



IL PALAZZETTO

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### AN ARCHITECTURAL JEWEL OF RARE BEAUTY

An exclusive venue and a spectacular hideaway in the heart of Rome, at the top of the Spanish Steps, Il Palazzetto is a **'boutique hotel', a wine bar and a private event space.**

Created and built by *Roberto E. Wirth*, proprietor and General Manager of *Hassler Roma*, Il Palazzetto has quickly become a **lively meeting place for a trendy and dynamic crowd**, as well as the favorite destination of those who want to stay in the Capital and are seeking an intimate and private atmosphere that offers high service quality.



Built in the very same area where the spectacular banquets of Lucullus once took place, Il Palazzetto was rebuilt in 1898. For many years, it was the retreat of a noble Roman family who preferred to reside here - due to the uniqueness, prestige and historical value of the building - instead of at their historical palace in Piazza Mignanelli. From the late 1980s on, Il Palazzetto was left abandoned until Bernardo Bertolucci, in 1998, chose it as the setting for his film "The Siege". During the eight months of filming, Bertolucci narrated the sentimental "siege" of Mr. Kinsky on the beautiful Shandurai at Il Palazzetto during a beautiful Roman spring.

The following year, in 1999, Roberto E. Wirth acquired Il Palazzetto with the intention of setting up **an intimate and discreet venue** focused on the same concept of hospitality of the legendary Hassler Roma, the iconic hotel located two steps away at Piazza Trinità dei Monti.

After three years of renovation, Il Palazzetto was returned to its ancient splendor. Carefully maintaining the historical value of the building, **the renovations brought to light the ancient materials and prestigious finishes** like the original multi-colored marble pavement on the ground floor and the hand-made wrought iron railing of the magnificent spiral staircase, dating back to the late 1800s. All these original elements are harmoniously combined with the contemporary style that distinguishes the furniture and makes the building an architectural jewel of rare beauty



The building covers five floors that incorporate the rooms, private event spaces such as the Library room, the Wine Bar and the Secret Garden, and the two panoramic terraces with a unique view of Piazza di Spagna and Trinità dei Monti.



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### A 'BOUTIQUE HOTEL' FOR AN INTIMATE STAY IN THE VERY HEART OF ROME

The **four exclusively furnished hotel rooms** are located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors, three of which overlook the Spanish Steps and the fourth overlooks the Vicolo del Bottino. Their simple yet luxurious cream-colored hues, with accents of velvet and satin, offer guests maximum comfort along with the **sensation of being in their own private residence with the added luxury of impeccable service and incomparable location.**



Guests are also welcome to enjoy the services of the legendary *Hassler Roma*, located just two minutes away on the other side of Piazza Trinità dei Monti. Breakfast at the *Salone Eva* or at the *Palm Court Restaurant*, the *Amorvero SPA* fitness and wellness center, the 7<sup>th</sup> floor panoramic guest terrace, and the business center are all options that are available. And for a gourmet dinner, *Imàgo* is the Hassler's Michelin-starred panoramic restaurant where is presented a refined contemporary Italian cuisine.

### PANORAMIC COCKTAIL AND WINE BAR



Il Palazzetto has **two panoramic terraces** overlooking Trinità dei Monti Church, the Spanish Steps, Piazza di Spagna - with its famous *Barcaccia* fountain by Bernini – the picturesque roofs and domes of the old town centre. An exclusive place to **meet friends and relax with a good glass of wine or a cocktail** accompanied by delicious snacks, pizzas and desserts. Weather permitting, the wine bar is open daily.

The terraces can also be rented exclusively for private events.

### EVENT SPACES WITH AN INTIMATE AND EXCLUSIVE ATMOSPHERE

**Il Palazzetto** is a quiet heaven in the middle of Rome's busy city center and the ideal venue for those preferring an intimate and exclusive atmosphere in which to organize private and business events, such as elegant soirées, receptions, company lunches and dinners, parties and elegant cocktail events, fashion shows, charity events, wine tastings and more. In addition to the terraces on the 4<sup>th</sup> (up to 30 people) and 5<sup>th</sup> floor (up to 50 people) - perfect for a lunch or a cocktail framed by a Roman sunset – available spaces include the **Library room, the Covered Garden and the Salon.**



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The **Library room**, with its rustic and vintage charm, features a wall-to-wall wooden library displaying important eno-gastronomic text and is ideal for business meetings and small events (up to 25 people). The **Covered Garden**, a peaceful oasis surrounded by the ivy-covered walls of the Spanish Steps and a statue of Bacchus, is a special retreat that brings to life the atmosphere of ancient Rome; it can accommodate up to 120 people and is available all year around thanks to the air conditioning system. The **Salon**, featuring a décor with strong accents of a warm dark Pompeian red and dark wood detailing, art-deco mirrors and chandeliers, as well as a fireplace and a retro-illuminated bar, is the perfect space for cocktail parties (up to 30 people). For larger events, it can be connected to the Covered Garden and Library room spaces.

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