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**Ask the Concierge**



Valerio Scione is the concierge of Splendide Royal, a luxury boutique hotel affiliated with Condé Nast Johansens and situated between glamorous Via Veneto and the Spanish Steps. Replete in modern baroque décor, the hotel boasts a number of terraces that overlook the Eternal City and a rooftop restaurant. Scione shares with *WHERE* his expert tips on seeing Rome at its best.

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

You can take in the masterpieces of Bernini in Piazza Navona and the wonders of Ancient Rome in the span of a few minutes. Wandering the narrow streets throughout the city center, you can see and feel centuries of history and art like nowhere else in the world.

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

Campo de' Fiori, to me, is an example of authentic Rome. It is one of my favorite parts of the city, where I usually go during the spring and summer after dinner to get a drink or a delicious espresso in one of the cozy bars that border the piazza.

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

Via dei Portoghesi and Via dell'Orso, both close to the Pantheon, are two stunning streets inside a quiet area of the city. In the evening, stop for a candlelit dinner at one of the local trattorias in the area.

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

I would start with a stroll through classical Rome, visiting its various squares and fountains and then stop into a nice local trattoria for an authentic pasta lunch. We'd then move on to St. Peter's Basilica and the next day the ancient section of the city.

**5 What's the strangest thing that's happened to you during your time as concierge?**

I've managed to make arrangements like trips by helicopter, gastronomic tours in the countryside out of Rome or even a private ship with a crew to cover the short distance between Naples and Capri.

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

The city is hosting dozens of fascinating exhibits at any given time. My top picks would be the Canova exhibit at Palazzo Braschi and the exploration of Pompeii at the Scuderie del Quirinale.



**7 What's your number one piece of advice for tourists visiting Rome?**

My advice is to rely on the concierge of your hotel in order to make the most of your time in the city. Send him or her an email in advance, state what you're interested in seeing, and ask for help organizing an itinerary.

**8 Any suggestions for a restaurant with a great price/quality ratio?**

Hosteria Romana on Via del Boccaccio is a small, rustic, family-run trattoria. Price wise, it's reasonable and the food is excellent: classic Roman dishes served in a laid-back atmosphere.

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

At sunset in Villa Borghese or along the Tiber River.

**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

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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**

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.

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**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

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