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## ROME EVERLASTING

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Celebrating the Pantheon,  
symbol of the immortality of the city

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**Ask the Concierge**



Andrea Menta is the concierge of Casa Montani Luxury Guest House, an exclusive boutique hotel located inside a turn-of-the-century palace that overlooks historic gate Porta Flaminia. The hotel, affiliated with Condé Nast Johansens, is at once elegant and welcoming, with a staff that prides itself on courtesy and personalized attention to each guest. Menta shares with *WHERE* his expert tips on seeing Rome at its best.

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

Its historic, artistic, cultural, and religious patrimony that dates back millennia and makes it a unique and fascinating city.

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

The Turtle Fountain in Piazza Mattei with its gracious and harmonious elements, and the early Christian church of Santo Stefano in Rotondo on the Caelian Hill for its unusual and peaceful appearance.

**3 In your opinion, what is the most romantic spot in Rome?**

The surprising view of the dome of St. Peter's Basilica that can be spied through the tiny keyhole of the Priory of the Knights of Malta on the Aventine Hill.

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

I would make sure to take them to the characteristic neighborhoods full of local color, such as Trastevere and Monti, where they can breathe in the genuine atmosphere of the city and enjoy some delicious Roman cuisine.

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

Once a guest asked me to help him plan a marriage proposal. I arranged a romantic aperitif with *spumante* on the terrace of the Orange Garden on the Aventine Hill, a spot

that boasts a magnificent view of the entire city. The following morning, the happy expressions on the faces of the newly engaged couple were immensely gratifying.

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

*Pollock and the New York School*, an exhibit at the Vittoriano Complex displaying works by Pollock, Rothko, de Kooning, Kline, and more, has been so popular that it has been extended until May.

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

Visit the grounds of Rome's marvelous villas, most of which have become public parks. The grandest include Villa Borghese and Villa Pamphilj, but the smaller ones, such as Villa Celimontana, Villa Torlonia, and Villa Sciarra, are no less delightful.

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

I'd suggest Babette, which enjoys an ideal location on beautiful Via Margutta and offers a refined and intimate ambience. The cuisine is made of up secret family recipes. I'd recommend booking in advance.

**9 Lastly, Rome is most beautiful when...**

Like the famous Italian folk song says, Rome is most beautiful in the evening. At sunset, the city simply has no equal, especially when viewed from the foot of the Colosseum.



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