

Editors' CHOICE

The Augustine, Prague

CENTRALLY SITUATED CLOSE TO PRAGUE Castle and the Charles Bridge, Rocco Forte's The Augustine (www.roccofortecollection.com) has been created from a set of seven historically significant buildings, including the 13th century Augustinian St. Thomas's Monastery, after which the property is named. The hotel boasts 101 bedrooms, all elegantly put together and offering stunning views over the courtyards, the monastery church, or Prague Castle.

Guests eager for truly unique accommodations may request the Tower Suite, located in the monastery's original tower. The suite is comprised of three floors: one for the living room, another for the bathroom (complete with freestanding bathtub and large walk-in shower), and a top floor bedroom with incredible views of the rooftops and brightly colored spires of Prague.

For visitors eager to unwind, the hotel's spa features four treatment rooms, including one double room, a hammam with a special massage bed offering therapeutic heat treatments and an experience shower, steam room, relaxation area, manicure and pedicure area, and a 861-square-foot fully equipped gym, should guests wish to stay in shape while away from home.

Diners have no shortage of delightful food and beverage options to choose from including the hotel's 90-seat restaurant, The Monastery, which overlooks a large courtyard and offers outside seating during summer. Bars include Tom's Bar, located in the monastery's former barrel-vaulted

double-height hall, and The Brewery Bar, housed in the cellar of the former brewery building, complete with 17th century stalactites and stalagmites.

The Augustine offers meeting planners a number of options to choose from, including the 2,210-square-foot ballroom, with an adjacent pre-function area, which accommodates up to 200 people for a cocktail reception. It is housed in an exquisite vaulted dining room and is perfect for elegant dinners and parties as well.

The Augustine is an ideal venue for outdoor events, such as cocktail or dinner parties, in one of the hotel's outstanding courtyards during the summer. There are four private meeting rooms, all fully air-conditioned and equipped with the latest technology including Wi-Fi.

The Augustine is within easy reach of the Prague's many tourist attractions, and offers

various on- and off-site group activities including a private art tour of Prague, a cruise on the Vltava River, and an open air concert in the Wallenstein Garden followed by a Champagne reception and canapés. ●



Clockwise from lower left: Outside view of the Tower Suite at dusk; Charles Suite; Tom's Bar; The Monastery restaurant; Facade of The Augustine; Tower Suite living room