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## Keys to Trastevere



*Despite exploitation, Trastevere still offers Rome scenes par excellence.*

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**R**omans settled Trastevere between 750 and 500 B.C. mostly to ensure the city strategically controlled of both sides of the Tiber. But monument-hungry Romans were so busy building across the river that they mostly ignored the outpost. Local citizens (mostly fishermen) soon developed an idiosyncratic culture that gradually acquired a unique and eclectic flavor. Trastevere grew into a city-within-a-city characterized by narrow, winding alleys, rooftop dwellings, hidden churches and informal nightlife. Beginning in the late 1960s, it also became home to an international body of artists, students and expatriates. Despite wildfire exploitation, the bohemian "rive gauche" of Rome still retains some of its ancient charm.

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