

## **Suspended between history and modernity: introducing Pietra Tiburtina by Casalgrande Padana**

*The new Pietra Tiburtina tile collection replicates travertine's typical shades and effects.*

Precious Italian heritage full of charm and history comes to life in the porcelain stoneware tiles from the new **Pietra Tiburtina** collection, achieving the perfect balance between design, craftsmanship, creativity, and innovation.

Fragments of stone gush from the caves of ancient Tibur to take us on a journey through history. Ancient Romans used travertine – or *lapis tiburtinus*, as they used to call it – as an ornamental and construction material. Centuries later, this natural stone has maintained its unlimited potential, inspiring artists and architects of every era.

Casalgrande Padana's new **Pietra Tiburtina collection** comes in both a vein-cut version, which emphasises the lengthwise layers of limestone, and a cross-cut version, with an antiqued finish also available, which highlights the subtle cloud-like effects and gives the tiles an aged flavour of times gone by. Both versions combine stone's charm and porcelain stoneware's sturdiness. Delicate earthy shades, beautiful streaks, and a three-dimensional play of light and shadow give these tiles a texture full of charm and elegance.

A tribute to travertine's beauty and potential that becomes a canvas for architects and interior designers to unleash their creativity.

The **Pietra Tiburtina** collection draws inspiration from the finest types of travertine in nature. It comes in four colours (Aventino, Campidoglio, Celio, and Palatino) and various formats and finishes.

The 120x278, 120x120, and 60x120 cm formats are 6 mm thick and have a natural or smooth finish. Conversely, the 60x60 and 30x60 cm formats are 9 mm thick and have a natural or smooth. The 60x120 cm format has a natural, smooth or ribbed finish. The 60x120 and 60cx60 cm formats are also available with a 20 mm thickness and an anti-slip finish, allowing them to be installed outdoors directly on sand, gravel, or turf and be walked on immediately. Finally, the 30x30 cm mosaic tiles (with 5x5 or 5x15 cm pieces) are available in all four colours with a natural or smooth finish.

**Pietra Tiburtina** tiles fit into any style, making them perfect for the indoor and outdoor **floors** and **walls** of any architectural project. They can be used in residential and public buildings and the contract furnishing, hospitality, and wellness sectors to give life to a vision of contemporary living.

These tiles can also be used to create exclusive furnishings, partition walls, countertops, cabinetry, washbasins, shower trays, shelves, and tables. In addition, the large-format versions can be combined with other Casalgrande Padana collections to create a mix 'n match style or a more cohesive, seamless look.

Casalgrande Padana **porcelain stoneware tiles** are guaranteed and certified. They are one of the most advanced and versatile solutions modern architecture offers.

Like all Casalgrande Padana collections, **Pietra Tiburtina** tiles are environmentally sustainable because they are made solely with natural raw materials. They are also non-absorbent, fire-resistant, non-allergenic, and have antibacterial and self-cleaning properties, thanks to the [Bios Ceramics](#) treatment (available upon request). Moreover, they are easy to lay and clean and withstand flexure and temperature fluctuations, maintaining their beauty over time.

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