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The best hotels in the Dolomites

Northeastern Italy's charming mountain region is home to some extraordinary properties

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South Tyrol is a land of dramatic landscapes characterised by jagged snowcapped peaks, dense woodlands, Alpine meadows and soft valleys home to charming villages such as Cortina d'Ampezzo, Ortisei and Brixen.

This Italian region preserves an ancient allure deeply rooted in Alpine traditions and a commitment to sustainability. It's a Narnia-esque landscape that treasures natural wonders from the Tre Cime di Lavaredo to Lago di Braies, Alpe di Siusi and the Marmolada Glacier: it comes as no surprise that the Dolomites were proclaimed a UNESCO World Heritage Site for their unparalleled beauty and attraction for adventurers and travellers alike.

From dreamy retreats to cosy townhouses, these are the best hotels in the Dolomites for your next escape.



Miramonti Boutique Hotel

An Alpine spa retreat with jaw-dropping valley views, this mountain hideaway is one of the best-looking hotels in Italy. Set in the Dolomites, overlooking Merano, it's more clean-cut Scandi than trad chalet. The whole place pivots around the views – the glass-walled Panorama restaurant lives up to its name, bedrooms have soaring windows and the outdoor pool tips over the mountainside. It is booked out year round, but in winter eager snow bunnies come for skiing at nearby Merano 2000, followed by a stint in the Finnish sauna and onsen or a spell in the spa.

Rooms are warm and soft, using lots of pine, oak and moody Nordic colours. There are three restaurants – Klassik for a foraged breakfast, Panorama for smart twists on Austrian and Italian classics, and wood-panelled Stube for hefty mountain staples. *Rosalyn Wikeley*