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JOHANNA & JOHLEA

Occupying a group of 19th-century palaces and villas close to the centre, Johanna & Johlea comprises four properties (Johlea, Johanna I and II, and Antica Dimora Johlea). They are great value, very friendly and exude a strong feeling of being a guest in a Florentine home. For instance, there is no formal breakfast: instead, you wander into the corridor or onto the landing for tea, coffee and cereal, then take it back to your traditionally decorated room. Johanna II is the simplest (and cheapest) of the properties, with Johanna I and Johlea a step up in comfort, as little luxuries such as marble bathrooms creep in. Antica Dimora Johlea is the latest and most sumptuous of the quartet: with four-posters, DVD libraries and afternoon tea, it's nudging from guesthouse into hotel territory.

Doubles from £57 at Johanna II and from £95 at Antica Dimora, B&B;
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