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### **Hotel Bristol Palace in Genoa Selected for the 2023 Top 25 Historic Hotels Worldwide® Most Magnificent Ceilings and Domes List**

29<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Genoa, Italy — Hotel Bristol Palace is pleased to announce that it has been selected for [The 2023 Top 25 Historic Hotels Worldwide® Most Magnificent Ceilings and Domes List](#), a celebration of the artistry and architecture of 25 historic hotels around the world. This semi-annual list is produced by [Historic Hotels Worldwide](#), an official program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation (United States) for promoting and recognizing authentic historic hotels.

The 2023 Top 25 Historic Hotels Worldwide® Most Magnificent Ceilings and Domes List chronicles ornate ceilings and domes including some of the world's finest surviving examples of historic stained glass, painted frescoes, hand-painted wallpaper, elaborate stucco, stenciled wood, and gold leaf. Visitors at the hotels selected for this list can experience and appreciate the creativity, craftsmanship, and extraordinary attention to detail that was painstakingly preserved or restored.

Hotel Bristol Palace is an elegant Art Nouveau building, one of the best-known structures of Genoa. Since the early twentieth century, it has been the heart of cultural life of the city during the Belle Epoque; it hosted parties and banquets of high society, and today, thanks to careful restoration work, it has returned to its former glory.

“Congratulations Hotel Bristol Palace for being named to the 2023 Top 25 Historic Hotels Worldwide® Most Magnificent Ceilings and Domes List,” said Lawrence P. Horwitz, Executive Vice President of Historic Hotels of America® and Historic Hotels Worldwide®. “One of the best ways to distinguish a fine historic hotel from another older hotel is to look up at the ceilings. When travelers visit a historic hotel, we recommend they *look up* to discover the tremendous detail, artistry, and craftsmanship in historic ceilings.”

One of the finest details of the hotel, in terms of architectural and cultural heritage, is the elliptical, purely white staircase in Art Nouveau style: both from above and from below, it offers a dizzying perspective, aesthetically very precious one. The staircase of Bristol Palace is linked to a legend that definitely has a large fund of truth: its delicate and enveloping spiral inspired Alfred Hitchcock to shoot some scenes of To Catch a Thief - the film "Vertigo", known in Italy as "The Woman who lived twice".

In fact, the great director was one of the patrons of the hotel, he had stayed there already in 1925 when he made his first film "The pleasure garden".

Hotel Bristol Palace is in Via XX Settembre, in the center, a few steps away from Palazzo Ducale and Piazza de Ferrari, the Carlo Felice theater and the most important museums and palaces of Genoa and the famous Rolli, a UNESCO World Heritage Site: you can't claim to have visited Genoa unless you were here, in contact with the inner soul of the city. Built between the late 1800s and early 1900s, Via XX Settembre is a series of elegant buildings, and the Bristol Palace is among them. Since its opening in 1905, the Bristol Palace has been considered one of the most prestigious hotels in the city: the high society of Genoa chose it as the setting for sophisticated and legendary parties and an exclusive restaurant.

### **About Historic Hotels Worldwide®**

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