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A GLORIOUS RIVALRY

Explore baroque Rome through the
intense competition between
architects Bernini and Borromini

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Ask the Concierge



Marco Cambini is the front office manager of Luxe Rose Garden Hotel, an elegant hotel located a quick jaunt from legendary Via Veneto. Over the years, it's become the go-to spot for visitors eager to stay in the historic center yet forgo the traffic and noise of city life. The hotel also is home to restaurant Il Roseto along with L'Oasi fitness center and spa, ideal for guests hoping to unwind.

1 What makes Rome different from other capital cities?

You can breathe in the history of the Eternal City with a stroll along the Tiber River, which encompasses breathtaking monuments like Castel Sant'Angelo and the dome of St. Peter's Basilica. A visit to iconic sites like the Colosseum and the Roman Forum always moves me, even after all these years.

2 What does a visitor to Rome have to do while they're in town?

I always recommend that hotel guests spend at least one evening in the Trastevere neighborhood, heading off of its busier tourist streets and exploring the quieter, more authentic corners. A walk up the Janiculum Hill to see the sunset is never a bad idea either!

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

I'd first bring them to the terrace of the Pincian Hill, Janiculum Hill, or Monte Mario, all of which boast incredible views of the city. After hitting up all of the "must-see" spots, like the Colosseum, Pantheon, and St. Peter's Basilica, I'd conclude the day with a dinner outside the city in the Castelli Romani area, perhaps in the hillside town of Ariccia.

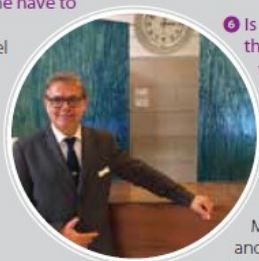
4 What is one of the most unusual things that has happened to you during your time as concierge?

Seeing as how the hotel is smack in the

middle of the historic center, a request from a guest to have a room overlooking the ocean struck me as particularly absurd.

5 Which are the most romantic spots in Rome in your opinion?

If you want to woo your special someone, a stroll through Piazza Navona, along the Tiber River, or up Via della Conciliazione should do the trick.



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

The Scuderie del Quirinale is hosting an exhibit dedicated to the genius of Leonardo da Vinci. Another idea is a visit to the Rose Garden, right in front of Circo Massimo. It's open all month and certainly worth a visit.

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

If you can, try to stay in the city for at least four to five days. There's so much to see that a weekend just isn't enough to do the city justice!

8 What is your favorite restaurant in the city?

I may be biased, but I'm partial to our restaurant Il Roseto, which offers a mix of Italian, Roman, and international cuisine.

9 Lastly, Rome is most beautiful when...

Rome is *always* beautiful!

TRANSPORTATION

Bici & Baci

Explore the Eternal City on two wheels by renting a bicycle or motor scooter. Fully appreciate the beauty of Rome, visit the archaeological sites and hotspots, and discover unknown gems that are off the usual tourist trails with complete autonomy and freedom of movement. Bicycle and Vespa tours are also offered. Info: 064828443. Via Cavour, 302. **Map E4.** Via del Viminale, 5. **Map G3.** Vicolo del Bottino, 8. **Map E2.** bicibaci.com

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Principal bus terminals: Termini Station, Pza Venezia, Largo Argentina. Metro lines A and B operate daily, 5:30am–11:30pm, Sat until 1:30am. Single ticket: €1.50; valid 100 minutes on one or more buses and/or one metro ride. Validate ticket on bus or upon entering metro. 1-day pass: €6; 3-day pass: €16.50; 7-day pass: €24. Tickets available at ticket machines, bars, tobacconists, and newsstands. Tel 800431784.

TAXIS

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AIRPORT TRANSFERS

To Fiumicino and Ciampino Airport (by train and coach)

Non-stop Leonardo Express departs Termini Station and arrives inside Fiumicino Airport. 31 mins. €14 one-way. Trains also run to and from Trastevere, Ostiense, Tuscolana, and Tiburtina stations, €8 one-way. trenitalia.it

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