

Arabescato Corchia

MARBLE SLABS



Arabescato Corchia is one of the most distinctive marbles in the Apuan Alps canon — a material that reads as simultaneously architectural and luxurious. Quarried from the historic Corchia massif in the Carrara region of Tuscany, it occupies a precise position in the white Italian marble hierarchy: whiter and more dramatic than Bianco Carrara, with a busier and more brecciated character than Calacatta, and a structural integrity that outperforms many comparable stones from the same mountain system.

At Modul Marble, our Arabescato Corchia inventory is sourced directly and available for in-person slab selection at our Sun Valley showroom. Live inventory is accessible online, with slab-level detail including lot numbers, dimensions, and finish.



Material Overview

ORIGIN AND GEOLOGY

Arabescato Corchia originates from the Corchia quarry zone in the Apuan Alps near Massa-Carrara, Tuscany — the same geological formation that has supplied the world’s finest white marble since antiquity. The stone is classified petrographically as a brecciated marble: the white calcite matrix was fractured and then re-cemented by darker mineral infiltration, producing the characteristic “flowing network” veining pattern that distinguishes Corchia from other Arabescato variants.

The resulting veins are rounded and looping rather than the straighter, more linear veins seen in Arabescato Vagli. Corchia’s background is notably crisp and white — closer to Calacatta in base tone than to Carrara — with primary veining running from mid-grey to near-black charcoal. In premium-grade blocks, secondary veining in dove grey and soft taupe creates layered visual depth, and small pockets of translucent calcite crystal scatter light across the surface.



Specifier note: Slab-to-slab variation is meaningful in Arabescato Corchia. The ratio of white field to veining, vein density, and occasional warm undertones can shift noticeably between lots. For large-scale or bookmatched installations, in-person slab selection or lot-matched sourcing is strongly recommended.

ARABESCATO CORCHIA VS. COMPARABLE WHITE MARBLES

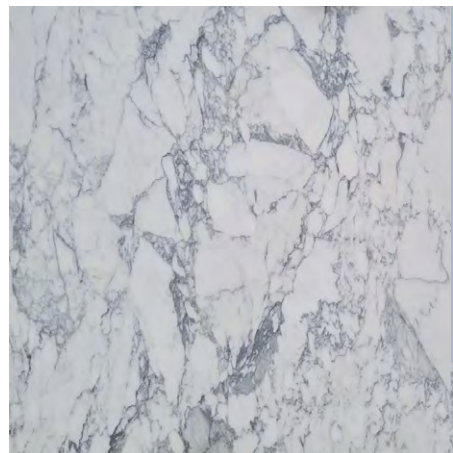
Designers and specifiers frequently need to navigate the distinctions between Apuan white marbles.

The table below positions Arabescato Corchia within the family:

Stone	Background	Veining character	Relative price
Bianco Carrara	Grey-white	Subtle, feathery grey	Entry-level
Arabescato Vagli	White to off-white	Bold, straighter veins	Mid-high
Arabescato Corchia	Crisp white	Bold brecciated, looping	High
Calacatta Gold	Bright white	Strong linear, warm gold	Premium
Statuario	Bright white	Heavy, graphic grey/gold	Premium+

Technical Specifications

Classification	Brecciated marble (Massa Unit, Apuan Alps)
Origin	Corchia quarry zone, Carrara region, Tuscany, Italy
Primary veining	Deep grey to charcoal, rounded brecciated pattern
Secondary veining	Dove grey, soft taupe (present in premium grades)
Available finishes	Polished, Honed
Available thicknesses	2CM (3/4"), 3CM (1-1/4")
Water absorption	Approx. 0.19% (highly compact for a marble)
Compressive strength	Approx. 101 MPa
Applications	Interior: countertops, wall cladding, flooring, waterfall edges, shower surrounds. Limited exterior use with proper sealing.
Sealing	Recommended on installation and periodically thereafter. Stone is relatively dense for a marble but remains calcite-based and acid-sensitive



Acid sensitivity: As with all calcareous stones, Arabescato Corchia will etch on contact with acidic substances (citrus, vinegar, aggressive cleaners). For high-use kitchen surfaces, honed finish is generally recommended as etch marks are less visible on a matte surface than on polished.



Finish Guide

POLISHED

The high-gloss polished surface maximizes contrast, deepening the charcoal veins against the white field and amplifying the translucency of calcite crystal pockets. Ideal for wall cladding, low-traffic flooring, and feature applications where visual impact is the priority. Etch marks are more apparent on polished surfaces; specify sealing and client communication accordingly for countertop applications.

HONED

The matte honed finish imparts a softer, more architectural quality. Veining is still highly legible but the overall palette reads more restrained — well suited to contemporary and transitional interiors where the stone needs to recede slightly. Honed is the preferred specification for kitchen countertops and high-traffic flooring where etch resistance and maintenance simplicity matter.

Specification Application

BOOKMATCHED FEATURE WALLS AND ELEVATOR CABS

Arabescato Corchia's brecciated veining pattern makes it exceptionally well-suited to bookmatched applications. The looping, network-style veins create symmetrical "butterfly" compositions that read as intentional rather than incidental. For elevator cabs, reception walls, and statement feature panels, consecutive slab pairs from a single lot should be specified and selected together. Contact our team to identify available matched pairs in current inventory.

KITCHEN COUNTERTOPS AND WATERFALL ISLANDS

The 3CM slab is the standard specification for residential countertop and island applications. Corchia's relatively low porosity for a marble — water absorption around 0.19% — makes it a more forgiving countertop material than many Calacattas. Waterfall edges showcase the veining continuity; mitered corner joints should be planned at the material selection stage to ensure vein alignment.





BATHROOM VANITIES AND SHOWER SURROUNDS

Full-height shower enclosures in Arabescato Corchia create a powerful visual statement. The material's density and lower absorption rate make it suitable for wet applications when properly sealed. For floor-to-ceiling installations, confirm slab yield against the layout early — the bold veining pattern means waste factors can be higher than with more uniform stones.

HOSPITALITY AND COMMERCIAL INTERIORS

Arabescato Corchia is a proven specification for hotel lobbies, spa environments, and upscale food-and-beverage interiors. The dramatic veining carries at scale and reads well under both natural and artificial light. For commercial projects requiring consistent material across phases, early lot reservation is advisable given quarry yield variability.



Working with Arabescato Corchia: Notes for Fabricators

- The brecciated structure means natural fissures may be present in some slabs. Inspect under raking light before cutting layout. Fissures are not defects in this stone classification but should be accounted for in seam placement.
- Vein matching at seams requires careful dry-layout before templating. The looping vein pattern is less forgiving of misalignment than linear-veined stones.
- Polished surface micro-scratches during transport. Edge protection and face protection during handling and installation are standard.
- Resin-filled slabs are common in the Corchia family. Confirm with your Modul representative whether current inventory lots are resin-filled and factor this into any client communication about “natural” character.



Frequently Asked Questions

HOW DOES ARABESCATO CORCHIA DIFFER FROM ARABESCATO VAGLI?

Both originate in the Apuan Alps, but the quarry locations produce distinct veining characters. Corchia's veins are rounded and looping — a brecciated 'network' pattern. Vagli's veins tend to run straighter and are more pronounced in their linear movement. Corchia generally commands a slight price premium and is considered the more sought-after of the two for high-end residential and hospitality work. Background whiteness also tends to be more consistent in Corchia.

IS ARABESCATO CORCHIA APPROPRIATE FOR EXTERIOR CLADDING?

With caution and proper sealing, yes — the stone's density (approx. 2,700 kg/m³) and low absorption rate make it more viable for exterior use than many marbles. However, freeze-thaw cycling, prolonged UV exposure, and acid rain exposure will affect the surface over time. For exterior specifications, confirm with the project architect and specify an appropriate penetrating sealer rated for exterior calcite stone. Interior applications are the primary use case.

IS ARABESCATO CORCHIA APPROPRIATE FOR EXTERIOR CLADDING?

For standard countertop work: 15–20% is typical. For bookmatched feature walls with precise vein alignment: 25–35% is more realistic and should be communicated to the client at the budgeting stage. Bring your layout drawings to the slab yard — our team can assist with yield assessment against available inventory.

CAN I RESERVE SPECIFIC SLABS OR LOTS FOR A PROJECT?

Yes. For project reservations on specific lots or matched pairs, contact your Modul Marble sales representative directly. We recommend confirming material availability at the specification stage for large or phased projects.



View current Arabescato Corchia inventory — including slab dimensions, lot numbers, and available finishes — in our [live online inventory](#). For project consultations, sample requests, or lot reservations, contact your Modul Marble representative or reach our Sun Valley showroom directly.

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