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CANNES survival guide

BEST OF THE FEST

Go-to Guy

Eighteen years ago, Gary Mansour became a Cannes expert. "Clients had to rely on the film fest to arrange rooms," he says, "so anyone without a film being honored had trouble getting a good room."

Mansour now controls over 100 hotel rooms in all the best spots. His client list is an industry who's who that includes Tom Cruise, Will Smith, Pierce Brosnan, Irwin Winkler and Paula Wagner. During the fest he operates out of the lobby of the Majestic (in front of the beauty salon between the check-in and the bar). From that spot he helps out not only pre-existing customers, but anyone — and with just about any problem.

"Look," says Mansour, "if you're not staying in one of



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the big hotels the concierge isn't going to help you. So that's what we do. We're a travel agency and a concierge service and handle anything, from travel arrangements to limos to dinner reservations." www.mansourtravel.com; (310) 276-2768

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