoy is open from 7.00 to 10.30 am for breakfast, from 12.30 am to 2.30 pm for lunch and from 7.30 to 10.30 pm for dinner.

Le Rive Lounge Bar

With its original scalloped ceiling, its grand windows overlooking the sweeping Gulf and its exquisite furnishings which recall the hotel's Imperial splendor, the **Le Rive Lounge** bar is one of the most renowned cafés in Trieste.
In an elegant and sophisticated yet relaxed and cosmopolitan atmosphere, it offers an internationally inspired cocktail menu ranging from the classic Martini to the contemporary Cosmopolitan. As the tradition of the nearby Collio area dictates, the bar offers a varied selection of wines by the glass, an array of local grape varieties and an excellent list of spirits with some outstanding cognac, whiskey and grappa special reserves for an after-dinner toast in style. It is a place to savour for all its pleasures, including aperitifs, with delicious selections of appetizers reflecting the quality of the cuisine offered by the Savoy restaurant.
A meeting point for visitors and locals alike, it is equally ideal for a quick coffee, a light snack, a relaxing afternoon tea, an aperitif or a nightcap.
Le Rive Lounge bar is open from 10.30 am to midnight.

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Meeting Rooms

Strategically located on the waterfront, in the center of Trieste, the Savoia Excelsior Palace is the ideal location for meetings, wedding receptions and other functions whether private or for business.

Nine well suited **meeting rooms**, ranging from 29 to 240 m2 to host business meetings, conferences, formal events, wedding receptions, cocktail parties or galas. Some of them are adjacent and can be joined, depending on the number of guests, to ensure the best experience possible combined with impeccable service. For high-level meetings that demand the utmost discretion, the hotel also has several private rooms of a more intimate size. Particularly notable are the two meeting rooms overlooking the winter garden, where natural light and the unexpected view create a unique environment.

All the meeting rooms are well lit by generous windows that let natural light flood in and elegantly decorated with frescoed ceilings, refined boiserie, and impressive antique chandeliers.

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Fitness Room

No truly luxurious hotel is complete without a proper Fitness Room – and the Savoia Excelsior Palace is no exception.
The Fitness Room, open every day from 6 am to 10 pm, features state of the art equipment for the ultimate workout: Technogym machines, Smart TVs, surround audio system, locker room and showers.
Guests are welcome to reserve the Relax Area where special treatments can be booked.

Respect for the environment and a green approach

At Savoia Excelsior Palace being ecologically sustainable is a priority. Here 100% of grey water is recycled into hygienic water in conformity with bathing water quality parameters. Energy is saved by using low environmental impact co-generators, a high efficiency heating system with low acoustic and gas emissions and LED illumination technology.

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