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The best hotels in Rome

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With ancient ruins, splashing fountains, globally renowned art museums and charming cobblestone streets, [Rome](#) is an always popular destination. The city – and its mouthwatering pasta, pizza and gelato – beckons to both Europe first-timers and continental connoisseurs.

Whether as a stop on a longer trip through [Italy](#) or your home base on an extended visit, Rome is an ideal destination. It offers a wealth of things to do, a myriad of restaurants to enjoy and plenty of excellent hotels to hang your hat at.

From opulent grande dames where you can live out your dolce vita fantasies to trendy new boutique hotels for a more contemporary experience, here are the 20 best hotels in Rome.

Villa Agrippina, a Gran Meliá Hotel

Gianicolo, Rome, Italy



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Best for: Travelers who want the amenities of an urban resort with the feel of a boutique hotel.

Why stay here: This sleek stay offers the best of both worlds: the space and amenities (including a pool) of an urban resort with the intimate feel of a boutique hotel.

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Situated on Gianicolo, one of the highest hills in Rome, this Leading Hotels of the World property is slightly removed from the city's buzz. Still, you can stroll down the hill and be at the Vatican's doorstep in less than 15 minutes.

The hotel's privileged location gives it several advantages: views, space and silence. Not to mention, it's one of just a handful of hotels in central Rome with a pool — a major draw in summer.

A new pool bar lets guests order drinks and food that they can enjoy from the comfort of their sunbeds. Also, the Gala restaurant serves a full menu at tables overlooking the pool.



When the pool and Gala close in winter, guests can dine at Amaro, the hotel's cocktail bar and bistro, or at Follie, a restaurant helmed by Michelin-starred chef Luciano Monosilio (known as the king of carbonara).

Because the hotel is in a historic building constructed over the ruins of the villa of Agrippina – the Roman emperor Nero's mother – there are many different accommodation categories. Some have gorgeous views of the city and St. Peter's Basilica, while others have terraces or private gardens. The Agrippina Pool Villa has a large outdoor space with a private pool and sauna.

Regardless of which space you choose, you'll find sleek modern furniture and reproductions of Renaissance paintings above the bed. The hotel guarantees adjoining rooms to guests who request them when they book, so if you're traveling with kids, you can rest easy knowing you'll have connecting accommodations when you arrive.

Rates start at \$524 or 6,500 Leaders Club points per night.