



Central Rome

Agata e Romeo, Via Carlo Alberto, 45, is an intimate, somewhat pricey restaurant near the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, operated by a husband and wife team—he is the host and sommelier, she is the chef. The menu, refined treatments of regional classics, changes with the season. Reservations recommended. *Closed Sun., Sat. & 2nd-3rd wk in Aug.* **06/4466115**

Al 104, Via Urbana, 104, is a tiny restaurant operated by a husband and wife team from Sardinia, serving exclusively crustaceans and mollusks in imaginative preparations, including many Sardinian specialties. The exceptional tasting menu (often only served to an entire table) is available for the individual diner. (Moderately expensive.) Reservations required. Dinner only, but lunch can be reserved for parties of six or more if you call the day before.

Closed Mon. **06/4742772**

[II] Bagato, Via Trionfale 200 (on Monte Mario), has a wonderful view of the city by night. Excellent food. **06/35402631**

[La] Buca di Ripetta, Via di Ripetta, 36 (near Piazza del Popolo), is an inexpensive place to find very good Roman food. *Closed Sun. evenings, Mon. & August* **06/3219391**

[La] Campana, Vicolo della Campana, 18 (near *Ponte Cavour* and around the corner from the Monte Brianzo apartment), is the oldest restaurant in Rome. Food and service in this very popular neighborhood restaurant are very good. The menu changes almost daily. **06/6867820**

[La] Cantinola, Via Calabria, near the Piazza Fiume. *Closed Sun.* **06/42743962**

[La] Capricciosa, Largo dei Lombardi, 8, run by Ricardo and his Mom, is an excellent pizzeria. *Closed Tues.* **06/6878480**

[II] Cardinale, Via delle Carceri, 6 (just off of Via Giulia), is above the mid-price range of restaurants, but the food is wonderful and the presentation beautiful. The tiramisù is terrific, the atmosphere comfortable and romantic. **06/6878430**

Ciao Bella, Via Veneto, has, according to Robert & Joan Bobrow of Elkins Park, PA, “excellent salads, soups, and pizza.” Inexpensive and open during August. **06/4824155**

[II] Convivio, Via dell’Orso, 44 (runs off of the *Ponte Umberto*, near Monte Brianzo): “the menu *degustazione* [tasting] (a splurge, \$100 per person) was wonderful.” (Gail & Jim Davitt) Credit cards accepted. *Closed Sat. lunch & Sun.* **06/6869432**

Da Costanza, Piazza del Paradiso, 63-65, is a traditional trattoria located in part of the Theater of Pompey, where Julius Caesar met his untimely demise. This meeting place for artists, actors, and politicians “...is excellent for *fiori fritte* (battered, fried zucchini flowers) as well as traditional Roman foods.” (Dr. Janice Kozma, Lawrence, KS)

Closed Sun. & August **06/6861717**

Da Mario, Via della Vite, 55/56, is a famous and friendly restaurant near the Trevi Fountain. Traditional decor. Tuscan and Roman specialties. *Closed Sun. & Aug.* **06/6783818**

[II] Dito e La Luna, Via dei Sabelli, 47/49/51, is a bistro-style restaurant in the San Lorenzo district near the University of Rome, serving a mix of traditional Sicilian and contemporary cuisine. Though service is said to be slow, the gourmet food, great atmosphere and reasonable prices make it well worth a visit. Dinner only. No credit cards. Reservations recommended.

Closed Sun. & 2 wks. In Aug. **06/4940726**

Gemma e Maurizio, Via Marghera, 39 (about 1 1/2 blocks from Termini), has good pasta and is inexpensive.

Closed Sat. and Sun. evening **06/491230**

Girarrosto Toscano, Via Campania, 29, is recommended by Dee Ann Hill.

Closed Wed. **06/4821899**

Grappolo d'Oro, Piazza della Cancelleria 80, off the *Campo dei Fiori*, is a centrally located favorite offering traditional Roman cooking, mainly fish. An exceptionally good value.

Closed Mon. lunch & Aug. They cook mainly fish. **06/6897080**

La Rosetta, Via della Rosetta, 8, near the Pantheon, is one of Rome's best restaurants serving fish only, well worth a stop just to admire the heap of seafood beautifully arranged on a marble slab in the hallway.

Closed Sat. lunch, Sun. & Aug. **06/6861002**

Nello & Walter, Via del Pelligrino, 107-108 (near La Chiesa Nuova, one block south of the Corso), has superb food.

06/6869361

[L']Orso, Via dell'Orso, 33, is a pizzeria and restaurant much favored by Romans.

Closed Mon. & Aug. **06/6864904**

Osteria da Giulio, Via della Barchetta, 19, has a reputation for serving wonderful pastas.

Closed Sun. **06/44245328**

Osteria Due Colonne, in Via del Semenario near St. Ignazio, is recommended enthusiastically by the Rudzinskis for its delicious food, good service and inexpensive prices.

06/6781449

Osteria Piccola Roma, Via Uffici del Vicario, 36, is an absolute must if you love a great *antipasto* buffet. The pastas are delicious, the staff friendly and fun-loving, and the price reasonable, under \$40 for two with a pitcher of wine. Reservations needed.

Closed Sun. **06/6798606**

Osteria alla Concordia, Via della Croce, 81 (near *Piazza di Spagna*, between Via del Babuino and Via del Corso), has good food, excellent service, and relatively low prices for the location. *Closed*

Sun. & 2 wks end of Jan. **06/6791178**

Piperno, Via Monte De' Cenci, 9, on the edge of the ghetto, is famous for its Roman-Jewish cooking, simple and well prepared. Some people say this is the best place to try the Roman specialty, *carciofi alla giuda* (fried, melt-in-your-mouth artichokes).

Closed Sun. evening, Mon. & August **06/68806629**

Primi della Classe, Via del Governo Vecchio, 86 (near the Piazza Navona), is called "a fantastic pasta restaurant" by David and Janis Gonzalez of Santa Fe, NM. *Closed Mon.* **06/ 6872529**

[II] **Quadrifoglio**, Via del Boschetto, 19, is a small, moderately expensive restaurant, serving a “very good, very refined Neapolitan cuisine...prepared with great artistry and with respect for tradition.” Dinner only. Reservations recommended. *Closed Sun. & 16-31 June* **06/4826096**

Sant’Eustachio, Piazza dei Caprettari 63 (between Piazza Navona and the Pantheon), has Roman-Jewish specialties. Excellent food, wonderful ambience. *Closed Sun.* **06/6875216**

Santopadre, Via Collina, 18 (near where Via Piave & XX Settembre meet), is small so reserve ahead. “The food is delicious, the service outstanding, and the prices commensurately high, but fair.” (The Thormans, Annapolis, MD) *Dinner only; closed Sun. & Aug 2 wks.* **06/4745405**

Trattoria Arnaldo, Via Grotta Pinta, 8 (beyond the northeast corner of Campo dei Fiori), has a menu that varies from the traditional Roman fare, but the food is delicious and the restaurant very romantic. Expensive. *Closed Tue. & 10 days in Aug.* **06/6861915**

Trattoria da' Giggetto, Via del Portico d'Ottavia, 21/A-22, not far from the old Synagogue, specializes in *carciofi all giudia* (fried artichokes) and *fiori di zucca* (fried zucchini flowers) among their antipasti, and the well-known Roman dishes for the first and second courses. Good ice cream. Prices are reasonable. *Closed Mon., last wk July & 1st wk Aug.* **06/6861105**

Trattoria Monti, Via di San Vito, 13A (near Santa Maria Maggiore), offers traditional Roman fare in a cozy setting. Inexpensive. *Closed Sun. dinner, Mon. & Aug.* **06/4466573**

Vecchia Roma, Piazza Campitelli, 18, off Piazza Venezia, is another excellent Roman restaurant where you can't go wrong. The setting is beautiful, and the food exceptional. *Closed Wed. & August* **06/6864604**



Rome, Trastevere (across the Tiber River)

This area on the Vatican side of the Tiber is one of the walks featured in *Rome Walks*. It is an ancient area of winding streets and charming small restaurants.

Alberto Ciarla, Piazza San Cosimato 40, is a very expensive, very fashionable restaurant. Be prepared to spend at least a \$100 per person. *Closed Sun.* **06/5818668**

Al Fontanone, Piazza Trilussa 46, is a friendly, comfortable and congenial family restaurant with an *antipasto* table and wood-oven for preparation of pizza, baby lamb chops and pork chops. The house specialty is *fettuccine alla Fontanone*. A complete meal will cost about \$25-35 per person. *Closed Tue., Wed. at Lunch & from 20 Aug. to 15 Sep.* **06/5817312**

Pizzeria IVO a Trastevere, Via S. Francesco a Ripa, 158, is a great little place. Credit cards are accepted. *Closed Tues.* **06/5817082**

Tana de Noiantri, Via della Paglia, 1-2-3 (near the Piazza Santa Maria), has excellent food. *Closed Tues.* **06/5806404**