

Rome Restaurants

The following are restaurants that are supposed to be good. Those that I have been to and would recommend are marked with an asterisk (*); the others have been recommended by others, including guide books. Beware though, that restaurants change hands and styles frequently, so something that was very good one semester could be not so good the next.

I divide the following into five categories:

(P) = Pizzeria. The menu consists of pizza, fried things, and a small selection of primi and secondi. This is usually your cheapest option for a sit-down meal, although some trattoria can be in the same price range.

(T) = Trattoria. Good, local food, often a family-run place. Prices are basically inexpensive: between 8-12 for primi, between 12-20 for secondi.

(R) = Ristorante. Good food in a nicer setting than a trattoria, with fancier dishes and more care with presentation. Average prices are between 10-20 for primi, between 15-25 for secondi. Many of these are also family-run.

(Re) = Elegant ristorante. Very nice setting with every effort to provide the best in food quality, presentation, and service.

(S) = The best in Rome. These are places that have been singled out for their exceptional quality. The "S" stands for Super and refers both to their reputation and to their prices. (I have not been to any of these.)

Centro: Navona+Pantheon+Argentina

*(R) Il Corallo, Via del Corallo, behind Chiesa Nuova. Creative and excellent food.

*(R) Ristorante Monserrato, Via di Monserrato 96, Closed Monday. Specializes in seafood. tel. 06-678-6139.

*(R) Grappolo d'Oro, Piazza della Cancelleria. tel. 06 689 7080, closed Tuesdays.

*(R) Osteria del Gallo, Vicolo di Montevicchio, 27, 06.68.73.781, Very near Piazza Navona, in a quiet corner. Traditional Italian and Roman food.

(P) Da Baffetto, corner of Via del Governo Vecchio and Via Sora. This is one of the most famous pizzerie in Rome as you will see from the line outside. Not open for lunch.

(T) Trattoria Pasquino, Piazza Pasquino. Closed on Sunday. Good food at reasonable prices. Lunch and dinner.

(R) La Scaletta, Via S. Maria dell'Anima. Mostly typical Roman food.

(T) Ponte e Parione, Via S. Maria dell'Anima. Closed Wednesday. Good food. Lunch and dinner.

(R) Ciccia Bomba, Via del Governo Vecchio 76. Closed Wednesday. Good food at reasonable prices. Creative and typical Italian dishes. Lunch and dinner.

(T) Tre Archi, Via dei Coronari 233. Closed Sunday. Good typical home cooking - tel 06-686-5890

(S) La Rosetta, Via della Rosetta 8, 06 686 1002 *Rated as one of the ten best in Rome by Gambero Rosso.*

***(R)** Baires, Corso del Rinascimento, Argentinian food, excellent steaks. Air conditioned.

(T) Da Francesco, Piazza del Fico, Very good pizza and italian food. Usually crowded. Very reasonable prices.

(P) Pizzeria Montecarlo, Very good and inexpensive pizza and other Italian food.

(Re) Il Pagliaccio, Via dei Banchi Vecchi, 129a *Rated as one of the ten best in Rome by Gambero Rosso.*

(S) Il Convivio Troiani, Vicolo dei Soldati 31, 06 686 9432. *Rated as one of the ten best in Rome by Gambero Rosso.*

(S) L'Altro Mastai, Via G. Giraud, 53 *Rated as one of the ten best in Rome by Gambero Rosso.*

Trastevere

***(R)** Le Mani in Pasta, Via dei Genovesi

***(R)** Asinocotto, Via dei Vascellari, 48, 06 589 8985, closed Mon, open only for dinner.

***(R)** Spirito Divino, Via dei Genovesi. A very pleasant experience. Slow food.

(T) Roma Sparita, Piazza S. Cecilia. Known for its Caccio e Pepe.

***(P)** La Fraschetta, Via di S. Francesco a Ripa, Very good pizza and other italian food. Usually very crowded with italians. Homey interior (go to inner room beyond the pizza oven). Inexpensive.

(P) Ivo a Trastevere, Via di S. Francesco a Ripa, Excellent pizza, very roman and crowded, very inexpensive

(R) La Tana de' Noantri, Famous restaurant, Very good, but not inexpensive.

(R) Augusterello, Piazza de Renzi, 15. Relaxed and genuine restaurant in a quiet piazza off the tourist beat. Closed Sun. *Rough Guide*

(T) Da Lucia. Vicolo del Mattonato 2b. Family-run, typically Roman trattoria with tables outside on this quiet street. Closed Mon. *Rough Guide*

(T) Oliver & Oliver: Ristorante Pizzeria. Via del Moro, 61/63 (Piazza Trilussa). 06.5898.024. Closed Mon.

(T) Osteria dell'Aquila. Via Natale del Grande 52. Amiable Abruzzese-Roman restaurant that has been run for the past thirty years by three sisters. Homemade gnocchi and fettuccine, and pizza in the evenings. Closed Tues. *Rough Guide*

***(R)** Surya Mahal. Piazza Trilussa 50. Best Indian restaurant in Rome, with reasonably priced set vegetarian and meat- and fish-based menus, eaten in a garden in the summer. Evenings only, closed Sun.

San Silvestro+Barberini

(R) Piccolo Arancio, Near Trevi Fountain. Small and hidden, very good Italian food, reasonable prices.

(R) Le Fric. Via S. Niccolò in Tolentino. *Changed hands in early 2012; may have a different name.*

(S) Imàgo de L'Hotel Hassler, Piazza Trinità dei Monti. *Rated as one of the ten best in Rome by Gambero Rosso.*

San Giovanni+Celio

(P) Pizzeria I Rioni, Via dei SS. Quattro, Very good and inexpensive pizza and other Italian dishes. Only dinner.

*(T) Cannavota. Piazza San Giovanni. Good traditional Roman food.

*(R) Le Virtù in Tavola. Via della Scala Santa. Very good Sardinian food.

Prati+San Pietro

*(R) Dante Taberna de' Gracchi, Via dei Gracchi, 264, 06 321 3126, closed Sundays. Old-style Roman ristorante.

*(R) Ristorante Calabascio, Via Properzio, 30. Good. Friendly service.

*(T) Nuvolari Osteria, Borgo Vittorio, 15. Local, seasonal food.

*(P) Angeli a Borgo, Borgo Angelico 28. Great pizza.

*(R) Velando, Borgo Vittorio 26, Tel 06 6880 0055, www.ristorantevelando.com, closed Sundays. Excellent. Specializes in Lombardian food.

(R) Da Roberto, Borgo Pio, 62, Good food, reasonably priced.

*(T) Tre Pupazzi, Borgo Pio

(R) Taverna Angelica, Piazza A. Capponi 6, 06 687 4514, www.tavernaangelica.it, Open every evening and Sunday lunch

(T) Cantina Tirolese, Via Vitelleschi 23, Tel 06 6813 5297, Specializes in Northeastern Italian/Austrian food, A favorite of the Swiss Guards

(T) Da Gianni al Cacio e Pepe, Via Avezzana 11 (near Piazza Mazzini), Tel 06 321 7268, Closed Sun, Family run

(Re) Piero e Francesco, Via Fabio Massimo 75, 06 320 0444. Closed Sat lunch and Sunday.

(Re) L'Arcangelo, Via Belli 59, Tel 06 321 0992, Closed Sat and Sun lunch. *Rated as one of the ten best in Rome by Gambero Rosso.*

(Re) La Veranda – Hotel Columbus, Borgo Santo Spirito 73, Tel 06 687 2973

(Re) Hemingway, Via Tunisi 1b, Tel 06 3903 1046, www.hemingwayroma.it

*(R) Shanti, Via Fabio Massimo 68, Tel: 06 324 4922, www.ristoranteshanti.com, Indian-Pakistani food

(Re) Antico Arco, Piazzale Aurelio, 7, 06 581 5274 *Rated as one of the ten best in Rome by Gambero Rosso.*

Balduina

(S) La Pergola de L'Hotel Rome Cavalieri Hilton *Rated as the best in Rome by Gambero Rosso.*

Esquiline

(S) Agata e Romeo, Via Carlo Alberto 45 *Rated as one of the ten best in Rome by Gambero Rosso.*

Parioli

(Re) Baby dell'Aldrovandi Palace, Via U. Aldovrandi, 15. Closed Mondays. *Rated as one of the ten best in Rome by Gambero Rosso.*

(Re) Al Ceppo, Via Panama 2, 06 841 9696, Closed Mondays.