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Palazzo Lippomano Della Rovere Donà Giovanelli

Seven Centuries of the History, Culture and Art in a Great Venetian Residence

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- This volume explores in great detail a prestigious building in Venice, one of the most visited cities in the world
- The guide includes 140 high-quality images in color
- Palazzo Giovannelli is now home of a luxury hotel, the Orient Express Venice

Palazzo Giovanelli in Santa Fosca is certainly one of the most prestigious private buildings in Venice. While its first nucleus dates back to the fourteenth century, in 1527 it was donated by the Doge Andrea Gritti to Francesco Maria I, Duke of Urbino. The palace remained property of the family until its transfer to the Donà family, which gathered an important collection of works of art inside. At the beginning of the eighteenth century, the palace reached the Giovanelli family, who expanded and modernized it. However, it was during the nineteenth century that the residence took on its definitive appearance. In an initial neoclassical phase, Count Andrea commissioned the arrangement of his private apartment to Giuseppe Borsato and Francesco Hayez. Shortly afterwards, in 1847, Giovambattista Meduna arranged one of the façades like that of a small Ducal Palace. In 1860, Meduna carried out further expansions, setting up a prestigious collection of paintings, including a masterpiece of Venetian art: Giorgione's *Tempest*. The volume reconstructs the history of seven centuries of the palace, the events it witnessed, and the artistic treasures inside it.

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