

Hotel De' Ricci by The Telegraph

Telegraph expert rating 8/10

Opened by one of the owners of the iconic restaurant Pierluigi, this intimate eight-room bolthole has a pitch-perfect location away from the tourist hordes, is close to some of the city's prettiest quiet streets and shops, and is home to one of Rome's hottest new clubby-cum-speakeasy bars.

Location

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This former family home has one of the Eternal City's best addresses – tucked away on a quiet cobblestoned street in a neighbourhood dotted with old world antique shops called Regola Rione. It's close to the city's must-see sights like Piazza Navona and Campo de' Fiori, but with plenty of residential charm. Visit the Chez Dedè store around the corner (the owners also oversaw De' Ricci's interiors), and take a stroll along Via Giulia, one of Rome's most charming streets.

Style & character

8 / 10

This townhouse palazzo has been charmingly reimagined as an eight-suite hideaway that feels more like staying in a stylish apartment of a chic friend rather than a cookie-cutter hotel. Among the highlights are the clubby hotel bar with its leather-covered banquettes and delicious artisanal cocktails, evocative black-and-white illustrations, huge wine cantina with over 1,500 labels on offer, and minibars with complimentary water, soft drinks, and juices (always a boon).

Service & facilities

8 / 10

Although there is no restaurant on-site, the general manager and staff are incredibly friendly and welcoming, and full of great recommendations from restaurants to unforgettable exhibits (be sure to make a reservation at Pier Luigi, arguably the city's best seafood). The hotel's private bar, Charade with a cigar room, has excellent aperitivi, and all the allure of an old-fashioned speakeasy. Each room comes with its own wine region focus, from Piedmont to Tuscany (the property can set up multiple day vineyard tours if requested in advance). Other thoughtful amenities include dog beds and bowls, and in-room breakfasts so you don't even have to get dressed right away.

- Bar
- Laundry
- Room service
- Wi-Fi

Rooms

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With only eight suites on-site, the feeling here is intimate but modern with black-tiled bathrooms (we love the toiletries from Parisian perfumer Francis Kurkdjian), custom illustrated wallpaper, and just the right smattering of vintage furniture throughout. Continuing the wine theme that runs through the hotel, framed bottle labels call out some of Italy and France's best vintages, and wood-panelled floors give the feeling of a Grand Tour boat or luxury train. The four suites with terraces are worth the slightly higher price, but the Deluxe Suite options with their own lounge are firm favourites.

Food & drink

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While there isn't a full restaurant or room service menu, you won't go hungry with a bar menu that includes smoked salmon blinis with sour cream, cheeseburgers, and a classic hotel club sandwich (there is a vegetarian option also available).

For their continental breakfast, in-room offerings include just baked cornetti and bread, freshly squeezed orange juice and seasonal fruit, coffee or tea, and for those who want to start the festivities early in the day and pay extra (€60/£53), the champagne option comes with bubbles, macarons and San Daniele ham (cooked eggs are also available à la carte).

Value for money

8 / 10

Double rooms from €350 (£308) in low season; and from €1,100 (£976) in high. Continental breakfast included. Free water, soft drinks, and coffee or tea throughout the day. Free Wi-Fi. You might want to consider an offseason getaway for the best deal.