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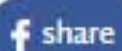
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Telegraph expert rating

" January 2016 saw the debut of this playfully chic five-star villa-hotel not far from Piazza del Popolo. Facilities include a private garden with pool – a rarity in central Rome – plus a restaurant and delightful neo-Rococo bar. There’s even a nightclub in the basement. "



By **Lee Marshall**, DESTINATION EXPERT

7/10 **Location**

First the upside: it's a five-minute walk from Piazza del Popolo, well-placed for arrival by taxi or metro, and just a bridge away from the Prati district with its many shops, restaurants and bars. What they don't tell you is that the site is a virtual traffic island, hemmed in by one of Rome's main cross-city routes - meaning there's a constant urban soundtrack in the garden and pool area, and back in your (well soundproofed) room, you'd do well not to throw open the windows.



9/10 **Style & character**

Confident, stylish and tinged with just the right measure of post-modern irony, architect-owner Antonio Girardi's design scheme imagines a whole Madame-Pompadour-style backstory for what for over a century was the Roman townhouse of the Malaspina family. Original Art Nouveau doors and marble mosaics are complemented by chandeliers sourced from New York's Plaza Hotel, ornate mirrors, framed 19th-century paintings and prints to create a neo-Rococo effect that is at its most impressive in the delightfully decadent L'Autre Dame bar.

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Service & facilities

The mid-sized outdoor pool is a huge plus – with the traffic noise proviso I mentioned under ‘Location’. Service is professional, helpful and mostly well-informed. And the free in-room mini-bar – which even stretches to half-bottles of champagne – is a very nice touch. The downstairs nightclub, Rasputin (open on Friday and Saturday nights), has a separate entrance, and is of little disturbance to hotel guests – but it’s there if you fancy mingling with the Roman glitterati.

- ✔ Bar
- ✔ Pool
- ✔ Room service
- ✔ Laundry
- ✔ Restaurant
- ✔ Wi-Fi

7/10

Rooms

The 30 bedrooms are pleasant enough, but their soothing, neutral hues and minimal furnishings make no attempt to rise to the design challenge set by the impressive communal areas downstairs. This said, there are some cute details – retro Forties-style lamps, cool brass wardrobe handles – and the level of facilities is good, from the comfortable mattresses to the large bathrooms, from the abundance of power-points to the efficient in-room Wi-Fi.

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Food & drink

Occupying a light-filled ballroom-like dining room resplendent with mirrors and stuccowork, the L'Autre Dame restaurant serves breakfast for hotel guests and lunch and dinner for outside clients too. Breakfast is of the served variety, not buffet-style, and some will consider the portions to be a little scant; but this is clearly in line with the healthy-food-for-beautiful people approach of a restaurant whose lunch and dinner menus mix light version of Roma classics with plenty of salads, gourmet sandwiches and raw tartares.

7/10

Value for money

Entry-level (Deluxe) double rooms from £275 (€350) in low season; rising to around £625 (€790) in high. Breakfast usually included in the rate. Free Wi-Fi.

Access for guests with disabilities?

Yes.

Family-friendly?

Kids are welcomed with age-appropriate sweets and treats in their room. And in summer, the promise of the pool should help get them through a day's sightseeing.

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