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ROME CITY GUIDE

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Ask the Concierge



Marco Graziani is the front office manager of Hotel Mascagni, a boutique hotel in the heart of Rome, belonging to Space Hotels Group. The intimate and welcoming hotel prides itself on making its guests feel right at home, from the artistic design touches that bring warmth and personality to the structure, to the courteous service of the staff. Graziani shares with *WHERE* his expert tips on seeing Rome at its best.

1 What makes Rome different from other capital cities?

Its millennia-old history, its splendid churches, its enchanting alleyways...it's essentially an open-air museum that has the power to surprise you every day. Rome is not an ordinary place that can be taken for granted; rather it's an exceptional city that, thanks to its historical heritage, is a true one-of-a-kind place in the world.

2 What are your favorite of the city's hidden corners?

The view of St. Peter's dome and the entire panorama of the city from the Orange Garden. Just next door, at the Villa of the Priory of the Knights of Malta, you can peek through a keyhole for a view that is just as rewarding and even more fun.

3 When your friends come to visit, where do you take them?

I make sure to take them to Trastevere, the neighborhood across the Tiber. Exploring its characteristic bars and cafés is something that must be done strictly on foot. One of Trastevere's greatest draws is the pleasure of casual discovery.

4 What is one of the most unusual things that has happened to you during your time as concierge of the hotel?

A guest once asked me for a room with a view

of the canal; I assume he thought he was still in Venice! Many guests ask me about the opening and closing times of the Trevi Fountain, which is of course an outdoor site that can be visited at any time of day or night.

5 Is there an event on this month that you'd recommend to visitors?

I'd suggest the important exhibit on Jackson Pollock and the New York School at the Vittoriano Complex.

6 Are there any "insider tips" you'd like to share with our readers?

A site as interesting as it is little known is the Domus of Elena, the ancient residence of the mother of Emperor Constantine, located within the complex the church of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme.

7 Is there a restaurant you could suggest with an excellent price/quality ratio?

I have at least three in my back pocket: Fuoccolento [Via Flavia, 63/65] for an authentic dinner based on traditional Roman flavors; Assunta Roma [Via Crescenzo, 2] for a feast of fresh fish of exceptional quality; and Baccano [Via delle Muratte, 23] for a delicious meal with an international flair.

8 Lastly, Rome is most beautiful when...

At sunset, when Rome's magical light illuminates all the rooftops and domes of the city.



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