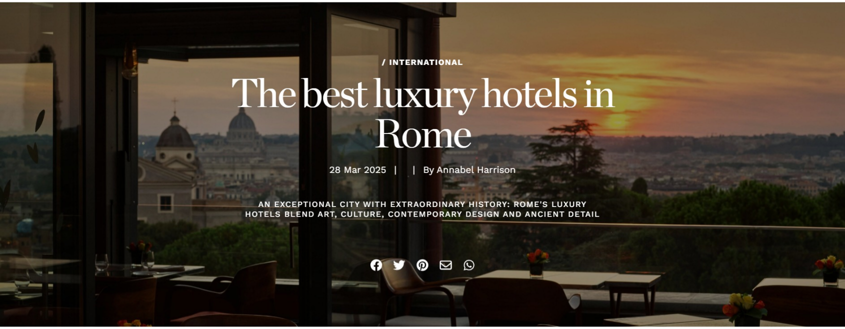

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The best luxury hotels in Rome

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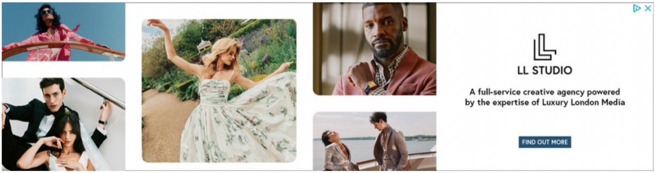
AN EXCEPTIONAL CITY WITH EXTRAORDINARY HISTORY: ROME'S LUXURY HOTELS BLEND ART, CULTURE, CONTEMPORARY DESIGN AND ANCIENT DETAIL

The charms of Rome are layered centuries-deep, from ancient masterpieces as magnificent as the Pantheon and the Colosseum, and details as curious as S.P.Q.R., which you'll see stamped everywhere from manhole covers to the Arch of Titus. If you've never been to Rome, you must and, if you have, don't hesitate to go again; wear your most comfortable footwear to soak up the delights of the must-see sites, and so much more. Plus, as 2025 marks Rome's Jubilee – an event that has taken place every 25 years since the Vatican was officially established in 1300 by Pope Boniface VIII, marking a time dedicated to reconciliation, conversion, and spiritual renewal – there's never been a better time to explore the Eternal City. Of course, you'll also need somewhere suitably decadent to rest your weary head (and feet) – here are the best hotels in Rome, fit for an emperor.



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HOTEL EDEN, LUDOVISI

A gem in the Dorchester Collection's portfolio, **Hotel Eden** is a modern and luxurious sanctuary perfectly positioned in the heart of Italy's capital, just a short stroll from the Spanish Steps and Villa Borghese. The 98-key hotel dates back to 1889, but relaunched in 2017 after a head-to-toe renovation by world-renowned architect and interior designer Bruno Moinard. Befitting of its art-led surroundings, aficionados needn't leave Hotel Eden to get their exhibition fix, as the hotel regularly houses unique collections. Plus, don't miss a curated tour following in the footsteps of **Caravaggio**, which gives insight into his art and life in Rome.

Alongside its two restaurants – Il Giardino on the rooftop, and the fine dining Mediterranean La Terrazza, helmed by new executive chef Salvatore Bianco — don't miss the Eden Spa which emerged from a refurbishment last summer. Having partnered with Swiss brand Valmont, book the signature 120-minute La Grande Bellezza face and body treatment to not only sample a wellness tribute to Ancient Rome, but leave feeling thoroughly rejuvenated. *Bellissimo*.

From £1,050 per night.

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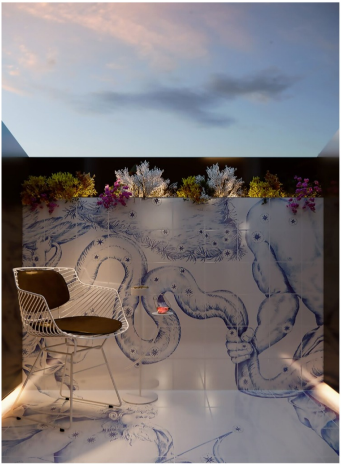
ART'OTEL ROME PIAZZA SALLUSTIO, VIA VENETO



New for 2025 is the Roman outpost for **Art'otel**, which has combined bold design with history to become one of the city's hottest addresses. Reimagined through the eyes of world-renowned Italian artist Pietro Ruffo and interior designer Eyal Shoan of Digital Space, the hotel overlooks the ancient Horti Sallustiani and is close enough to the city's iconic landmarks for sightseeing, but far enough from the hustle and bustle to create an art-filled retreat for locals and travellers alike.

From layered paintings to textile installations, the hotel's Insta-worthy 99 guestrooms including 11 suites – many featuring stunning tiled terraces – showcase Ruffo's signature works, making the hotel the largest permanent collection of his work to date. The allure doesn't stop there, as the in-house restaurant and bar, boasting a large sun-drenched terrace, is also peppered with art and will be open from lunch until late. Add in the wellness floor featuring a Technogym-equipped fitness centre and sauna, and you have a hotel that's a destination in its own right.

From £287 per night.

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DONNA CAMILLA SAVELLI, TRASTEVERE

Designed and built by Francesco Borromini, Donna Camilla Savelli is a 99-room hotel with a storied history. Dating back to 1642, it was conceived when noblewoman Camilla Savelli directed the build of the convent of *Santa Maria dei Sette Dolori* and the adjacent church, and, following a meticulous restoration of its unique the Baroque architecture, it opened its doors as a hotel in 2008. Today it continues to offer guests a home-away-from-home where they can enjoy a Roman holiday surrounded by beauty, art, and culture.

Foodies will be well satiated at the classic Italian Il Ferro e il Fuoco restaurant, while the internal garden houses Bar Bistrot, a tranquil place to rest and indulge in an aperitif. The dedicated team of this family-run hotel is quite literally at your service, so if you need help seeing the sights, allow them to organise cocktail tours or wine tastings, as well as traversing the city by Vespa or on a private boat sailing along the Tiber River. That's what the Italians call *la dolce vita*.

From £200 per night.

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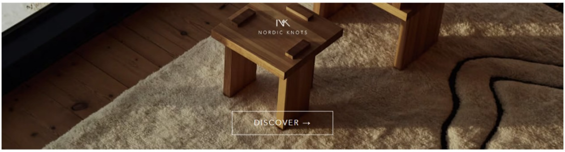

ROMEO ROMA, TRIDENTE

Another super-luxe hotel vying for Rome's top spot is **Romeo Roma**, which opened in December 2024 as one of the last projects from the late world-renowned Iraqi-British architect, Zaha Hadid. Her signature style is embodied in the hotel, showcasing her trademark blend of history and contemporary design, featuring Italian marble, sustainably-sourced wood, and restored ancient frescoes, all housed in an historic palazzo with 74 rooms.

The interiors are not the only aspect to marvel at. Just a stone’s throw from the steps of Piazza del Popolo in Rome’s city centre, guests are invited to relax away from the crowds while enjoying views over the rooftops to the Piazza del Popolo. Elsewhere, discover a destination restaurant overseen by decorated chef Alain Ducasse, a Neapolitan-inspired bistro, an open-air courtyard with indoor and outdoor pools, an international art collection and a wellness centre by Sisley **Paris**.

From £2,042 per night.

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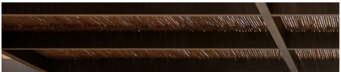
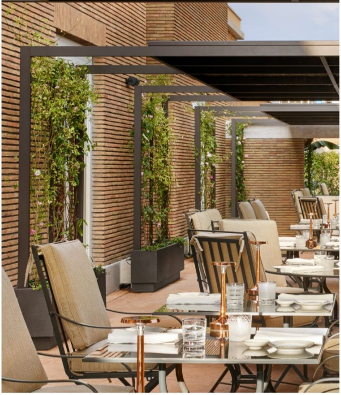
BULGARI HOTEL ROMA, CAMPO MARZIO





If you want a Roman hotel stay that feels fit for an emperor, the **Bulgari Hotel Roma** is for you, with even its address – Piazza Augusto Imperatore – reflecting exactly how opulent, lavish and imperially splendid it is. Of 114 rooms and suites, the 300 square metre Bulgari Suite is the jewel in the crown, boasting 10 windows and a colossal bathtub made from a single block of arabesque Corchia marble. There's also Il Ristorante – Niko Romito, Italy's first Bulgari Dolci chocolatier and patisserie (which will be our first port of call), a library dedicated to the history of jewellery, and the spa, with a 20-metre pool that showcases marble columns and emerald-green mosaics inspired by the famous Baths of Caracalla. Subtle it is not – quite fabulous it is.

From £1,467 per night.

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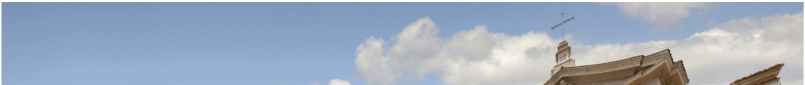
SIX SENSES ROME, TREVI



As far as hotel facades go, this one couldn't be more Roman, with its soaring columns, cream stone and carvings. **Six Senses Rome** is easy walking distance of must-visit sites like the Trevi Fountain and Pantheon, and the shopping streets of Via Condotti, Frattina and Borgognona, and the authentic, majestic-yet-calming vibe of the exterior continues inside; within the 96 rooms and suites, you'll find traditional *cocciopesto* plaster and Travertine limestone, suspended plants and natural light.

Ancient Roman bathhouses are reflected in the design and ethos of the Six Senses Spa here; ease the stresses of life by warming the body up and cooling it down in the three plunge pools (calidarium, tepidarium and frigidarium). The Bivium restaurant-café-bar houses a wood-fired pizza oven (well, when in Italy) and the Notos rooftop affords 360-degree immersive views of the city. If you're coming with children, ice-cream is free for anyone under 12 – bring on the gelato.

From £1,073 per night.

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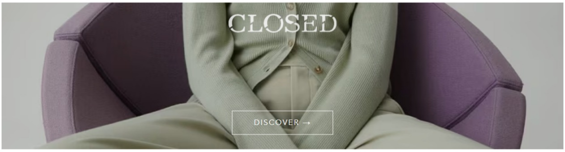

W ROME, LUDOVISI

It's a **W Hotel**. In Rome. Of course there's a rooftop pool and of course they don't call it that; it's the Wet Deck, for light Italian bites and a tropical cocktail with a side of swimming and panoramic views. The hotspot for late-night live music and DJ sets? Its W Lounge, open until 1.30am four nights a week.

Rooms are categorised as Fabulous, Marvellous, Fantastic etc – you get the picture – and if you want to push the boat out, the top floor Extreme Wow Suite boasts all the obvious perks as well as an enormous suite-long outdoor terrace (pictured above). Elsewhere, gorge on Sicilian cuisine in the Giano Restaurant, on cocktails, crudo and pasta at the seasonal terrace, Seu Pizza con Vista, and then walk it all off as you explore the delights of Rome right on your doorstep.

From £418 per night.

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THE HOXTON ROME, SALARIO

The Hoxton talks the talk. Its Elio restaurant, they declare with absolute confidence, ‘expresses the flavours, ingredients, energy and joyous hospitality of long and boozy meals with friends on holiday in Italy'. Count us in. There’s a gorgeous, vine-woven, sun-dappled terrace too and the on-site Hox Gallery, displaying ever-changing exhibitions from international artists.

You can assess the vibe a hotel is going for by their room categories. Forget the straightforward (and to Hox-goers, boring) tags of superior room or junior suite; here at the ‘Hox, we have Shoebox, Cosy, Roomy and Biggy, all decked out with parquet floors, bold headboards, brass lighting features, local stone and lacquered timber.

From £208 per night.

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PORTRAIT ROMA, CAMPO MARZIO

Portrait Roma is moments from both the Spanish Steps and the Ara Pacis Museum, the latter of which is one of our favourite sites in Rome. Find it on foot or make the most of a three-hour private tour by vintage Vespa; a guide will navigate you through Rome’s narrow alleys and secret streets, sharing local lore and pointing out curiosities, via headset, that may otherwise have gone unnoticed.

Portrait Roma, owned by the Ferragamo family and part of the Lungarno Collection, is a grand townhouse on Rome’s exclusive Via Condotti and its 14 suites are Ferragamo-standard stylish. The Penthouse has its own L-shaped terrace overlooking the beautiful Trinità dei Monti church but the magnificent rooftop lounge, open to all guests, offers breathtaking views too. On one side, the Villa Medici and Spanish Steps, on another, an uninterrupted view of the huge (and divisive) Vittoriano monument, and to the southeast, the soaring domes of St Peter and the Vatican.

From £1,573 per night.

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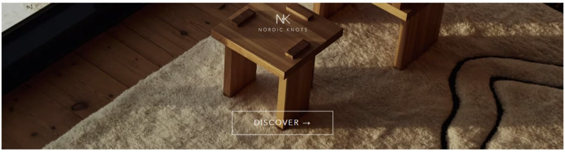
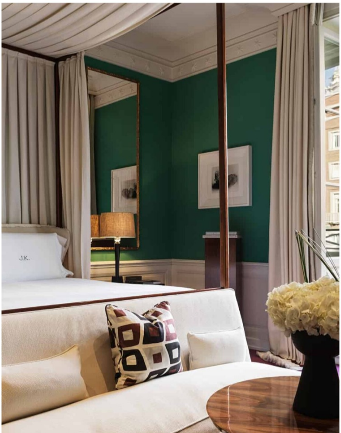


J.K. PLACE ROMA, CAMPO MARZIO

Also in the heart of the Eternal City is **J.K. Place Roma**, as immaculately stylish and luxuriously discreet as we hoped it would be (having had the best peach bellini of our lives at its beautiful sister property J.K. Place Capri). Its 27 rooms and suites are housed in a 17th century townhouse within walking distance of more iconic (in the truest sense of the word) Roman sites, from the gasp-inducing Pantheon to the must-at-least-pass Trevi Fountain.



Design is courtesy of Italian architect and interior designer Michele Bonan: think canopy beds in rosewood, emerald-toned wood-panelled walls, fine Carrara marble bathrooms and seriously cool art. We note that the menu in the JK Café caters very enticingly to carnivores and pescatarians alike and that the hotel can arrange everything from horse riding and hot air balloon excursions. We can't think of anything much better than an invigorating run with Rome's magnificent ancient ruins as the backdrop (ideally followed by a bowl of tagliatelle and a large glass of Italian wine).

From £630 per night.

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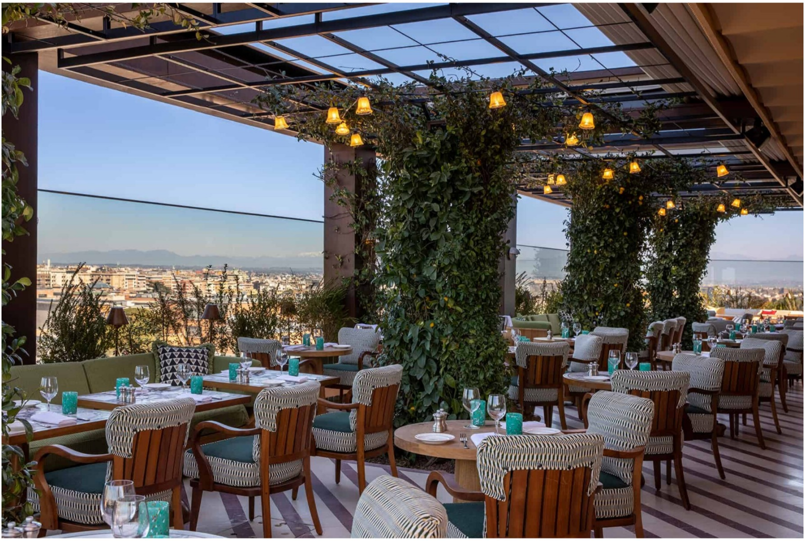
SOHO HOUSE ROME, QUARTIERE SAN LORENZO



Unsurprisingly, Soho House Rome ticks a lot of boxes. Its enviable 10th-floor rooftop pool comes complete with 360-degree views of the city and the Cecconi's Terrazza outdoor dining space, dotted with lemon trees, serves genuinely authentic Venetian specialities, handmade pasta and sunset cocktails. There's a Cowshed spa, cryo chambers for your Wim Hof fix and rooms ranging from Tiny (an honest and laudable moniker) to one-, two- or three-bed apartments.

Of particular note is the Soho House Rome art collection, which consists primarily of works created by artists who live and practice in Italy, with an emphasis on those based in the Lazio region. The main club space is dedicated to the theme of *Saints and Sinners*, interpreted in inventive ways – from football ultra-fans to Mary Magdalene – while in the ground floor Studio, there is a collection of work by international artists who responded to the 2020 lockdown. The rooftop has a site-specific mural by Roman artist Gio Pistone and each bedroom includes new works by emerging artists who studied or are based in Italy: Josip Grgic, Azadeh Ardalan and Nicolò Bruno.

From £275 per night (for non-members).

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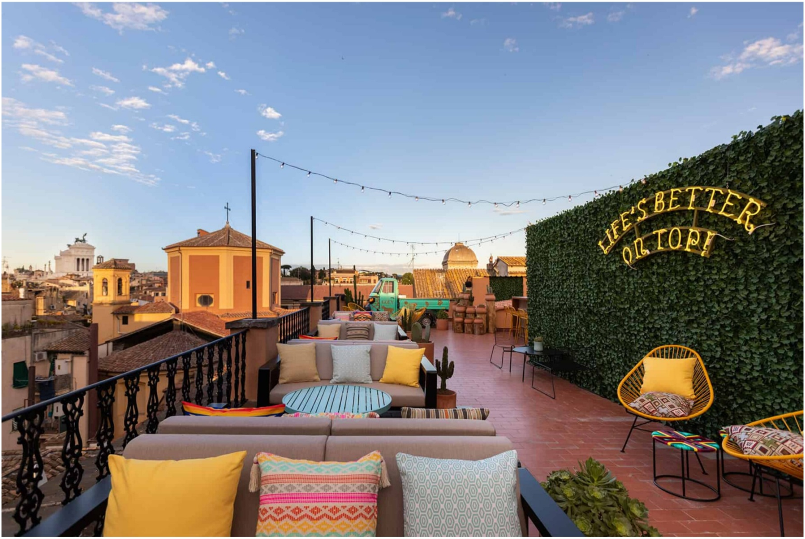
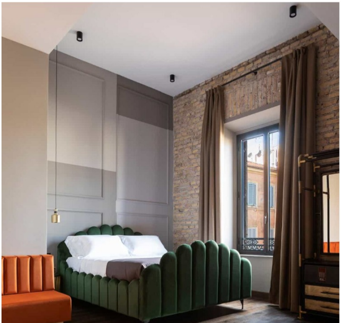
HOTEL CHAPTER ROMA, REGOLA



Where to start? On the **Mexican**-themed Hey Guey rooftop terrace, with its subtropical garden vibe, incredible view, and **cocktails** and tacos on tap? Or in the Hey Baby bar, perched on one of its high stools or nestled into a velvet sofa as you order your potion of choice? That's if you've even managed to leave your aesthetically pleasing bedroom, with its polished wooden floors, statement furnishings by Tom Dixon, Seletti, Diesel and Moroso, and bathrooms that combine cement, granite and brass to excellent effect.



Chapter Roma is surrounded by Regola’s narrow cobbled streets, lined with old houses and workshops, and is within strolling distance of Europe’s oldest Jewish Quarter and several Renaissance palazzos. Art reigns supreme at this hotel too and the sultry Hey Baby bar is decked out with work by some of the city’s best street artists. At Chapter Roma, chilled drink in hand as the sun sets over the domes of Rome, it is.

From £245 per night.

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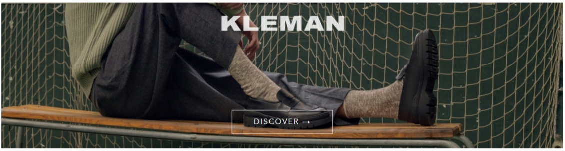

HOTEL VILON, CAMPO MARZIO

And breathe. **Hotel Vilon** has a calming, ancient Roman charm about it, found near the River Tiber on Via dell'Arancio. Its 16th-century mansion building, annexed to Palazzo Borghese, was once a boarding school for girls. We doubt they'd recognise it now, with elegant public spaces designed by Milanese design guru Giampiero Panepinto, bedrooms created by Roman scenographer Paolo Bonfini and artwork curated by Florentine photographer Massimo Listri.

There are just 17 rooms – if you want one with a beautiful terrace overlooking the palazzo's private gardens, choose the Melangolo Suite, the Borghese Suite or the Vilon Terrace. The all-day bar opens out into the courtyard in good weather and relaxation is on the cards; first orders are taken at 10.30am. The Adelaide restaurant, meanwhile, serves seasonal Mediterranean cuisine; expect traditional dishes with modern (and very pretty) twists.

From £575 per night.

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PIAZZA DI SPAGNA 9, CAMPO MARZIO

The Spanish Steps are a popular and busy tourist spot in Rome but at the far end of the Piazza di Spagna, near the Versace and Dolce & Gabbana boutiques, is a historic building containing the opposite; a very laid-back, hidden-away and bustle-free 400 square metre enclave. Welcome to **Piazza di Spagna 9** and its unique offering: a contemporary hotel and art gallery – where every piece is available to purchase – with six luxury suites, a communal living room and wellness centre. It can be rented out for exclusive use too, if you're bringing all the family or celebrating a special occasion with a group of friends.

During the day, staff are on-site, offering recommendations, serving hot drinks and arranging spa treatments. In the evenings, guests have free range of the space and can help themselves to an honesty bar. The hotel doesn't have a dedicated restaurant but a continental breakfast is available each morning in the Spagna lounge or next door in La Buvette café. Living *la dolce vita* indeed.

From £270 per night.

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