



Buona notte

Want a 'good night' away from it all? Or a stay in the buzzy heart? These hotels have it covered

Hotel Villa San Pio

For old Roman charm and tranquillity

Where is it? On the peaceful Aventine hill, just above buzzing Testaccio.

What is it? Three former villas surrounding a leafy, courtyard garden.

The highlights: Huge cushiony beds, breakfast amid the oranges, lemons and roses, and the (rare around here!) free street parking.

Travel's tip: Ask for a free smartphone to use while touring Rome.

Via Santa Melania 19; aventinohotels.com; doubles from £50, B&B.

Hotel Residenza Frattina

For a ritzy location on a tight budget

Where is it? In the glamorous shopping district by the Spanish Steps.

What is it? A beautiful old residential property with guestrooms on the third floor. Beware, there's no lift.

The highlights: The homely feel of a rich Italian aunt's flat, kind staff and nights in white satin (sheets).

Travel's tip: Borrow the hotel's free bikes to explore the nearby Villa Borghese.

Via Frattina 104; residenzafrattina.it; doubles from £72, B&B.

Villa Laetitia

For design and dolce vita swank

Where is it? A 15-minute walk north of Piazza del Popolo.

What is it? A Liberty-style villa and guesthouse, restored by Anna Fendi.

The highlights: The eclectic art, the lush walled garden, and the superlative wines in its Michelin-starred Enoteca La Torre restaurant.

Travel's tip: It's worth paying £34 extra a night for an upgrade to the Green Room for its private garden patio.

Lungotevere delle Armi 22/23; villa-laetitia.com; doubles from £88, B&B.

Voi Donna Camilla Savelli

For monastic chic and gorgeous views

Where is it? On the edge of the night-lively Trastevere district.

What is it? A 17th-century monastery designed by Borromini.

The highlights: Comfy, un-monkish rooms, with wooden ceilings, porcelain-tiled floors, a courtyard and access to the rooftop terrace overlooking Rome.

Travel's tip: Download Woody Allen's film *To Rome with Love* to watch while you're staying in the hotel — several scenes were filmed here.

Via Garibaldi 27; hoteldonnacamilla-savelli.com; doubles from £104, B&B.

The Inn at the Roman Forum

For atmospheric digs near the ruins

Where is it? Just above the Forum, in the hip Monti district.

What is it? An historic townhouse and an annex with apartments.

The highlights: Slipping wine in a 2,000-year-old *cryptoporticus* (underground passage) and contemplating Rome from the roof-terrace bar.

Travel's tip: Ask for the omelette at breakfast — they're fantastic.

Via degli Ibersesi 30; www.theinnattheromanforum.com; doubles from £125, B&B.

Palazzo Cardinal Cesi

For an oasis of calm amid the hordes

Where is it? Right by St Peter's Square, so in pole position for getting in the queue before the hordes.

What is it? A Renaissance palace adjacent to a convent.

The highlights: A lovely garden cloister, an otherworldly atmosphere, and the generous American breakfast.