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Your installer is correct. Most travertine contains many holes that are filled with a cement filler. The cement filler does not take a shine when polished—hence the dull spots. The floor you observed at the hotel has probably been coated with a wax or made uniformly shiny through some other coating process. I would not recommend this for your home. A hotel spends every evening polishing and or waxing the travertine floor to maintain its shine; unless you would like to do the same, I would advise against it.

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