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ROME CITY GUIDE

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## RELISH THE SUMMER

Insider tips on how  
to get the most out of  
the month in Rome

- PLUS**
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**Ask the Concierge**



Ascanio Balbo is the concierge of Buonanotte Garibaldi, a charming boutique hotel in the heart of Trastevere, affiliated with Condé Nast Johansens. The hotel originated with noted fiber artist Luisa Longo, who transformed her parents' home into a luxury townhouse adorned with art work. In addition to paintings, guests can also purchase unique pieces like pashminas, bags, curtains, cushions, shorts, and table linens, all painted entirely by hand. It's a one-of-a-kind hotel in Rome, a true oasis in the city.

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

Rome is the most beautiful city in the world, an open-air museum where the sun shines up to 300 days of the year. Even 30 years isn't enough time to get to know all of Rome. You can return again and again and there's always something brand new to explore and discover—it never ceases to amaze.

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

Its alleyways, piazzas, churches—there are too many to list them all, and in the evening the effect is only doubled. A good idea is to rent a car at night and just start to drive. Without traffic and slews of people, it's surreal: it's like the city is all yours, that it belongs to you and you alone. Afterwards, it's time to go to bed and dream of it some more.

**3 In your opinion, what is the most romantic place in the city?**

The top of the Janiculum Hill. Besides offering the most beautiful and spectacular view in all of Rome, like a window flung open on the city's horizon, it's a spot where you can observe without being observed.

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

I always bring them first for a walk around the city—Rome is best explored on foot. Every corner promises the beautiful and the dramatic. After that we head to a great

restaurant, of which there are countless in Rome. Eating well in the Eternal City is an absolute must, and luckily we are spoiled for choice when it comes to eating and drinking well here.

**5 What do you love most about your job?**

Our clients are marvelous; we've been very fortunate. I love when they come to chat at the desk and am always happy to offer my insider perspective on the city. There's nothing better than sharing advice and, the next day, seeing our guests happy and satisfied by their day in Rome.



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

The nighttime visits at the Vatican Museums. It's an unforgettable experience you can't miss!

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

Come stay with us and you'll go home happy and satisfied!

**8 Any restaurants you'd recommend?**

There are plenty of great restaurants near the hotel. I always recommend Pianostrada, I Numeri Primi, Enoteca Ferrara, Taverna Trilussa, Antica Pesa, Da Teo, Osteria La Gensola, and Fabrizio.

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

In the evening, just as the famous song declares.

**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**

See Rome like the Romans do, from perched atop your very own Vespa. This company offers both short- and long-term Vespa rentals, so you can have your own set of wheels no matter how long you intend to stay. They also offer a range of tours, so you can visit the city's sites by Vespa (you can choose to drive your own or be a passenger), Segway, bicycle, and more. Open daily, 9am–7pm. Via Cavour, 80. Tel 064815669. All credit cards accepted. myvespa.it

**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

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

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