

Hotels & Hostels

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From opulent five-star palaces to chic boutique hotels, family-run *pensioni* (small hotels or guesthouses) and tranquil convents, Rome has accommodation to please everyone, from the fussiest prince to the most impecunious nun. Rates are relatively expensive, however, and you'll often pay more than for equivalent accommodation elsewhere. But (every global economic crisis has a silver lining) plenty of places have dropped their prices dramatically, and many rooms cost (depending on the time of year) around 30% less than they did a couple of years ago.

All the areas covered in this chapter are a bus ride or metro journey from Stazione Termini. If you come by car, be warned that there is a terrible lack of on-site parking facilities in the city centre, although your hotel should be able to direct you to a private garage. Street parking is not recommended.

Although Rome doesn't have a low season as such, many hotels offer large discounts from mid-July through August and from mid-November to mid-March (excluding the Christmas to New Year period). Expect to pay top dollar in spring (mid-March to mid-July) and autumn (September to mid-November) and over the main holiday periods (Christmas, New Year and Easter).

Most mid- and top-range hotels accept credit cards. Budget places might, but it's always best to check in advance. Many smaller places offer discounts of up to 10% for payment in cash.

In this book, reviews are in order of price, with the most expensive places listed first. Low-season and high-season rates have been provided, unless there's a single year-round price. See the inside front cover for a list of icons used.

The [Comune di Roma](http://www.comune.roma.it) (www.060608.it) publishes an extensive list of B&Bs, rooms and apartments to rent, and hotels, with prices.

Wherever you decide to stay and whenever you come, it's always a good idea to book ahead. For further details on reservations see [opposite](#).

ACCOMMODATION STYLES

B&Bs

Alongside the hundreds of traditional B&Bs (private homes offering a room or two to paying guests), Rome has a burgeoning number of boutique-style guesthouses that offer up-market accommodation at mid- to top-end prices. You usually get your own keys and can come and go as you like. Note also that you're unlikely to be served a cooked breakfast; the usual offering is a continental combination of bread rolls, croissants, ham and cheese.

The following agencies specialise in B&B accommodation and offer online booking services:

Bed & Breakfast Association of Rome (Map pp124–5;

☎ 06 553 02 248; www.b-b.rm.it; Via A Pacinotti 73;

🕒 10am–2pm & 3–7pm Mon–Fri) Offers both rooms in B&Bs and short-term rentals of fully furnished flats.

Bed & Breakfast Italia (☎ 081 714 15 33; www.bbitalia.com) Rome's longest-established B&B network.

Cross Pollinate (www.cross-pollinate.com) An online agency.

Sleeping Rome (www.sleepingrome.com) Offers B&B and has good short-term flat rentals.

Hostels

Rome's hostels are smartening up their act. The number of private hostels is increasing and many now offer smart hotel-style rooms alongside traditional dorms. Curfews are rare and some even offer 24-hour receptions.

The central office of the Italian youth hostels association, the *Associazione Italiana Alberghi per la Gioventù* (AIG; Map pp106–7; ☎ 06 489 07 740; Piazza San Bernardo 107), has information about all the youth hostels in Italy. It will assist with bookings to stay at universities during summer, and you can also join *Hostelling International* (HI) here.

Pensioni & Hotels

The bulk of accommodation in Rome is made up of *pensioni* and *alberghi* (hotels).

A *pensione* is a small, family-run hotel. In Rome, they are usually housed in converted one- or two-floor apartments. Rooms tend to be simple, and although most now come with a private bathroom, those that don't will usually have a basin and bidet.

Hotels are bigger and more expensive than *pensioni*, although at the cheaper end of the market, there's often little difference between