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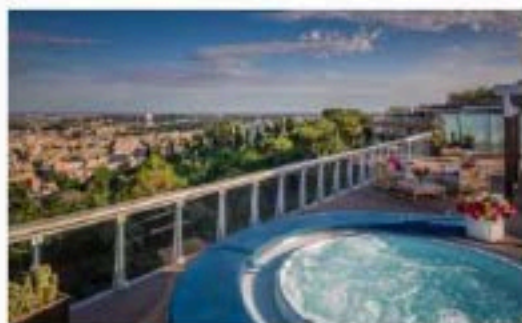


# ROME, if you want to

Better yet, says Sarah Rodrigues, experience it at an ultra-luxurious remove

Set within 15 acres of private parkland atop Monte Mario, the highest of Rome's seven hills, the Rome Cavalier – a Waldorf Astoria Resort – lays the city out before you in a beguiling panorama of domes, cupolas, spires and terracotta-tiled roofs. The Colosseum is easily discernible, as is the irrefutable white confection of the Vatican Museums. In even closer, the massive Duomo di St Peter's prompts the joke that we are looking down on Giot.

Even without the incomparable view that this elevated position affords you, it's tempting, as a guest here, to stay cocooned in the hotel's elegant sumptuousness and never actually venture down into the slightly overwhelming pace of The Eternal City – although the hotel does offer a regular shuttle service to the end. Truly though, why does one come to Rome? For the art? The hotel's



The beautiful Rome Cavalier has stunning views over the Eternal City

of spas, saunas and fitness facilities at the Cavalier Grand Spa Club, for example, where matters of both wellness and aesthetic nature are intertwined. The four swimming pools, both indoor and out, provide a welcome respite from Rome's sometimes unbearable heat, or just from the swasty sensation of having been surrounded by one too many tourists on your penitentiaries. Forget having to perch on the side of a fountain with a getting soaking sticky down your front; pool staff, dressed in dazzling whites, will bring you homemade ice cream and dangerously refreshing Aperol Spritzes, or more substantial pool snacks if your exertions have worked up an appetite.

Sake to say that we spend most of our long weekend at the Cavalier having been to Rome and visited its magnificent sights in the past, we limit our wanderings to early mornings, before the heat and the crowds pick-up. Staff helpers are setting up in Campo dei Fiori, stunningly casual local, seemingly unmoved by the immense antiquity of their surroundings, are with waking their pooches in the Piazza Navona. Nobody tries to sell us a rose (or a jelly stick) by the Trevi Fountain and the great hulking mass of the Colosseum is, as yet, unshibbed by a single dress-up Centurion. The city is just waking up, and to see it in the light feels like a privilege, rather than a feat of endurance – especially knowing that we have the luxury and space of the hotel to return to.

Rome and exclusive glimpses of the

city are on offer to suite guests at the Rome Cavalier, with complimentary local activities focusing on art, culture and gastronomy available, depending on which suite you are staying in. There is the option of a spring blossom tour, with a private visit to the Vatican Gardens or the Pope's summer residence, or a luxury park picnic, complete with butler. For the well-dressed guest, there's even the opportunity to take part in a candle-making workshop, where you'll visit an authentic family shoemaker to be instructed in the leather work required to make your own pair of traditional sandals.

All of these experiences can also be enjoyed, at venetian prices, to non-suite guests. With eyes that were clearly bigger than our stomachs, we embarked on a culinary journey through one of Rome's most authentic foodie markets and neighbourhoods with an English-speaking guide, by the end of which we'd conjured our body weight in truffles, homemade pasta, cheese, sautéed, aged balsamic vinegar, gelato and pizza. Perhaps, after this, we should have made an appearance at the fitness facilities with more than just a massage on our minds – but thank goodness for the pool loungers, from which we barely move for the rest of the day, sipping finding room for just a few more Aperol Spritzes before dinner.

Nightly rates at Rome Cavalier start from €705 (approx. \$900) in an Alcove Suite.

[www.romecavalier.com](http://www.romecavalier.com)



The hotel features stunning suites and a home to a 1200-piece art collection

# HOME AND AWAY

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Yes – are the credits by which THIRDSHOME members can gain access to other homes within the portfolio, by making your own second home



THIRDSHOME is a regional travel club that offers exclusive properties around the world

available to members, you earn 'legs' which can be used to book any other available home in any part of the world. The number of legs awarded – or required – depends on the desirability of the week for which the property is available – and because the exchanges don't need to be simultaneous, you have additional freedom when it comes to planning. The only accommodation cost involved

is a booking fee, which ranges from £200 – £800 per week.

A bit twidly about the size of strangers in your home? Membership is by invitation only and subject to strict criteria: the property must be within a desirable location, with furnishings, appointments and amenities meeting an exacting standard. With the average value of properties within the club being \$1.7 million, there's the finite sense of trust that comes from the fact of dealing with similarly-minded homeowners but, as an added precaution, all members agree to a comprehensive set of terms and conditions – plus hosts and guest rate each other post-stay.

It's not just other members' second homes to which you can escape THIRDSHOME is also endorsed by 90 world class resorts, clubs and developments, including the Ritz Carlton Destination Club. And for those who don't own a second home with which to apply for membership to the club? THIRDSHOME is soon to become available to non-members, who will be able to use the portal to list or rent their ideal holiday home; a travel club for those seeking luxury travel adventures is also to be introduced.

[www.thirdshome.com](http://www.thirdshome.com)



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