CARAVAGGIO – REBEL AND ROME

FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE LEGENDARY ARTIST WITH ROME’S HOTEL EDEN

London, April 2022 - Dorchester Collection unveils the next in its series of bespoke, private walking trails, designed exclusively for guests to follow in the footsteps of legendary artists.

From 13th July 2022, guests at Hotel Eden, overlooking the Eternal City, can discover the story of Caravaggio’s extraordinary life through the Rebel and Rome trail, following on from Picasso’s Montmartre and Monet’s Revolutionary Brushstrokes in Paris.

Rebel and Rome delves deep into Caravaggio’s rags to riches daring life, a life inspired and seduced by a cast of colourful characters – from wealthy patrons to gamblers, models and fortune-tellers – and inextricably linked to the city he called home. As dramatic and distinctive as his paintings, discover how amidst his chaotic and exceptionally short lifetime armed with an incredible talent, he created ground-breaking work that quickly revolutionised the history of art.
Accompanied by a passionate, knowledgeable guide, guests will uncover why Martin Scorsese thought Caravaggio would have been a great film-maker, and how a match of real tennis led to Caravaggio’s own death sentence.

The adventure begins at Hotel Eden as you are transported back in time to retrace some of the most significant moments of Caravaggio’s epic Roman sojourn. From the newest discoveries, supported by recently unearthed court documents and lawsuits, to the sites of the workshops where Caravaggio trained, and even to the very spot that caused the artist’s exile from Rome.

With lively dialogue in the company of an experienced guide, one-on-one or as part of a small, private group, guests will be able to pause and enjoy the beauty of Rome, as well as absorb thrilling anecdotes about the artist’s life and career, which will remain with them long after their stay. Guests will undertake a captivating journey into Rome and into the life of one of its most famous residents.

Each itinerary will be adapted, so that the trails are able to cater for both intrepid explorers who wish to refine their knowledge, as well as novices who may have visited Rome before but never delved deeper.

Helen Smith, chief customer experience officer, said: “Building on the excitement of our Legendary Artists trails at Le Meurice, Paris, we’re delighted to announce Caravaggio – Rebel and Rome as the first of our trails in Italy at Hotel Eden, Rome. We were inspired by Caravaggio’s only known ceiling painting, located a mere stone’s throw away Hotel Eden, in a grand building that was originally part of the aristocratic Villa Ludovisi Estate, on whose original land our hotel now stands. This wonderfully unique experience gives our guests the chance to get to know the ‘real’ Caravaggio.”

In the coming months, Dorchester Collection’s series of “Follow in the footsteps of Legendary Artists” will be expanded to include Rodin at Le Meurice, Paris and Hepworth at 45 Park Lane, London.

**Caravaggio – Rebel and Rome**
Available from 13th July 2022
Rates from €1,070 for two sharing a Prestige Room or Suite, including American breakfast and a two-hour expert guided tour.

**At Le Meurice, Paris:**
**Picasso’s Montmartre**
Available now
Monet – *Revolutionary Brushstrokes*
Available now

*Rodin – Love and Torment*
Available from Autumn 2022

At 45 Park Lane:
*Hepworth – Rhythm, Movement and Space*
Available from winter 2022/23

These programmes are subject to date change with rates correct at time of going to press.

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