

## A LUNCH FIT FOR THE POPE



### *Hotel De Russie takes guests on a 'holy' gastronomic journey*

Lunch at the Pope's farm? Guests can do that and more. Hotel de Russie, a Rocco Forte Hotel in Rome, kicks off the summer season with exciting new experiences, among them one that indulges foodies and Vatican buffs alike.

When staying in one of the luxurious suites at the famed Roman hotel, guests will be able to immerse themselves in an exceptional sector of Roman gastronomy with a full-day visit to the Pope's estate and organic farm at Castel Gandolfo. Crafted by Hotel De Russie's experts in cultural experiences, this is no ordinary papal visit.

A chauffeur will whisk guests off to La Fattoria delle Ville Pontificie to explore the dairy and vegetable gardens and wander among free-roaming animals. The culinary venture starts with a tasting of home-grown produce, delivered daily to the Papal Villas of the Vatican. On the menu will be the finest olive oils, wine and cheese. The outing continues with a hands-on cooking class to learn how to make fresh pasta and whip up a local dessert.

Enjoy a delicious lunch on the farm, followed by the tour of the Papal Palace. To end the day, guests will be ushered back for a leisurely evening in the legendary garden of Hotel De Russie.

**The Castel Gandolfo papal food experience includes:**

- Private transfer to and from Rome
- A pasta and dessert-making class at the Pope's Farm
- Lunch at the Pope's Farm
- A visit to the Pope's Villas and Gardens

For more information and reservations, please call +39 06 32888836 or email [conciERGE.derussie@roccofortehotels.com](mailto:conciERGE.derussie@roccofortehotels.com)

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**Hotel de Russie, a Rocco Forte Hotel**

Hotel de Russie is a luxury five-star hotel located in the heart of the beautiful city of Rome between the Spanish Steps and Piazza del Popolo on the Via del Babuino. The hotel is within easy walking distance of Rome's key attractions, fashion houses and Via Condotti. The most unique luxury hotel in Rome, Hotel de Russie provides a stunning feature - extensive, terraced gardens, the "Secret Garden", so called because it is hidden behind the building which overlooks Via del Babuino, and provides a tranquil oasis amidst the bustle of central Rome where you can dine alfresco at "Le Jardin de Russie" Restaurant or enjoy a peaceful stroll.

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**Rocco Forte Hotels**

Established by Sir Rocco Forte and sister, Olga Polizzi in 1996, Rocco Forte Hotels is a family of 11 individual hotels and resorts. All of the hotels are landmarks, both old and new, occupying magnificent buildings in exceptional locations. Led by a family who has been in hospitality for four generations, the hotels are united by their distinctive approach to service ensuring guests experience the best of the cities and surrounding areas.

Rocco Forte Hotels comprises: Hotel de la Ville & Hotel de Russie, Rome; Hotel Savoy, Florence; Verdura Resort, Sicily; Masseria Torre Maizza, Puglia; The Balmoral, Edinburgh; Brown's Hotel, London; The Charles Hotel, Munich; Villa Kennedy, Frankfurt; Hotel de Rome, Berlin; Hotel Amigo, Brussels; Hotel Astoria, St Petersburg

Future openings: The Westbund Hotel, Shanghai in 2019 and Villa Igia, Palermo in 2020  
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