



# Palazzo Grillo

*Genova  
Liguria*

*Nestled within the fascinating streets of the caruggi of the historic centre of Genova, Palazzo Grillo is the perfect destination from which to explore this rich and vibrant city, steeped in heritage and cultural delights.*



Dating back to 1545 one cannot fail to be impressed on entering this beautiful building awash with a fascinating history, exceptional architectural features and an atmosphere of calm, serenity, the ultimate in style and a really special secret hideaway amidst the narrow streets of Genova's centro storico.

The palazzo, property of Grillo's family, was enlarged and decorated at the behest of Domenico Grillo in 1545 with stunning frescoes, marbles and architectural pieces including the monumental staircase in the entrance hall, the Palazzo Grillo represented a typical example of the Genoese aristocracy of the sixteenth century. Noted also for its picturesque cycles (since carefully restored), its frescoes by Giovanni Battista Castello called Bergamasco and later, interiors of the '600s by Domenica Piola including the breathtaking vaults and interiors. The palazzo was sadly abandoned for several decades in recent times until a splendid restructuring began in 2013. The result of this highly prized project is now an extremely tasteful hotel where careful restoration and interiors have been incorporated to return Palazzo Grillo to its former glory. Old has been thoughtfully and sympathetically combined with more contemporary (not an easy task) to really please today's discerning traveler.

The Reception, the Hall and small halls of the first floor, and the exhibition area of Palazzo Grillo located on the first floor, are richly decorated with full cycles of frescoes in grotesque style painted by Bergamasco from 1560 onwards. The frescoes illustrate scenes from the Eliade and stories of Greek mythology and one can admire the magnificence of the decoration from the moment one enters the reception, and walks up the marble staircase to the Sala del Camino and Clelia Hall on the second floor. Clelia Hall is usually open to hotel guests who can enjoy this suggestive lounge with a well-stocked design library in which to relax immersed in history or work in a welcoming and airy space.

Each of the twenty five suites and rooms is different with its own particular style and character. The historical rooms of the antique Palazzo have vaulted and wooden ceilings, frescoes, small recesses, slate portals and terracotta floors of 1500s. The interior designer was curated by Joseph



Grima, famous architect who is now in charge as Director of Italian Design Museo of Triennale Milano. Each room has been cleverly designed and 'shaped' according to the original structure of the Palazzo and in strict keeping with all regulations and contemporary interiors and state of the art bathrooms artistically and inventively incorporated. Here at Palazzo Grillo guests can enjoy comfort and an artistic modern flair (including a really excellent organic toiletries producer) within an ancient and much respected property steeped in history.



Up on the top floor is the fabulous breakfast room with roof terrace with splendid views over the rooftops and many historical landmarks of Genova including the Campanile delle Vigne. Breakfast is such a pleasurable experience sitting up here and enjoying the exquisite choice of natural products available including fresh Ligurian focaccia, fresh juices, homemade pastries and, of course, the kick of strong Italian coffee!

Walk out the door of Palazzo Grillo and one has all the wonders of fantastic Genova at one's feet! Here, one can walk everywhere and there is so much to discover, to take in and to enjoy. Artisan shops, numerous small bars and eateries, hidden treasures, stunning architecture and the port of course. The best way to discover and understand Genova, however, is undoubtedly with a private guide and this will completely add to one's complete experience.

The staff at Palazzo Grillo are absolutely charming and nothing is too much trouble and ...there are also other delightful surprises that await one at Palazzo Grillo – but those remain a secret for you to discover when you visit this magical little Genoese treasure!

## Information

### The Service

- Bed & Breakfast
- Transfer to/from Airport and Train Station or other destinations
- Shuttle to/from Parking with characteristic Ape Calessino
- Organization private city tour with guide
- Organization day tour by boat and bicycle

### The Accommodation

- 25 Bedrooms comprising Suites, Junior Suites, Deluxe Luxury, Deluxe, & Classic (each offering its own character and style)

### General

- Salone Clelia (ideal for meetings) with Saletta Domenico Piola (for up to 65 people and ideal for a cocktail party or similar)
- Sala con Camino (with frescoes as a private art gallery and available as rental for prestigious events)
- Roof terrace and breakfast room
- Free WiFi throughout
- Dogs welcome



### Local Interest

- Historic Genova
- Camogli
- Portofino
- San Fruttuoso with its ancient Benedictine Abbey
- Chiavari, boat trips, private guide,

### Airports

- Genova Cristoforo Colombo 10 mins





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