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ROME CITY GUIDE

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## FINE FOOD CALLING

Rome's annual Festival Taste of Roma  
brings joy to the city's gourmets



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BY TASTE OF ROMA

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**Ask the Concierge**



Luca Tavernier is the concierge of Parco dei Principi Grand Hotel & Spa, affiliated with the prestigious Condé Nast Johansens line of exclusive hotels and located just a few steps from Via Veneto. Equipped with a spa, outdoor pool, fitness center, two restaurants and cocktail bar, the hotel is ideal for those seeking a luxurious stay in the capital. Tavernier shares his insider tips on seeing Rome as its best.

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

Easy! Its unique artistic and historical beauties, enhanced by the city's colors and cuisine, and of course the Romans themselves.

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

One of my favorite places is without a doubt the basilica of San Clemente (Via Labicana, 95) which, with its underground passages, allows you to tour the ancient sites that, in previous centuries, were built in the same place.

**3 In your opinion, what are some of the most romantic spots in the city?**

The most romantic and most dear to the Romans is definitely the Pincian Hill. This spot is located right above Piazza del Popolo and offers a gorgeous view of the city, especially at sunset. The Giardino degli Aranci, otherwise known as the Orange Garden, perched at the top of the Aventine Hill, serves as the perfect place for a picnic. It boasts a splendid panorama of the city to boot!

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

It's important to introduce them to Roman cuisine. The Trastevere neighborhood, packed with classic trattorias, is a must. Look for traditional dishes like fried zucchini blossoms, *carbonara*, *amatriciana* (tomato sauce with guanciale pork), *coda alla vaccinara* (oxtails) or tripe for more adventurous eaters!

**5 What is one of the most unusual things that has happened during your time as concierge of the hotel?**

Lots of unforgettable things have happened during my time at Parco dei Principi, but one memory that sticks out is when a princess came to stay at our hotel. She even brought all of her cats!

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

Don't miss an evening at the opera—this month the Teatro dell'Opera di Roma is staging Mozart's *Don Giovanni* at Teatro Costanzi. Another must is a stroll through Villa Borghese, a gorgeous green park that neighbors the hotel, or stargazing at the top of the Janiculum Hill.



**7 Which restaurant in Rome do you often suggest to guests?**

Naturally Mediterranean food is a strong point of our city. Besides the gourmet Pauline Borghese restaurant inside our hotel, I often recommend Mirabelle Restaurant, on the roof of the Splendid Royale Hotel, which is part of our chain. For a more casual meal, our hotel also has Le Parc Bar & Grill, located on our terrace.

**8 Rome is most beautiful when...**

Rome is always beautiful. Every season, every month, every day has its own characteristics and charm that are capable of winning over just about anyone.

**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

**My Vespa**

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**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: €7; 3-day pass: €18; 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

**CAR RENTALS**

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

**Europcar**—Tel 800014410/064882854

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