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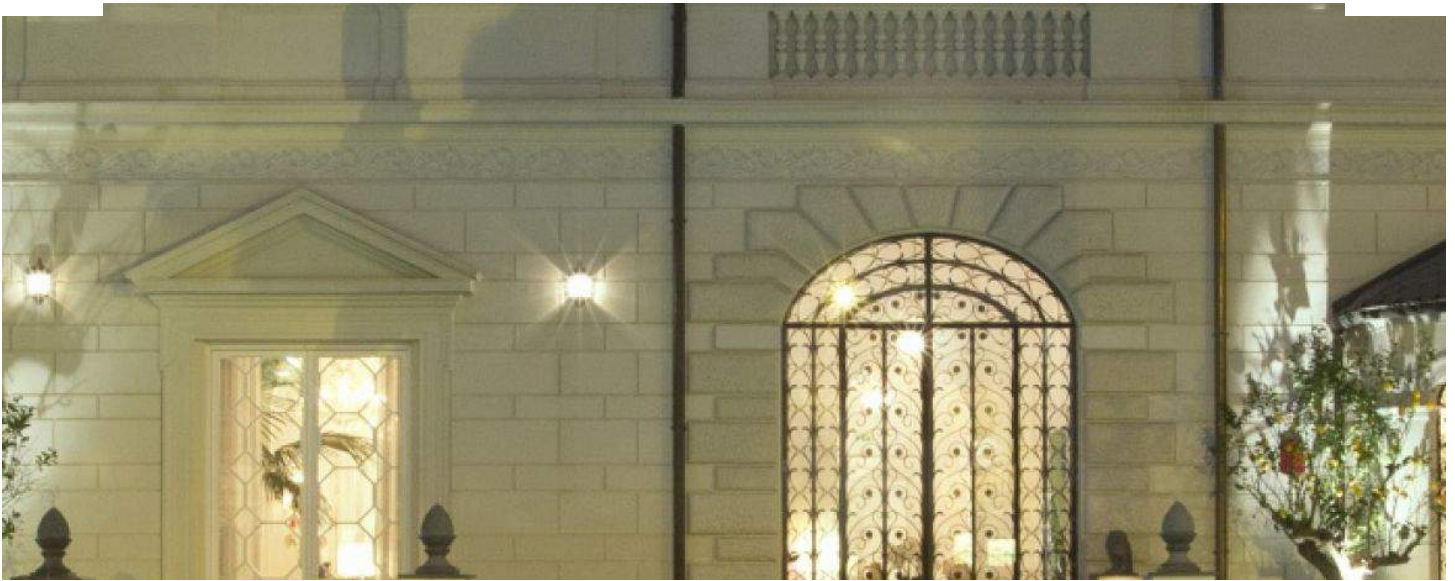
# HOTEL REVIEW: Palazzo Dama, Rome, Italy - 18th century villa-turned- boutique hotel

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Palazzo Dama welcomes guests to experience Rome in a majestic, fully serviced villa just steps from Piazza del Popolo. With the only private outdoor swimming pool in the city, this five-star property is a nod to fine Italian luxury.

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As soon as the gates to the residence close behind me, the outside world fades away and I'm transported to the world of *The Great Gatsby*. I'm directed into the front room to check in, but am distracted by the glistening marble swimming pool. The poor front office manager tries to keep up with me as he says, "Ah, yes this is our crown jewel, the only private outdoor pool in the city, a rarity." Suddenly I feel as privileged as I'm sure the former Marchesa felt back in the day.

I try to concentrate on checking in, but once again I'm diverted, this time towards the art, furniture and chandeliers thoughtfully placed around the rooms, adding to the history and glamour of the venue, and all I want to do is melt into the deep red and blue velvet chairs.

The basement is home to the Raspoutine Bar from Paris, and is overflowing with stories of hedonism.



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## The Location

Located at Flaminio metro station, the hotel is around 30km from Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci International Airport (FCO) and 25km from Ciampino G B Pastine Airport (CIA). The city is easily accessible from two main railway stations, Roma Termini, 3.5km from the hotel, and Roma Tiburtina, 6km from the hotel.

## The Accommodation

The 29 rooms and suites, starting at AED 1,500, are located across three floors of the hotel, with the ground floor consisting of the lobby and other common areas. Large, understated and contemporary with all the mod cons, they're furnished in shades of taupe, avian blue and sage green, culminating in a calming effect, while the bathrooms feature marble tubs and vanity tops stocked full of Aqua di Parma toiletries. Black and white images hung on the walls allude to the decadence of a former Italian era.

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## The Food and Drink

Breakfast is available at as both a modest and adequate cold buffet, and also from an a la carte menu. It's not terribly exciting, but serves to fuel the day. The highlight is walking into the garden with a latte and a cheeky croissant in hand to catch the morning light.

Dinner in **Pacifico** is a must, offering an opportunity to try some of the best Peruvian cuisine outside of its home country. Chef Jaime Pesaque has chosen Palazzo Dama in Rome to host his celebrated culinary project. The ceviche, priced at a very reasonable AED 104, is world-class, delicately presented and apt for sharing. In Chef Pesaque's signature menu, there's an all-day menu, featuring international flavours, available in the hotel's common areas and room service. The kitchen team is directed by Executive Chef Nazaev Esparza Zaragoza, former chef of Mayta Dubai.



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A favourite with guests and residents, **Lounge Bar** sits beneath five overwhelming glamorous chandeliers from the Plaza Hotel in New York, which set the tone for the intimate Pisco bar. Featuring dark blue walls full of original artwork, guests can enjoy sophisticated spirits and fine mixed drinks such as the Pisco Sour, created exclusively by the hotel's barmen.

If you want to up the tempo, head to the **Raspoutine Club**. Tucked away in the basement, with its own side-street entrance, the French institution embodies a mysterious and non-conformist personality, inviting the Roman glitterati to dance the night away.

### The Facilities

A curated selection of beauty and wellness treatments are available in the comfort of your room and can be arranged at any time. The fitness centre is outfitted with the latest in Technogym equipment, open 24-hours daily.

*Rooms costs from AED 1,584 per night, price correct on date of publication; Palazzo, Dama, Lungotevere Arnaldo da Brescia, 2, 00196 Roma RM, Italy, 0039-06-8956 5272, [reservation@palazzodama.it](mailto:reservation@palazzodama.it) (<mailto:reservation@palazzodama.it>), [palazzodama.com](http://www.palazzodama.com) (<http://www.palazzodama.com/en/>).*



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