



RESIDENZA NAPOLEONE, ROME

The Residenza Napoleone is unique—not least of all because Emperor Napoleon III lived here in 1830. This exquisitely restored suite is in the sixteenth-century Palazzo Ruspoli, at the other end of the Via dei Condotti from the Piazza di Spagna. Coffered wooden ceilings soar, accommodating an immense Gobelin tapestry in the sitting room and six huge landscapes in the bedroom—one the headboard of the sumptuous silk-canopied bed and two others camouflaging doors to a small Siena-marble bath and a walk-in dressing area that leads to a kitchenette. Art, antiques, and the drama of history are as pervasive as the family silver, but the overall effect is remarkably welcoming and unpretentious. The credit goes to owner Princess Letizia Ruspoli, who has stocked it with everything from disposable car plugs (totally unnecessary) to classical CDs and classic films set in Rome. The unobtrusive butler anticipates every whim, whether lighting a fire in the dining room hearth or providing a delightful surprise at turndown. (Note that the Palazzo Ruspoli also houses a charming modern penthouse flooded with sun from windows on three sides and surrounded by terraces amid the Roman rooftops; its mansard roof makes it cozy but cramped.) **When to go:** Anytime you're celebrating a very special event. **Which room to book:** Need we say it? The Residenza Napoleone. (39-347-733-7098; www.prestigiousrome.com; \$1,460).