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ROME CITY GUIDE

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to shop, eat, and play in  
the Eternal City

## Ask the Concierge



Pamela Crispino is the front office manager of Hotel dei Borgognoni, an elegant 19th-century palace which once belonged to the eponymous Tuscan family. Located among the most famous and fascinating attractions of the city, between the Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps, it's a true boutique hotel, affiliated with Condé Nast Johansens, with only 50 rooms, all furnished with care and taste.

**1 What makes Rome different from other capital cities?**

Rome is a beautiful work of art with a plethora of experiences to offer: it's a journey through archaeological sites to relive the ancient splendors of the Roman Empire; it's the mysterious spirituality of its basilicas and the treasures they preserve; it's a walk down the romantic streets that take you back to the golden age of Italian cinema.

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

My favorite corner is the Pincian Hill, just a 10 minute walk from our hotel, and in particular, the Water Clock in Villa Borghese. The clock functions entirely by the force of water by way of an articulated device that is clearly visible through its glass structure. The clock was built in the second half of the 19th century by Dominican friar Giovan Battista Embriaco and architect Gioacchino Ersoch.

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

The first stop would have to be the Colosseum, symbol of the city, and a walk up the ancient Palatine Hill. Next, a visit to nearby Piazza Venezia to admire the monumental Altar of the Fatherland, followed by a glass elevator ride up to the panoramic terrace. Afterwards I'd take them to the historic bakery Forno Campo de' Fiori for a traditional Roman snack of *pizza bianca* with mortadella. After-

wards, we'd head to majestic Piazza Navona, a place that leaves everyone enchanted. I'd end the day with an aperitivo in Piazza di Pietra, looking out onto the ruins of the Temple of Hadrian.

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

From personal experience, I can recommend the sensory exhibition *DREAM* at the Chiostro del Bramante, for anyone fascinated by poetry and emotions.

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

I would suggest getting up early to visit the Trevi Fountain between 5:30 and 7am to enjoy this wonderful monument without the chaotic crowds. Another idea is a night tour of the Colosseum, which offers a completely different perspective from a daytime visit.

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

For an elegant and atmospheric restaurant in the historic center, I would recommend Life (Via della Vite 28), for its intimate dining rooms and the high level of its cuisine. They specialize in meat and seafood tasting menus, with innovative variations on traditional Roman cuisine. The average price for a complete menu is surprisingly affordable and the service is excellent.



## 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

Can be picked up at taxi stands or hailed. Don't trust people who approach you at stations, airports, or tourist sites offering taxis. Authorized taxis can be called at: 064994, 063570, 066645, 065551, 0688177. €48 flat fare between Fiumicino and center; €30 between Ciampino and center.

### 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

### CAR RENTALS

**Avis** (Fiumicino)—Tel 0665011531/06419941

**Europcar**—Tel 800014410/064882854

**Hertz**—Tel 199112211/064740389

**Maggiore** (Fiumicino)—0665010678/064880049

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#### Driver in Rome

This luxury car rental company offers transfer to and from Rome's airports and Civitavecchia port, using high-quality limousines, town cars, and minibuses with experienced and professional drivers. Tailored services with large coaches available. Also organizes day trips and guided tours to Naples, the Amalfi Coast, Venice, Florence, and Assisi. Tel 0661522395/Cell 3384180978. info@driverinrome.com

#### Limu Event

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Take a passport or other ID. Commission rates vary from zero to €5 per transaction. Banks and post offices also have exchange bureaux.