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Warming dinners, roaring fires, comfy knits... the cosy season is upon us



THE JOY OF COMFORT FOOD

LET'S FACE IT, THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE ROME

History comes alive on the streets of Rome. It's this clash of architectural styles – from the grandeur of the 1,900-year-old Coliseum to the brutal symmetry of Twenties Fascist architecture – plus a decadent café society and a rebellious bohemian undercurrent that have lured travellers, and filmmakers, to the Italian capital for years. By turns glamorous and gritty, geared towards la dolce vita, yet also darkly atmospheric, Rome is a destination where drama and romance feel somehow inevitable...

THE HQ

JK Roma (jkroma.com; doubles from £420) is a true insider's secret, more reminiscent of the home of a fabulously wealthy, art-collecting aristocrat than a 30-room boutique hotel. Nestled in a former school of architecture not far from the Tiber – which provides the backdrop for one of the most dramatic Bond car chases in history in *SPECTRE* – and close to the Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps, JK Roma puts you in the centre of the action. The best rooms have rosewood four-poster beds, boldly striped Italian-marble bathrooms



THE BOUTIQUE HOTEL JK ROMA



SPRITZES IN THE COURTYARD, ANYONE?

with vast baths-made-for-two and Fifties Massimo Listri photography on the walls. Room 12 is the thinking man's choice, with a dramatic marble fireplace and teak shelves stocked with erudite hardbacks.

THE DRINK

Aperitivo in the Stravinskij Bar in the rose-hued garden courtyard of the Hotel de Russie (roccofoorte-hotels.com). A favourite haunt for Rome's high society since the Sixties, this is still a prime spot to indulge in the irrevocably Italian tradition of pre-dinner Campari or Aperol spritzes.

THE STEAL

Stylish stationery is the mark of a classy traveller and Cartoleria Pantheon (pantheon-roma.com) is where Rome's boho crowd get their leather-bound notebooks, diaries and travel journals.



THE THRILL

Hop on a Vespa from Bici and Baci (bicibaci.com) and ride the westerly ponentino breeze along the Tiber. But if you see an Aston Martin DB10 and a Jaguar C-X75 embroiled in a 100mph car chase, you might want to get out of the way.



DOES IT GET ANY MORE ROMAN THAN RIDING A VESPA?

THE DATE

A marron glace at the perennially chic (and tourist-horde-free) Cipriani, a cosy, old-school Italian bar that hasn't changed in decades. It doesn't need to.



NOBODY DOES RUINS LIKE THE ROMANS