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Hotel Bella Grande

Copenhagen has long been at the forefront of cool Scandinavian design, but the new 109-room **HOTEL BELLA GRANDE** feels extra special. The 1899 building's vanilla facade and butterscotch awnings invite you inside, where the interiors are relaxing and creamy, with accents of rich reds and browns across the tiling, upholstery, and textiles. Contemporary touches include Tom Dixon lamps, Polspotten side tables, and bespoke vanities made by Københavns Møbelsnedkeri. Owners Cofoco (Copenhagen Food Collective) and design firm the Tonen Agency took inspiration from a visit to a Venetian palazzo and its open-air courtyard, and the Italian feel is matched by its lively restaurant, Donna, which spills from the dining rooms into the atrium. No matter how much burrata, ravioli, and Milanese chicken you eat here, you cannot miss their showstopping dessert: a generous pavlova with lashings of cream, berries, and strawberry sorbet. The restaurant is a visual treat too, with a blood red ceiling and luscious pink curtains. There's also a chilled cocktail lounge to retire to later in the evening. hotelbellagrande.com.

MUST-DO: Hop on the hotel's free bikes to take you to the nearby old town of Copenhagen, the colorful Nyhavn harbor, and the Strøget shopping district.

Clockwise from top right: The Hotel Bella Grande dates back to 1899, but there's contemporary design throughout; Italian-inspired restaurant Donna delivers on all fronts; the Venetian vibes of the courtyard are an unexpected twist on typical Danish style; baby pinks and blood reds lend a sumptuous feel.

