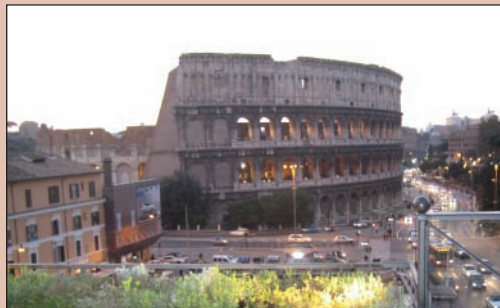


Hotel Highlights: I had the pleasure this October to stay briefly at the new *Palazzo Manfredi*, a five star hotel Rome, next to the Coliseum. It was once a 16th century palazzo and now it is an exquisite hotel with 16 beautifully created guestrooms. The rooftop restaurant offers the most spectacular views of the Coliseum and ancient Rome. The restaurant, *Aroma*, has been awarded the 5 star Diamond Award.

I had the pleasure of having lunch there upon my arrival and the food and service were of the highest quality. It is to say one of my most memorable meals. I was encouraged to have the dishes prepared with the white truffles however when I read the menu I noticed the pumpkin ravioli. I could not resist and it was outstanding. I thought I was having my dessert first! It was paired with a white wine from Frascati. My daughter's soup was excellent and was presented with a zucchini flower artfully presented. It was also paired with a white chardonnay. The dessert, chocolate of course, was a work of art and the dessert wine complimented the three different chocolate offerings. We were in Heaven!

If you feel the need to rent the white Lamborghini Gallardo you may do so during your stay and discover Rome in style, for about \$250.00 per hour. The driver must be at least 30 years old and present a valid driver's license.

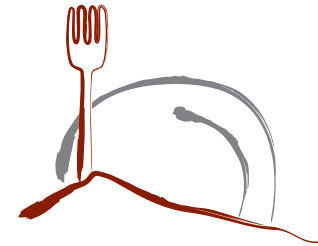
They will also provide a personal shopper to help you with your purchases in the best of Rome's shops!



Each room is beautifully appointed and equipped with a wireless connection, shoe shine services, safe, a Pillow menu, TV, 100% non smoking, luxurious bathrooms with Bulgari products and more!

For those families wishing a luxury apartment, Palazzo Manfredi, offers apartments with the same luxury as the hotel, which are 5 minutes away from the hotel.

Next time I go to Rome I will stay here and it will not be for a brief stay.



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Upcoming Events and Tours

Gourmet Getaways is busy with finishing the details on the upcoming tour to the Amalfi Coast this coming April. Sorry people, this tour is sold out! But do go to the blog to read about the upcoming tour to the Amalfi Coast and Rome scheduled for September 2011. A cooking class with Mamma Agata is included! Again this tour is limited.

Travels through Italy this October! This fall I traveled to Italy with my daughter and her new camera. Our trip began in Frascati, in the hills outside Rome. We stayed at the beautiful Villa Grazioli, which is in a park like setting perched on a hill in Frascati. The view from our bedroom overlooked the valley below into Rome and from the rooftop of the hotel you can see, on a clear day, the Mediterranean Sea. We began the afternoon with two wine tastings. Our first visit brought us to an olive oil farm and wine vineyard. This farmhouse restaurant is equipped to handle 60 people for a tasting and lunch or dinner. The owner, Danilo, then took us around the town until we finally reach the Cantine San Marco where we begin pairing 5 different wines with regional food. It was my first introduction to tripe alla romano! If you have never had this roman dish I suggest you try it the next time you are in Rome or at a very good Italian restaurant because it is just deliciouso!

Villa Grazioli is a beautiful 4 star hotel that was once a 16th century villa. The public rooms are works of art with frescoed ceilings. In the warm weather there is a pool for the hotel guests and there is the option to dine outside. Arrangements can be made for wine tastings at the many Frascati wineries.

These adventures and tasting are giving me food for thought for another exclusive Gourmet Getaways adventure in Italy.

Our next few days in Rome were full of



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Other Travel Services Provided by Gourmet Getaways

Gourmet Getaways is now connected with Walt Disney World so if you are planning to take the children or grandchildren to Walt Disney World I will be glad to be of service. This is also a great location for a family reunion!

Tauk Tours has excellent tours and I have recommended their tours to many of my clients. In 2011 they are going beyond the ordinary experience and they have created 'culturious' tours and packages. Here you may experience shopping in the market with a chef, sample locally produced olive oil, have tea with an Italian contessa in her palazzo, see how gondolas are made and talk with the artisans and much more can be experienced. Remember: *Just because you have been to a destination there are always new things to discover and experience!*

"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page." – St. Augustine

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tastings at restaurants, wine bars and of course shopping. We stayed three nights at my favorite hotel in Rome, Hotel St. George, which has a great location on Via Giulia near Campo De Fiori. After our few days in Rome it was on to Orvieto by train. I do believe Orvieto is my favorite medieval town. We stayed at a lovely

B&B, took a cooking class, shopped and dined at a great little restaurant hidden within the tangled streets of Orvieto, Trattoria del'Orso. Cannot wait to go back there. His vegetable soup was like nothing I have ever had! You may want to read about my other adventures by visiting my blog at: www.marlenesitaliangetaways.wordpress.com

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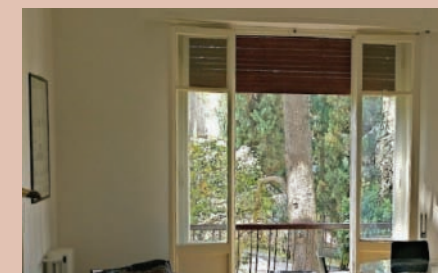
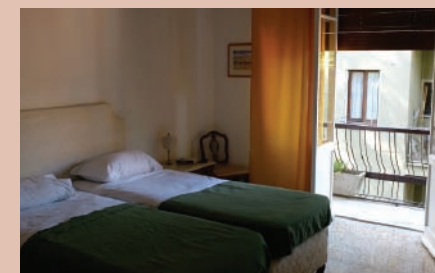


On November 1 at the Bernards Inn in Bernardsville, Chiara Lima, Mamma Agata's daughter greeted about 200 people. She was in attendance with her family and personally signed all those that purchased Mamma Agata's new cookbook. It is now in stores near you: Barnes and Noble, Borders, William Sonoma, Rizzoli Bookstore in NYC, and Amazon. You may want to consider buying this for your 'foodie' friends. If you have not taken a cooking class with Mamma while in Ravello treat yourself to an extraordinary experience. Gourmet Getaways would be happy to make the arrangements for you.



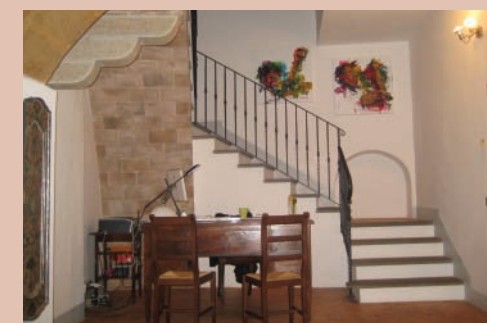
Rent an Apartment in Rome?

If you think you may want to rent an apartment in Rome I can book you at a two bedroom, two bathroom apartment in the Aventine Hill section of Rome. It is of course fully furnished and can sleep up to 6 people. It has a living room with balcony that overlooks a private garden, and a fully equipped kitchen. Please call my offices for pricing and availability.



B&B in Orvieto

During my stay in Orvieto this time my daughter and I stayed at a B&B in Orvieto. It was located behind the Duomo on a narrow medieval street. At first we thought we were the only people staying here but not so! There are only three rooms and they were completely booked. The owner, Giulia, was the perfect host. If you want to feel like a native then maybe you should consider staying at this lovely B&B. Please give my offices a call if you would like to stay here! It has a great location.



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