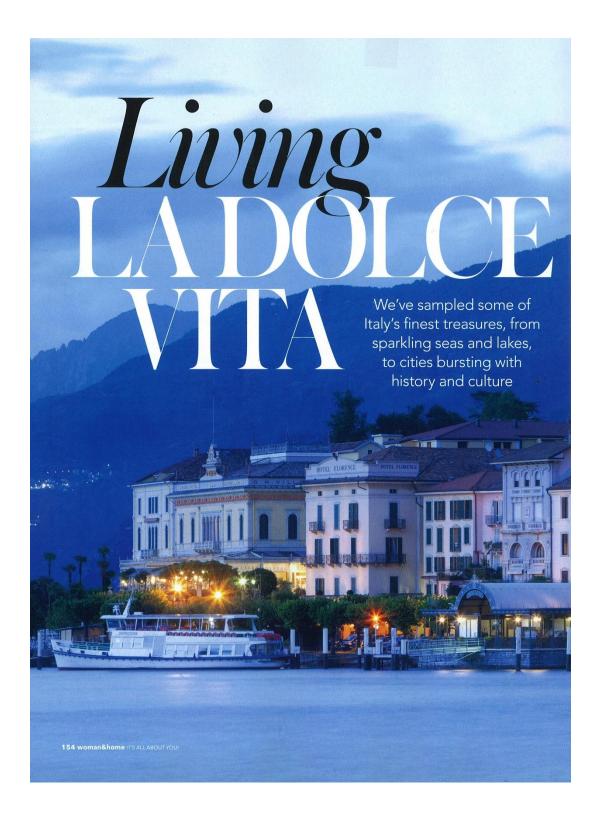
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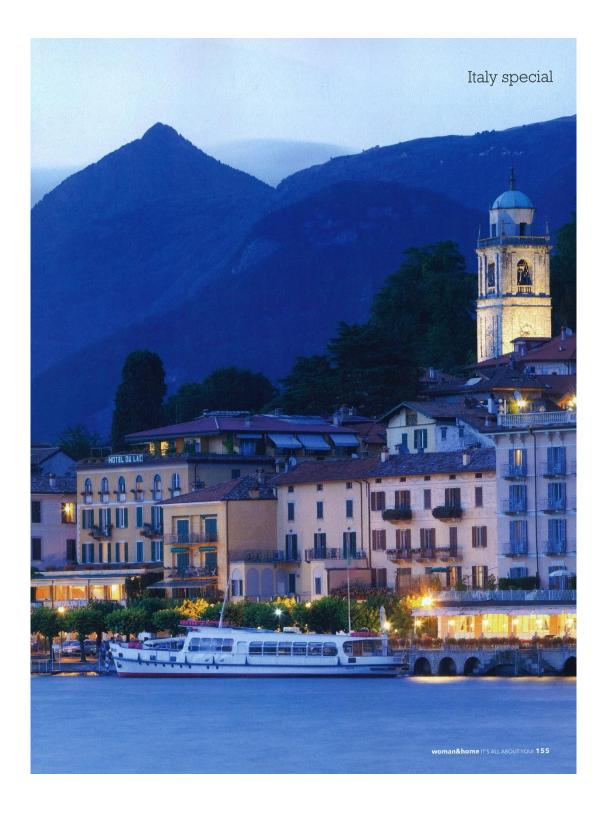


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A luxurious designer hotel makes the perfect base for exploring Florence.

Florence is a city packed with treats, from the Uffizi Gallery to Giotto's Campanile, so if you're only there for a few days, how best to see the whole city? A Tuk Tuk tour ticks all the boxes, and takes you nipping around backstreets - if you're prepared for a few bumps on the cobbles.

Baking is at the heart of Italian food, and Roberto Buonamici, now 70, has been making Cantucci Tuscan biscuits since he was 13. The almond biscuits, traditionally dipped in liqueur, are delicious. During a demonstration at Pasticceria Buonamici, he coaxes the ingredients into a dough on a cool marble table, to be rolled, cut and laid on trays ready for the oven. A new studio is due to open shortly if you'd like to create your own flavours of Italy.

Art, of course, is the soul of Florence - it's home to Michelangelo's David, Botticelli's Venus and Titian's Venus of Urbino, among countless other treasures.

Clockwise from top: Dine at the

hotel's Caffè

dell'Oro with

views of the Ponte Vecchio; the cathedral at sundown

For an exploration of Renaissance art, historian Alexandra Lawrence leads a variety of private tours around the city.

The fabulously stylish Portrait Firenze Hotel, overlooking the river Arno and the Ponte Vecchio bridge, has an impeccable fashion pedigree it belongs to the world-famous luxury goods company Ferragamo. Stay in a suite and it's like having your own city-break flat, but with the benefit of top-notch housekeeping.

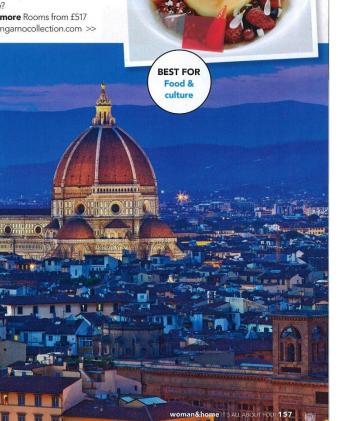
The hotel's cocktail bar mingles science and fabulous flavours, while the fusion restaurant offers an amazing selection of street food, scallops, sushi and main dishes - with a knockout salmon marinated in beetroot and sake.

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