

# **World66's guide to Rome**

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# Rome

Roma: the name inverts neatly to form 'amor'. And that's it – people tend either to love or to hate the place and Rome can reward you as no other city can. Rome, the eternal city which exerts the most compelling fascination, has to be visited by the Italy traveler. 29 million pilgrims and tourists went to Rome in the year 2000 alone.

Few cities have such a long and turbulent history as has Rome. No other city has been the focal point of the world for such a long period. The mistress of the Roman Empire, lavished with architectural jewelry by her emperors, but also often sieged, raided and destroyed. Also fires and earthquakes left their scars, but each time the eternal city recovered from her injuries.

Rome's history is tightly connected to the history of Europe. Not just the Roman emperors, but also medieval emperors and kings like Charlemagne or Otto I saw Rome as the true seat of power. They challenged the new rulers, the popes for the supreme power. It was the dispute about who was the true representative of God. Both emperor and pope claimed to be true inheritors of the Roman Empire.

It is said that one life is not enough to get to know Rome. Maybe you'll need about nine, as much as the countless stray cats that also populate the city, but a week will do for a first introduction. At each corner of each street there's a story to tell. Thousands of stories together tell the history of a three thousand year old city. Two weeks may be enough for a hasty tour through most everything; a month would be better. Fortunately, Rome (pop. 2.900.000) is compact enough to skim the best in three (full) days, and if you have more time we guarantee you will find delightful and fulfilling ways to use it.

Highlights in Rome include the *Trevi fountain* (remember Anita Ekberg in the classic scene in *La Dolce Vita*) and the Spanish Steps, the Roman heritage sights such as the Pantheon, the Colosseum and the Forum Romanum, at least some of the world famous churches such as Il Gesu, S. Giovanni in Laterano or Sta. Maria Maggiore. Make sure not to miss a stroll through the Vatican City with the incredibly huge St. Peter's Cathedral and the unrivalled Vatican Museum.

## Rome – Practical Information

***Tourist information offices:*** at Fiumicino airport and at Stazione Termini.

inside the city: Via Parigi 5, Tel. +39 (0)6 – 488 991

Openings: Mon – Fri 8.15am – 7pm, Sat 8.15am – 1.45pm

### ***Enjoy Rome***

Via Marghera 8a, Tel. 06 4451843, Fax. 06 4450734

info@enjoyrome.com or <http://www.enjoyrome.com>

Openings: Mon – Fri 8.30am – 7pm, Sat 8.30am – 2pm

**Privately run Tourist info:** very friendly and helpful.

Address: Via Varese 39, Tel. +39 (0)6 – 445 1843

Openings: Mon – Fri 8.30am – 1pm and 3.30pm – 6pm, Sat afternoon and sun closed.

**Hospital / 24 hour service:** Tel. +39 (0)6 – 884 0113

**Police station:** Questura, Via Genova 3, Tel. +39 (0)6 – 4686

**Post office:** main office at Piazza San Silvestro 6771, open Mon – Fri 8.30am – 7pm, Sat 8.30am – noon. Tel. +39 (0)6 – 160.

**Vatican Post office:** Some Romans, frustrated with the some times too leisurely rate of the Italian Post, have turned to the Vatican for help. It costs the same as Italian mail, but you must buy Vatican stamps and can only mail them (get this) in the Vatican. In addition to the "Citta' del Vaticano" postmark, you can tell your friends that the stamps were blessed by the Pope. There are Vatican post offices inside the Vatican museums (near the entrance) and two locations in Piazza San Pietro.

## Rome – Internet Cafes

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### **Internet Point city**

At 200 mt. from Vatican. Facilities: 12 computers available, printer, scanner, video conference, aol 'friendly'. The first Internet Point born in Rome fast connections with DUAL ISDN and more multimedials workstations. HOURS: from 9 A.M. to 8 P.M.

email: [internet\\_point@tin.it](mailto:internet_point@tin.it)

address: 312, Corso Vittorio Emanuele II

url: [www.internet-point.com](http://www.internet-point.com)

tel: +39 (0)6 – 68308823

### **Internet Train Rome**

The Internet Train Cafe is located at 300 meters in front of the main railway station (Stazione Termini). Large air conditioned rooms, friendly english and spanish speaking staff. Japanese write/read program, 25 PC's available.

Opening Hours: 10:00am – 12:00am

WEBPAGE Mail

address: Via Gaeta 25

url: [www.internettrain.it](http://www.internettrain.it)

tel: 06 478 23 862

### **Internet Café**

Near the university "La Sapienza" you will find this cybercafé with a quite comfortable bar and a really good PC equipment.

### Internet CafesWEBPAGE Mail

address: Via dei Marrucini 12, 00185 ROMA

url: [www.internetcafe.it](http://www.internetcafe.it)

tel: +39 (0)6 4454953

### **THENETGATE**

Located near the Pantheon, large air conditioned rooms, friendly english and spanish speaking staff. Japanese write/read browser available. Multilingual webmail, 35 computers available. Openings: 10.30 am to 9 pm.

email: [info@thenetgate.it](mailto:info@thenetgate.it)

address: piazza Firenze, 25

url: [http:](http://)

tel: +39 (0)6 6893445

### **EXCAPE Internet Cafe**

The Café offers nice atmosphere, snacks, music, 23 Personal Computers, Printers & Scanner and a internet connection @ 128 kb/s.

email: [info@excape.it](mailto:info@excape.it)

address: Viale Somalia 227

url: [www.excape.it](http://www.excape.it)

tel: +39 (0)68 632 9492

### **Internet Cafe Via Salaria**

Opening Hours: Mon – Fri 10am – 2 am, Sat and Sun 4pm – 2 am.

email: [info@internet-cafe.it](mailto:info@internet-cafe.it)

address: Via Salaria 170

url: [http:](http://)

tel: 06 / 8411977

### **Absolute**

tel: (706) 295–2378

email: [absolute@mail.cybrtyme.com](mailto:absolute@mail.cybrtyme.com)

address: Computers

A CYBER CAFE

Rome, Georgia

### **Kokonet**

Smart relaxing, fast near S. Peter church

price: 3,10 euros

tel: 3,91E+10

email: [info@kokonet.org](mailto:info@kokonet.org)

hours: 9.30 am till 10.30 pm

address: Vicolo d'Orfeo n. 13

url: [www.kokonet.org](http://www.kokonet.org)

### **Crazy Bull Internet Cafe**

Restaurant, bar and Internet Café with warm and relaxed atmosphere. Located in Ostia near to Rome a short walk from the sea. Opening Hours: every day 19:30 – 01.00 (summertime up to 24.00 only), Friday and Saturday 19:30 – 2:00

### WEBPAGE

address: Via Delle Antille, 39, Ostia, Rome

url: [www.allworldtour.com](http://www.allworldtour.com)

tel: +39 (0)6 – 5610915

## **Rome – Eating Out**

Rome, pasta, wine, pizza. Here is no need to search for restaurants. Everywhere you will find small and cheap but nice *trattorie*, *osterie* and *ristoranti*. Prices, even in the centre, are reasonable and the quality remains of a fair standard. Many nice places are to be found in the Centro Storico, along Via Cavour and around Stazione Termini. Similarly, you can eat cheaply in the Borgo district around the Vatican.

*Trastevere* is Romes traditional restaurant ghetto touristy now, but still the home of some fine and reasonably priced places. *Testaccio* is also a popular evening place with good selection of restaurants and pizzerias. Of course there is a huge selection of both Italian and international restaurants, but we live for the "god in italy" version and warmly recommend the local.

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#### **Checco er Carettiere**

Very good! A sublime experience of " bombolotti all'amatriciana".

address: Via Benedetta, 10

tel: +39 (0)6 5817018

zipcode: bite me sweety

### **Da Paris**

Medium priced vegetarian restaurant, right in the middle of the Trastevere area. Closed Sunday evening and Monday.

address: Piazza S. Callisto 7a

tel: +39 (0)6 5815378

### **Lon Fon**

This is one of the first Chinese restaurants in Rome opened in 1964.

address: Via Firenze,46 Roma

tel: +39 (0)6 – 4825261

### **Pub Messicano "El Peyote"**

Original Mexican atmosphere and dishes — and drinks (sangria, beer, cocktails ...), closed tuesdays. Special surprises: a fortuneteller gives you a view into your future or enjoy Mexican songs by Marco. They offer also Karaoke and Latin dance music.

address: Via G. Palombini n° 30/b (Piazza Carpegna – Aurelia)– Roma

tel: +39 (0)6 6624512

### **Ristorante Abruzzi**

A best buy. Located about mid–way between the Trevi Fountain and Trajan's Column. Small restaurant. Run by same family for all of the 35 years we've been going there. Quite inexpensive. Cannelloni Abruzzi the specialty, but everything well prepared. (Get there early for the specialty; they run out early!)

address: Via Vaccaro, 1 (at end of Piazza Santi Apostoli).

### **Ambasciata d'Abruzzo**

Excellent food. Appetizers (basically all (more than) you can eat.) Dessert, wine and liquores included in the fixed price meal that'll add 5 pounds. Too much to eat. Good quality. Specialties, wines, liqueurs, from the Abruzzi region. Fun. Rustic.

address: Via Pietro Tacchini (Peter Turkey street!) in the Parioli district

### **Pommidoro**

Closed Sunday, Price: inexpensive

address: Via Sanniti, 44

tel: +39 (0)6 4452692

### **Alfredo**

address: Piazza Augusto Imperatore, 30

### **Dante Taberna de'Gracchi**

Good food and not too expensive.

address: Via dei Gracchi, 266

### **Il Gelato di San Crispino**

No exaggeration, this is absolutely the best ice cream in the world. Always homemade without artificial flavors/sweeteners, with a unique texture and original flavors like Honey (the house flavor), Zabione (wine), Chestnut and Rum, Cocoa and Rum, Fresh Walnut and Dried Fig...and the list goes one. Special flavors near the holidays.

PriceOfMenu: 2–10 Euros. Closed Tuesdays. M/W/Th/Su: 12pm–12:30am; F/Sa: 12pm–1:30am

address: Via della Panetteria 42, around the corner from the Trevi Fountain

tel: 066793924

priceofmenu: 2–10 Euros. Closed Tuesdays. M/W/Th/Su: 12pm–12:30am; F/Sa: 12pm–1:30am

zipcode: [www.ilgelatodisancrispino.com](http://www.ilgelatodisancrispino.com)

### **I tre Fratelli**

address: Piazza G. Triora 1, Ostiense

tel: +39 (0)6 5110604

### **Marcel**

address: Via della Scala 8, Trastevere

tel: (0)6 5816317

### **Shawerma**

address: Via Ostilia 24, San Giovanni

tel: (0)6 7008101

### **Zenobia**

address: Piazza Dante 23, Esquilino

tel: (0)6 70490488

### **Birreria Albrecht**

address: Via Rasella 52 (centro)

tel: (0)6 4880457

### **Cantina Tirolese**

address: Via Vitelleschi 23, Prati

tel: (0)66869994

### **Sarabanda**

address: Via Virgilio 12, Prati

tel: +30 (0)6 68136107



### **Café Veneto Ristorante Asador**

address: Via Vittorio Veneto 116, Pinciano

tel: +39 (0)6 4827107

### **Baires**

address: Corso Rinascimento 1 (centro)

tel: +39 (0)6 6861293

### **Hasekura**

Traditional Japanese cooking, specialized in fish and vegetable dishes. See as well their webpage.

address: 27 Via dei Serpenti, 00184 – Roma

tel: +39 (0)6 48.36.48

### **Surya Mahal**

Very cosy Indian restaurant located in the heart of Trastevere. Closed on Sundays. Open only at dinner. Never closed for holidays. Nice Garden. All credit cards are accepted excluding DC. Price per meal approximately L. 50.000. For more info check their webpage.

address: Via di Ponte Sisto, 67 / Piazza Trilussa, 50

tel: +39 (0)6 5894554

### **Bombay**

Next to the Piazza Re di Roma you will find this Indian restaurant. Much thought has been given in designing this Restaurant to ensure that a suitably authentic atmosphere enhances the classic theme of the Indian food. They are convinced that the result would have been endorsed by the Mogul Emperors and will be by the visiting clientele, Sultans, Nawabs, Rajahs, Maharajahs, Princes, Counts, Dukes, Barons of India and Italy.

address: Via Cerveteri, 25/27

tel: +39 (0)6.700.19.45

### **La Paella 2**

Spanish restaurant (try the paella) and pizzeria situated in Trastevere. After 16 years of experience in Spain, the Chef honours the Paella Gourmets with high professionalism. Closed on Wednesdays. For more info check their webpage.

address: Vicolo della Luce, 3/4/5 – Via della Gensola, 58/A

tel: +39 06 58331179

### **La tana di noantri**

Excellent food at moderate prices Between Piazza Santa Maria in Trastevere and Piazza Sant'Egidio In summertime you can sit outside and taste the wonderful atmosphere of Trastevere (closed on Tuesday)

address: Via Pagilia 1

tel: 06 580 64 04

**Tre Scalini**

Renowned for its absolutely remarkable tartuffo.

address: Piazza Navona

**Giolitti**

An Italian institution which once had a reputation for the countrys top ice cream. Still pretty good with a choice of 70 flavours.

address: Via Uffici del Vicaro 40

**Il Forno del Ghetto**

Jewish bakery with marvellous ricotta and dried fruit-filled cakes

address: Via del Portico dOttavia 2

**Corso Chinati**

Delicious snacks or full lunch meals: a small, friendly and popular place.

address: Via del Gesu 88

**Il Delfino**

Central and very busy cafeteria with a huge choice of snacks and full meals.

address: Corso V. Emmanuele 67

**Al Pompiere**

Closed Sunday, Price: medium

address: Via S. Maria de' Calderari, 38 (Testaccio)

tel: +39 (0)6 6868377

**Al Moro**

Closed Sunday, Price: high

address: Via delle Bollette, 13

tel: ++39 (0)6 6783495

**Il Matriciano**

Closed Wednesday, Price: medium

address: Via dei Gracchi, 55

tel: +39 (0)6 3212327

### **La Carbonara**

Closed Tuesday, One of the most traditional Roman restaurant risen in evocative picture of the Campo De' Fiori square, give you the real and the authentic taste of the typical Roman food.

address: Piazza campo de' Fiori 23

tel: +39 (0)6 6864783

### **Da Dante**

Closed Sunday, Price: medium

address: Via Montesanto, 36

tel: +39 (0)6 37515537

### **Masolino**

Closed Sunday. Price: medium

address: Via Masolino da Panicale, 2

tel: +39 (0)6 3216258

### **Papà Giovanni**

Closed Sunday, Price: high, Traditional Roman and creative cuisine

address: Via dei Sediari, 4

tel: +39 (0)6 6865308

### **Perilli**

Closed Wednesday, Price: medium

address: Via Marmorata, 39 (Testaccio)

tel: +39 (0)6 5742415.

### **Santopadre**

Closed Sunday, Price: high

address: Via Collina, 18

tel: +39 (0)6 – 4745405

### **Sora Lella**

Closed Sunday, Price: high

address: Via di Ponte Quattro Capi, 16

tel: +39 (0)6 – 6861601

### **Sora Margherita**

Closed Saturday and Sunday Price: medium

address: Piazza delle Cinque Scole, 30

tel: +39 (0)6 6864002.

**Corsetti il Galeone**

Closed Wednesday, Price: high

address: Via S.Cosimato, 27

tel: +39 (0)6 5816311

**Antica Pesa**

Menu around 40.000 ITL

address: Via Garibaldi,18

tel: +39 (0)6 5809236

**Grappolo d'Oro**

address: Via della Cancelleria, 80

tel: +39 (0)6 6864118.

**Augusto**

Closed Sunday, Price: inexpensive

address: Via de'Renzi, 15

tel: +39 (0)6 5803978

**Cecchino dal 1887**

Closed Sunday and Monday, Price: high *jacks:*

address: Via Monte Testaccio, 30

tel: +39 (0)6 5743816.

**Da Felice**

Closed Sunday, Price: inexpensive

address: Via Mastro Giorgio, 29 (Testaccio)

tel: +39 (0)6 5746800

**Dar Moschino**

Closed Sunday, Price: inexpensive

address: Piazza Benedetto Brin, 5 (Ostiense)

tel: +39 (0)6 5139473

### **Evangelista**

Closed Sunday, Price: medium

address: Via delle Zoccollette, 11a

tel: +39 (0)6 6875810

### **Da Giovanni**

address: Via della Lungara, 41

tel: +39 (0)6 6861514

### **Da Lucia**

Closed Monday, Price: inexpensive

address: Via del Mattonato, 2b

tel: +39 (0)6 5803601.

### **Dante Taberna de' Gracchi**

Closed Sunday and Monday afternoon, Price: high

address: Via dei Gracchi, 266

tel: +39 (0)6 3213126

### **Vicolo del Cinque 3**

Closed Monday, average prices. The running of this restaurant which exist 46 years is in the hands of one Roman family, and is open only for dinner. Typical Roman cuisine like "bucatini all'amatricana and "rigatoni alla burrina" with white sauce, eggs, cheese, pease, mushrooms, bacon and butter. For "secondi piatti" choose the specialities of Mrs. Anna.

address: Vicolo del Cinque 3

tel: +39 (0)6 58303633

### **Da Gino**

Closed Sunday, Price: inexpensive

address: Via Rosini, 4

tel: +39 (0)6 6873434

### **Agustarello**

Closed Sunday, Price: inexpensive

address: Via G. Branca, 98/100

tel: +39 (0)6 5746585

### **Al Grottino del Laziale**

Closed Sunday, Price: inexpensive

address: Via Romania, 27

tel: +39 (0)6 8079807

## Rome – Sights

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### Castello Sant'Angelo

When you cross the Tiber River on the imposing Angel's Bridge which was built together with the Castle S. Angelo in 130 A.D. by the emperor Hadrian, who wanted to erect the most beautiful emperor grave. After Hadrian all the following emperors and princes have been buried in this mausoleum.

In 403 it has been strongly fortified and connected with the town wall, so that it became a real fortress. The transformation into a castle was in the 10th century and it has been connected with the Vatican by the Passetto in 1277. Since that time on it has always been in the hand of the popes. The bridge connecting the castle and city center is now mostly known for the baroque statues of angels by Gian Lorenzo Bernini. The angels are portrayed holding objects from the passion of Christ. They are joined by statues of Peter and Paul, which are not by Bernini and predate the angels by hundreds of years.

The castle has since been given back to the people of Rome and is a public museum. It boasts a series of spectacular interiors and a magnificent view of Vatican City from the roof.

### Trevi fountain

*Halfway between via del Corso and Piazza Barberini on via del Tritone you'll find a street on the south side called via Mortaro. It leads to via Poli which will take you in two blocks to the Trevi Fountain. A homely area, and generally overcrowded (with tourists like us), but a beautiful fountain, especially since they've renovated and cleaned it. A rarely visited fountain until the movie classics: Three Coins in the Fountain (1954) which opens with a view of this fountain and of course La Dolce Vita (1960) with Anita Ekberg and Marcello Mastroianni kissing in the fountain. These films made the fountain the romantic center of Rome: You've never lived until you've lived in Rome!*

*The fountain is not only celebrated for its excellent water but for the legend that, whoever drinks it or throws a coin in the fountain, will assure his return to Rome. We don't recommend drinking the water though, so: with your back to the fountain, a coin thrown by right hand over left shoulder (or is it left hand over right shoulder?) into the fountain will guarantee your return to Rome. (It's often worked for us!) Go at night, when the fountain is lit, and you will fall in love with the magic of Rome's many fountains!*

*The architect Salvi built this magnificent fountain in the time of Clement XII. It is making the front of a big palace and is adorned by statues and reliefs by several artists of Bernini's school. From all the spots of the rock section at the bottom of the fountain there's water sprouting out.*

**La Bocca della Verità, (the mouth of truth)**

This strange river god used to be a drain cover, but since the middle ages this frightening image served as a lie detector. It was believed that if you told a lie with your hand in the mouth of this god, it would be bitten off. Of course it had to be helped sometimes by a servant with a blade. The Bocca was placed in the front yard of the Sta. Maria in Cosmedin church in the 17th century.

The sculpture is thought to be part of a roman fountain or perhaps a "manhole" cover.

Take bus **170** to Via del **Teatro di Marcello** (or any bus to Piazza Venezia).

address: Piazza Bocca della Verità

openings: 9:30am – 6pm daily.

### **Galleria d'Arte Antica**

The National Gallery of Ancient Art in Palazzo Barberini displays a rich patchwork of of mainly Italian art from the early Renaissance to late Baroque period. You can admire canvasses by Tintoretto, Titian, El Greco, Filippi Lippi (Madonna and child, 1437) and Raphael. The building itself is maybe the most impressive feature, famous architects like Bernini, Borromini and Maderno worked on it at different times. Take buses: 492, 204, 58, 58b, 56, 52, 53, Metro A (Barberini). Admission fee: £ 8.000

address: Via Quattro Fontane, 13

openings: tue – sat 9am – 7pm, sun and holidays 9am – 1pm

tel: 4750184

### **Museo Nazionale Romano**

The National Museum of Rome, which possesses one of the world's most important archaeological collections, is housed in three different facilities: the **Baths of Diocletian**, which include the **Octagonal Hall** and the two Palazzis **Massimo** and **Altemps**. The complex restructuring and renovation effort is partially completed, but work is still under way. For this reason, only a portion of the Museum's exhibitions can currently be visited. The historic headquarters of the Museum is the Baths complex built by Diocletian between the last years of the third century A.D. (the dedicatory inscription dated 306 A.D. is conserved in a fragmentary state in the Museum). The building of the Baths, the largest in the ancient world, included many rooms besides the traditional calidarium, tepidarium and frigidarium—which were designed to hold 3,000 people at the same time. Ther was a natatio or frigidarium for swimmers (large open air swimming pool) and various other rooms, meeting rooms, libraries, nympheums, dressing rooms, concert rooms and rooms for physical exercises etc.

#### ***Baths of Diocletian***

Following the transfer of the materials to the Palazzo Massimo, massive restoration work was begun on the Baths complex (at present the rooms are open to the public on a partial, irregular basis). Rooms I–IX: exhibition of funerary materials (sarcophagi, etc.) and of artifact from the Baths themselves, or from other major public buildings, such as the decorations on the Temple of Aurelian. Rooms X–XII: temporary exhibits.

The so-called "Masterpiece Rooms" have been set aside for the Epigraphical Department, which consists of almost 10,000 inscriptions. Plans also call for the first floor of the "Michelangelo" cloister to house a section on the protohistory of the City of Rome.

**Address:** Viale E. De Nicola, 79

Take buses No. 3, 4, 9, 38, 57, 64, 65, 75, 17, 492, 910, Metro A e B (Termini)

Openings: From Tuesday to Saturday 9 a.m.– 2 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m.– 1 p.m.; closed on Monday, fee £ 12.000 (for Palazzo Massimo too)

### ***Octagonal Hall***

The Octagonal Hall stands at the southwest corner of the central complex of the Baths of Diocletian, in which it may have served as a passage area. The most important of the works on exhibit are the Lyceum Apollo and the Aphrodite of Cyrene. The first, and II<sup>nd</sup> century A.D. copy of the original by Praxiteles, was found near the Baths of Trajan, by the Church of St. Peter in Chains, while the Aphrodite comes from Cyrene, in Libya, and represents a splendid copy from the middle of the II<sup>nd</sup> cent. A.D. of a late–Hellenistic original. All of the sculptures on display come from bath complexes, including the Anadyomene Aphrodite, the Heracles, the Lance–Bearer and the Cnidian Aphrodite.

Address: Via Romita

Take buses No. 492, 910, 17, 64, 57

Openings: 9 am – 1pm and 3 pm – 6pm, Entry free

**Palazzo Massimo** Formerly the site of the preparatory school "Massimiliano Massimo", the building was constructed in 1883–87 by Camillo Pistrucci in imitation of the noble residences of the early Roman baroque period. Exhibited in the central hall are works that illustrate the political and ideological program of Augustus, including the statue of Augustus dressed as the Pontifex Maximus from the Via Labicana and the pictorial frieze of the noble sepulchre from the Esquiline hill. The first floor offers iconographic works from the Age of the Flavians to the late Empire, with examples of the decorations used on imperial villas and aristocratic residences. In the section featuring the physical activities related to gymnasiums and public baths, visitors can admire two copies of the Discus Thrower by Myron. The following section holds important sarcophagi, including an oval–shaped work from Acilia. The second floor offers in–depth documentation on mosaic and pictorial decorations from the I<sup>st</sup> cent. B.C. to the late Imperial Age. On the basement level, a rich coin collection is displayed, including extremely rare pieces, such as the medaillon of Theodoric, the silver piasters of the Pontifical State with views of Rome and the four ducats of Pope Paul II. The exhibition is completed by a section on luxury in the Roman world, featuring a rich selection of jems and jewels.

Address: Piazza dei Cinquecento, 68

Take buses: 3, 4, 9, 16, 27, 38, 57, 64, 65, 75, 17, 492, 910, 105, 310, 319, 517, 613, 714, Metro A e B (Termini stop)

Openings: daily 9am – 2pm, sun 9am – 1pm, closed on monday, admission fee £ 12.000 (for Baths of Diocletian too)

### ***Palazzo Altemps***



The Palazzo was commissioned by Girolamo Riario (1443–1488). In 1568 it passed into the hands of the Altemps family, which had it enlarged and built the courtyard. This feature of the building, without a doubt its most handsome, is credited to Martino Longhi the elder. Restoration work has been under way since 1984, and steps are being taken to arrange the exhibit. Apart from the Ludovisi Throne, which is kept in the Palazzo Massimo, the collection boasts works of great artistic value, such as the Gaul who kills himself together with his wife, a copy of an original from Pergamon; the Ludovisi Ares, a copy traceable to Lysippus; the Castelporziano mosaic (IIInd cent.), one of the most important known Roman mosaics; the Ludovisi Hermes, copy of a bronze original by the school of Myron; the Aphrodite of Cnidus, a copy of the reknowned Aphrodite by Praxiteles, and a colossal sarcophagus depicting a battle between Romans and Barbarians.

Address: Via di San Apollinare

Closed for repairs

address: Viale De Nicola 79, Via Romita, Piazza dei  
Cinquecento 68  
openings: daily beside mon and sun afternoon  
tel: 4880530

### **Museo Nazionale di Villa Giulia**

The Villa Giulia, a collection of courtyards, loggias and gardens, is home to the world's primary collection of Etruscan treasures. The Museum is housed in the Villa of Pope Julius III or Villa Giulia, built from a design by Jacopo Barozzi da Vignola between 1551 and 1553. Best among the sculptures is the group of "Apollo and Herakles", other highlights are the "Sarcophagus of a married couple" from Ceveteri and the "Cistae" recovered from tombs around Praeneste. Take buses No. 19, 30, 52, 926. Admission fee: £ 8.000

address: Piazzale di Villa Giulia, 9  
openings: weekdays 9 am – 2pm, sun 9 am – 1pm, mon closed  
tel: 3201951 or 3201993

### **Villa and Galleria Borghese**

At the northern edge of the city, at the top of the Spanish Steps is the Church of Trinita dei Monti (look at the facade—the interior isn't really worth the time) and the Villa Borghese, a large park that contains gardens and museums. The vast area with its woods, lakes and grass are a tranquil spot in Rome. It also includes the Museo Borghese, the renovated former country residence of the Borghese family. It now houses an astonishing collection of sculptures collected by Cardinal Scipione Borghese. This collection includes works by Raffaello, Antonio Canova, Pietro e Gian Lorenzo Bernini, Giulio Romano, etc. as well as a fine collection of paintings by Titian, Raphael and other greats (reservations required).

Take buses: 910, 52, 53

Admission: £ 4.000

openings: tue – sat 9am – 2pm, sun 9am – 1pm, closed mon  
tel: 8548577

### **Capitoline Museums**

The city's most important collection of antique art is exhibited in these museums. The collection was begun by Clement XII and added to by later popes, and is the oldest public art collection in the world.

The museums exhibit magnificent Roman and Greek sculptures, Renaissance bronzes and paintings by Carracci, Guercino and Caravaggio. Here the original statue of Marcus Aurelius is on display (the one outside on the square is a duplicate), but also the Etruscan statue of the wolf feeding Romulus and Remus and the remains of the colossal statue of Constantine.

The museums are housed in the Palazzo dei Conservatori and the Palazzo Nuovo, which face each other across the Piazza del Campidoglio. The Palazzo Nuovo was built as part of the design of the Square drawn up by Michelangelo, The Palazzo dei Conservatori was given a new façade to mirror the new palace. Against the backdrop of the Palazzo dei Senatori, they represent a classic area in the heart of Rome.

Take buses no. 181, 46, 710, 71, 719, 186, 90, 57. Admission fee: £10.000; Free on the last Sunday of the month.

address: Piazza del Campidoglio  
 openings: weekdays 9am – 2pm, tuesdays and saturdays also 5pm – 11pm, closed  
 mondays  
 tel: 67102071

### **Barracco Museum**

In 1902 Barone Giovanni Barracco donated his personal art collection to the city of Rome, together with the building which housed it at that time. In 1948 the collection was rehoused in its present building, "The Piccola Farnesina" or "Farnesina dei Baullari", attributed to Antonio da Sangallo the Younger. The museum exhibits beautiful sculptures, such as a head of Alexander the Great (II sec. A.D.). Take buses No. 64, 62, 110, 46, 186. Admission fee: £ 3.750

address: Corso Vittorio Emanuele, 166  
 openings: tue to sun 9am – 1pm. tue and thur also 5 – 8pm. closed on  
 monday  
 tel: 68806848

### **Spada Gallery**

The Spada Gallery is housed in the Palace of the same name, once the property of Cardinal Girolamo Capodiferro (1501–1559). After the death of Cardinal Capodiferro the Palace passed to the Mignanelli family and was then bought in 1632 by Cardinal Bernardino Spada (1594–1661), who, from the moment he took up residence, decided not only to set up the basis of an art collection, but also decided on a series of modifications employing various painters, sculptors and architects. Among the latter was Francesco Borromini who created the famous Perspective Gallery. The Gallery includes works of Gaspar Dughet, Guido Reni, Annibale Carracci, Jan Brueghel il Vecchio, etc.

Take buses: 926, 19, 306

Entrance fee: £ 4.000

address: Via Capodiferro, 3

openings: 9am – 7pm, sun 9am – 1pm, closed mon

tel: 6861158

### **Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Moderna**

The Palazzo delle Belle Arti houses the National Gallery of Modern Art, the most important collection extant of 19th and 20th century Italian art founded in 1883. The National Gallery of Modern Art includes works of Balla, Morandi, Pirandello, Carrà, De Chirico, De Pisis, Guttuso, Fontana, Burri, Mastroianni, Turcato, Kandisky, Cézanne, etc.

Take buses: 926, 19, 306

Admission fee: £ 8.000

address: Via delle Belle Arti, 113

openings: tue – sat 9am – 6.30pm, sun and holidays 9am – noon, closed mon

tel: 3224152 or 3224153

### **San Clemente**

The basilica itself dates back to the 12th century and is quite fascinating on its own. What is really fascinating, moreso than just the street level, is what lies beneath. This early church was built on an earlier 4th century church. Underneath the 4th century church is an ancient Roman level, complete with a Mithraeum (a cult chamber for an Eastern religion involving sacrificial bulls, a hero in a chef's hat and testicle-seizing scorpions).

Admission to the the bottom two layers is only three euro and well worth the price. Take Metro **B: Colosseo**, Metro **A: San Giovanni** or Bus **85, 87, or 117**.

address: Via San Giovanni in Laterano

### **Sant'Ignazio**

The residents of the neighbourhood where Sant'Ignazio was built didn't want a rather large dome blocking their sun, so Andrea Pozzo painted a fake dome on the ceiling using trompe l'oeil techniques. When standing on a golden disc in the floor of the main nave, the ceiling looks quite natural. From anywhere else in the church the "dome" looks quite distorted. From the alter it looks so out of proportion you wonder how you could ever have thought it was real from the entrance.

Bus to **Largo Argentina** or **Via del Corso**.

address: Piazza di Sant'Ignazio (near Pantheon)

### **Santa Sabina**

After a busy day meandering through the bustling crowds of the hectic city below, a rest in Santa Sabina is well worth the trip up Aventine Hill. The quiet interior of this church is the perfect place to find solitude. Adjoining the church is the Giardino degli Aranci, a peaceful park complete with orange trees, benches and a spectacular view of Rome and the Vatican City.

Take Metro **B: Circo Massimo** or bus **95**.

address: Via di Santa Sabina

### **Santa Maria della Vittoria**

The interior of this tiny church follows all of the rules of the Baroque period—sumptuousness, gold everywhere and lots of colour. The real interest in the church is the masterpiece by the alter on the left in the Cornaro Chapel. It is none other than Bernini's "Ecstasy of St. Teresa."

address: Largo Santa Susanna (the eastern end of Via del Quirinale)

### **Area Sacra dell' Argentina**

It was here in Torre Argentina, the year 44 BC, that one of the most illustrious dictators was stabbed by his rival Brutus. Almost 20 centuries have passed since then, but Caesar's spirit surely lives on in some of the aristocratic cats who rule over their temples with vengeance and pride. 1929 was the year the sacred area of Torre Argentina was excavated. This was also the year the history of the cats began. Stray and abandoned felines took refuge in the protected area below street level. From 1929 until 1993, the cats were more or less regularly fed by a succession of cat ladies or 'gattare' as they are called condescendingly by the Romans. Here at Torre Argentina our feline friends (which now number approximately 250) have found respite from the chaos and traffic amongst the oldest temples in Rome (400–300 BC). Volunteers from different countries, who created the shelter, work here seven days a week. Read more about the Roman cats on our website: [www.romancats.com](http://www.romancats.com)

email: [torreargentina@tiscali.it](mailto:torreargentina@tiscali.it)

address: Largo di Torre Argentina

openinghours: Catsanctuary, every day from 11 am to 7 pm ( roman time)

tel: (+39) 06–687–2133

### **Circus Maximus**

Legend dictates that the Etruscan King Tarquinius (600 B.C.) ordered the institution of this track to organize boxing matches and chariot races. When the Romans threw off their Etruscan yoke, these sports kept their popularity. The circus, which originated as a circular field, was expanded on several occasions to become a huge stadium. Next to the races all kinds of spectacles were organized. This is also the site where most Christian martyrs slaughtered.

Today, next to nothing remains of the original stadium. It is a grass / dirt field used for dog walking, pick up soccer games, and drinking.

### **Piazza del Campidoglio**

On top of the Capitoline Hill, the place from which in the old days the starting Roman empire was governed, now stands (a copy of) the equestrian statue of Marcus Aurelius. Its the only bronze statue from Roman origin to survive till present day without ever having been buried. This was mainly due to a misconception about the depicted emperor who was thought to be Constantine, the first Christian emperor.

Miguelangelo redesigned the square where once stood the most important temple of Jupiter, Juno and Minerva, by a commission from Pope Paulus III in 1538. He placed a façade in front of the two palaces, which now

house museums, that were already there and built a third one to complete the composition. The statue and the pattern in the pavement were the finishing touch and camouflaged the flaws in symmetry. Ancient statues of Castor and Pollux flank either side of the top of the stairs.

### **Piazza di Spagna**

This is probably the most famous square, for Romans as well as for tourists who are all meeting on the Spanish Steps. On the bottom of the stairs there is the graceful Boat Fountain and on top of the stairs you can see the church Trinità dei Monti.

### **Piazza del Popolo**

The Porta del Popolo on the north side of the Piazza marks one end, while the East is dominated by the passeggiata del Pincio. This piazza served as an exposition hall, a stadium, and a theater for popular plays. The face of the piazza changed a great deal from the 1400's to the 1800's, with the reconstruction of the Church of Santa Maria del Popolo, the placement of the Flaminian obelisk at the center of the piazza, and the addition of neo-classical elements by Giuseppe Valadier.

### **Piazza Navona**

After visiting the Pantheon, turn left on leaving and use a map to find your way to the west, and the Piazza Navona. (It's straight ahead, but if it's your first time in Rome, a map may be comforting.)

Piazza Navona is built on the foundations of Domitian's Circus, and you'll recognize the shape.

A Christmas fair fills it in December. There are three fountains, of which the one in the center is world class, the fountain of the four rivers. The Tre Scalini ice cream shop (Gelateria) is famous for its Tartufo (Truffle) ice cream, preferably Tartufo con Panna – with whipped cream. Forget the calories ... splurge!

On the side of the square there is the church Sant'Agnes Agone which is a wonderful example of baroque architecture.

Go to the north end of the piazza, past the toy store to see the remains of the stadium foundations. Walk around the corner to your left and you'll see them below the sidewalk.

### **Piazza Venezia**

Orient yourself facing the large marble monument (Vittoriano/'Wedding Cake') to the south. Take a brief look to your right at the balcony of Palazzo Venezia from which Mussolini used to orate.

Dominating the square, the Vittoriano is the monument to King Victor Emanuele, the unifier of Italy. (The 1870 Resorgimento – Italy is a young country, despite its ancient heritage.) Gaudy to some, the Italians derisively call it the Wedding Cake or the Typewriter. The flame in the center and the military guards mark Italy's tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Cross the square toward the right side of the Wedding Cake (or 'Typewriter') and go up the street (via del Teatro Marcello). On your left after you pass the monument you'll see some ruins. They're the remains of a Roman insula. The insulae were apartment houses. Looking down, you'll see where ground level was 2000 years ago. Insulae were as tall as 6–7 stories. Roadways were quite narrow (10–20 feet) and so the streets were dark and smelly.

### **The National Museum of Pasta Foods**

At the foot of the Quirinale Palace, quite near the Trevi Fountain, you can find this Museum dedicated to the second most famous Italian food. Not just pasta in different shapes and odd forms, but also history, ways of production and ancient machinery form the collection on display. A must for the true addict of Italian cuisine.

address: Piazza Scanderbeg 117

openinghours: +39 06 6991119

### **The crypt of Santa Maria della Concezione**

Close to the Piazza Barberini you can find the The Santa Maria della Concezione. Down in the catacombs, this church houses one of the more bizarre sights in Rome. A series of chambers housing the skeletal remains of the Capuchin monks that served the church in past centuries. The bones are not just stored, but the chambers are literary decorated with them. They form intricate patterns on the walls and ceilings or are piled up against the walls. There are even a few skeletons dressed in the traditional brown habit. *Justin* : I found this place spooky but also quite cool.

address: 27 Via Vittorio Veneto

openinghours: 9.00–12.00h – 15.00–18.00 May to October

### **Subterranean Rome**

In Rome it has been a longtime practice to build new buildings on top of the rubble of old ones. Not many places were actually built underground, but due to this habit, and to earthquakes, numerous fires and frequent flooding of the Tiber river, the original pavement level has risen in some areas even over 25 meters. Palaces, houses and churches were buried like this, but still a lot of them can be visited. The church S. Clemente is a well-known example of a church on top of another, on top of a Roman house and a Mytras shrine, but its far from the only one. Santa Prisca, Santo Stefano Rotondo are other examples.

One of the most impressive subterranean sites is the Domus Aurea, a whole wing of the palace Nero build after the fire of 64 can still be visited sub terra. After damning Nero's memory, his successors covered it with the Colloseum and other public buildings. Underneath the St Peter a whole necropolis can be visited through a small passageway in the south exterior wall. It leads to the main street of a miniature city of the dead, fronted by ornate two-story mausoleums of both Christian and pagan origin.

It often quite difficult to organize a plan of guided visits to places beyond the traditional highlights above ground. These organizations may be of service here. Itinera (011-396-275-7323) LU.PA.

(011-396-519-3570) Genti e Paesi (011-396-8530-1755) Città Nascosta (011-396-321-6059)

### **{Vatican\_City,Sights:Vatican Museum}**

This museum is a real treasure chamber, packed with more works of art than can be viewed in a days visit. Especially the wing with classical sculpture is awesome. The most famous works include the Laocoon group, and the Torso Belvedere, next to the images the Roman emperors had erected for them selves. The pinacoteca contains paintings by all the great Italian painters from the 13th to the 19th century as well as many by foreign masters. Also the Sixtine chapel by Michelangelo and the Stanze by Raphael are part of the museum.

The founding of the Vatican Museums can be traced back to 1503 when the newly-elected Pope, Julius II della Rovere, placed a statue of Apollo in the internal courtyard of the Belvedere Palace built by Innocent VIII; he brought the statue from the garden of his titular church of St. Peter in Chains.

address: Viale Vaticano – 00165

openinghours: 10.00–17.00h

### **S. Giovanni in Laterano**

This church is the Cathedral of Rome. It was the first Christian Basilica build by Constantine. The church was probably build between 314 and 318 AD, and was the key example to almost all churches in the Romanesque era. The present day church is a recreation by Borromini from the 1646–'49, the last chapter in a long history of building, destruction and rebuilding.

#### **Scala Sancta**

Legend dictates that this was the staircase Christ once climbed to meet Pilatus, the governor of Jerusalem that sentenced him to be crucified. Helena, mother of Constantine, recovered it in Jerusalem, just like she found the true cross and the grave in which Christ lay till the third day. The stairs are actually a remnant of the old Lateran palace, leading to the Popes private chapel. The marble plates are protected by wood and just cleared in the midway to allow the faithful to ascend on their knees. At the top of the stairs theres the Sancta Sanctorum, the inner sanctum, where the most sacred relics are being kept, among which is the portrait of Christ, believed to be painted by St Luke.

#### **St. Peter**

Though neither a cathedral, nor the mother church, this enormous church is in fact the center of the Catholic World, a role once performed by the St John Lateran. From here the pope, the successor of St Peter, tends his flock. The church was build over the grave of St Peter. Because of the location of this tomb on the hill, the St Peter is one of few churches that are not orientated towards the east, but just the other way around. Some people read in this orientation a reference to the crucifixion of St Peter, who was crucified up side down.

The present day building is a replacement of the Basilica build by Constantine. Work started about halfway the 15th century and work continued up to the 18th century. Most great high renaissance architects have left their mark on the final design, but most important are Michelangelo and Bernini.

Bernini used the copper plates from the roof of the pantheon to cast the four twisted columns that support the ciborium above the altar.

#### **Il Gesù**

Il Gesù, or the church of the *Santissimo nome di Gesù*, is the mother church of the Jesuit order . Build between 1568 and 1575 this baroque church was the principal example for almost all Jesuit churches around the world. In the nave the flock had to be assembled and educated. The most important weapons in the counterreformation were education and a whole new army of Saints. This education is evident in the frescos that ornate the nave and depict the triumph of the Name of Christ. The fresco inside the cupola is also by Bacicca, who shows here hes a master of foreshortening. Vignola designed the church; Giacomo della Porta made the façade and finished the cupola.

#### **S. Giuseppe dei Falegnami**

This church was build on top of the Mamertine prison. In origin this was probably an Etruscan cistern or possibly a grave. In the Roman period it was in use as a prison, and its believed that St Peter St Paul were imprisoned here, just as opponents to the Roman empire Vercingetorix and the Jugurtha were, hence the consecration of this former prison as St Peter in Carcere. The well in the floor is connected to one of the miracles connected to the life of St Peter.



## **Tempietto**

In the middle of the court of the S. Pietro in Montorio, on the spot St. Peter was believed to be crucified, Bramante build a small temple to illustrate his ideas on architectural proportions. This small building is often identified with the summit of the high renaissance. Its set like a small jewel in an awkward setting of the surrounding architecture. In the small building one can see a reflection of the architectural theories of Alberti and DaVinci.

### **Ara Pacis**

Because the most important , motto of Augustus, the successor of Ceasar, was peace, he persuaded the senate to erect an altar for this: the Ara Pacis. Next to symbolical and mythical scenes the sanctuary was decorated with a frieze depicting a procession lead by Augustus himself as the bringer of peace, much more than as a ruling conqueror. Just like the facing tomb of Augustus, the altar was re-erected by Mussolini to celebrate the 2000th birthday of the first Roman emperor. Its constructed out of fragments and reproductions from dispersed fragments, but it gives a good example of the Hellenistic influenced Roman sculpture.

address: Via di  
Ripetta

## **The Forum Romanum**

With the name Forum Romanum are called all the monuments which remaining parts are standing between the Capitol, the Colosseum, the Imperial Fora and the Palatine. Here you can find the Arch of Triumph of Titus, the big Basilica of Maxentius, the Temple of Antonino and Faustina and the Temple of Saturn, just to mention some of these antique monuments.

The forum, which was the heart of the city, started out as a open marketplace, but gradually it got more and more adorned with portico's basilicas and temples. This was the area in which public life manifested itself. If you wanted your name to be remembered in history, the thing to do was to donate a building to the city on the forum. It was also the place gladiator games were being held before the institution of the amphitheaters. The old forums became due to the addition of all kinds of public and privately build additions quite chaotic and the expanding also city needed a larger area as its center. This is why Julius Caesar initiated the building of the first imperial forum, of which four were to follow, build by his successors.

### **Arch of Costantine**

Just close to the Colosseum, there is the Arch of Costantine sits: another wonderful piece of history! The Senate of Rome added this arch in A.D.312 in order to adorn the square of the Colosseum. This magnificent building was erected in the honor of the Emperor Costantin for having liberated the city from the scary Maxentius. Though its the largest arc still standing, it was quite cheap to erect. Most statues and relieves where taken from other monuments, dedicated to Trajan and Hadrian, and were reworked to fit this arc. Prove of this can be found in the portraits of the emperor, which have very small heads due to reworking of the original faces. The holes around the letters above the central passage indicate even that the entire arc was build to commemorate another emperor.

### **Pantheon**

Another two blocks along and on your left you'll find the Torre Argentina, a large square. In the center are remains of several Republican Temples (i.e., before Caesar Augustus, probably 2nd or 1st century before the Christian Era). Across (on your right as you were walking down Corso V. Emanuele II) you'll find via di



Torre Argentina. This eventually becomes via Rotondo, which will in turn take you into Piazza Rotondo, the square in which you'll find the Pantheon.

The Pantheon ('Temple to All Gods') is the largest dome in Rome (yes ... larger than St. Peter's.) And, if you have the luck to be there on a rainy day, see how much rain enters ... or doesn't ... the 10m hole in the roof. The interior is quite lovely despite what we find to be a drab, if grandly momentous, exterior. Typically open from 9–2: quite interesting, but with so many other things only open in the morning, don't pass up anything more important just to see inside. At the top of the proscenium you'll find the inscription:

**"M. AGRIPPA L. F. COS. TERTIUM. FECIT"**

This points out a couple of problems in reading Latin inscriptions. Even knowing a bit of Latin you'll find translating them a bit difficult: "Marcus Agrippa, son (F) of Lucius, Consul (COS) for the third time (Tertium), built this." The facts aren't always in accord with the inscription, if you can read it. In fact, Agrippa did, probably, build the first Pantheon, but Hadrian rebuilt it entirely. Hadrian, modest, by Roman standards, never had his name inscribed on any of his buildings. He honored Agrippa's fame by repeating the original inscription on the new structure.

The interior measures 43,40 meters in diameter, and the same in height. Light and air still enter through the opening at the top (a circle of 8m. 92cms in diameter). In 609 the Pantheon was the first pagan temple to be inaugurated as a Catholic church: The Sta Maria ad Martyrs, dedicated to all the martyrs killed by Roman hands.

### **The Colosseum**

The Colosseum is considered the symbol of Rome. This amphitheatre, built in about 10 years, shortly after the A.D.70, was the most imposing of all the monuments in the ancient Rome. This ancient venue, where 50000 people could be entertained was probably paid for with the treasures brought from the raid on the Jewish temple in Jerusalem. Usually it was used for make fighting shows with wild animals and gladiators and even sea battles, but in A.D.438 this was abolished and the shows were only about animal hunting. The last show is dated in A.D.523 by Theodoric, King of Ostrogoths. The Colosseum was named after the giant statue that stood nearby. In medieval times the four–storied theater was used as a quarry until in 1749 it was acclaimed to be a holy site in memory of all the Christian martyrs that lost their lives here. *musfiddin*: jkhtsvbj ,hvlnoI

### **Domus Aurea**

After the great fire of Rome of 64 A.D. the 2/3rd of the city lay in ruins. The emperor Nero took this opportunity to build a extravagant palace complex on the devastated site. This Domus Aurea, or golden palace, which was actually a series of palaces and gardens, captured the country life within the city walls. The building took such a vast area that his successors had to demolish great parts of it and erect public buildings on the site to unnerve the rumors that Nero himself was responsible for the fire, to return Rome to itself as Martialis wrote. Fact is that alongside the building campaign of the Domus Aurea Nero also commissioned city renewal and ordered new laws that prescribed minimal street widths and maximal density to prevent fire from spreading.

### **The Palatine hill**

According to legend Remus founded Rome on this hill on the 21st of April, 753 B.C. There has been a settlement here from the beginning of the first century B.C. and on this site archeologists have found remains of the oldest city walls (730–720 B.C.). Augustus build his palace on this hill, near the location of the house

of Remus, as a claim to the inheritance of the founder of the city. After him most emperors took this area as their residence, which led to its sole usage for the imperial palaces that now lay in ruins all over this hill.

### **Monument of Victor Emanuel II**

Walking for ten minutes from the Square where Constantine's arch sits, we arrive to the Monument of Victor Emanuel II.

It is towering up under the Capitol, right in the heart of Rome where it's impressive with its imposing dimension. In the middle of this monument there is rising up the altar of the Fatherland. Under the Statue of the Roma there is since 1921 the "Grave of the unknown soldier" or like we say in Italy "Il milite ignoto", which is supposed to remind us of the soldiers who died in the World War I.

### **Vatican City**

The Vatican is since about six centuries the residence of the pope and since 1921 it's presenting an independent state called Vatican\_City. The biggest square of the Vatican and the whole Rome is the Peter's Square, on it there is the biggest temple of the Christendom, the Vatican Basilica. In 1546 Michelangelo started with the construction of a dome, which was finished after he died in 1589. You can climb up this dome today and enjoy a unforgettable view over the Eternal City from its top.

### **Bernini's Elephant**

Adjacent to the pantheon, this statue is a gem of Bernini's. A small elephant, brilliantly carved and very realistic carries an Egyptian obelisk on its back.

## **Rome – Getting Around**

### ***by bus:***

The city bus company is **ATAC** and most of the main buses terminate at the bus station outside Stazione Termini (where you can get a map of the bus routes). Buses run from around 6am to midnight with some services running throughout the night.

### ***by metro:***

The city's Metro service has only two lines, **A** (red) and **B** (blue), both of which go through Termini. Unfortunately, the metro misses most of the historic district, which can be frustrating at times. The reason for this is because there is quite a bit of ancient Rome beneath the ground; enough so that they cannot dig a tunnel very far without running into some 2,000 year old brick wall, column or other such artifact. The metro automatic ticket machines only take exact change (and even then they are known to eat your money leaving you with nothing to show for it) so it is recommended that you buy your ticket from a tobacconist, newsstand or vending machine before you get on the train or bus (your bus tickets will also work on the metro). For the metro, validate your ticket before boarding the train; for the bus, look for the validation machines onboard. Use the orange validation machines for the old paper tickets and the yellow ones for the newer magnetic tickets. ***If you are caught without a validated ticket, the fine is 51.65 Euro.*** The metro runs about every 7–10 minutes, from 5:30am until 11:30pm everyday, except Saturday when it runs until 12:30am.

### ***by car:***

Driving in Rome is the next best thing to *suicide* – especially on a motorbike. Most of the historic centre of Rome is closed to normal traffic although you will be allowed to drive to your hotel. You'll need to get a parking permit from the traffic police if you wish to park anywhere in the centre or you'll risk being towed.

To have the opportunity of using a car in Rome is a good point of freedom but there are also a lot of problems linked to it. If you're with your own car, protect it really good with alarm systems (electronic or normal pedal blocker) and don't leave the radio, your bags or other important things inside: they say that in the whole Italy they open or steal at an average of 2 cars per minute. If you can, during the night, park it in a safe controlled parking house like the "ParkSi" of Spain's Square / Via Veneto.

To rent a car you'll need to be at least 21 years old. If you organize your car in advance it will cost you less. There are several rental agencies for cars motorbikes mopeds and bicycles. If you'd rather leave the driving to someone else you can pick up a cab from one of the city's many taxi ranks or phone one any time of day. If you call a cab the driver will turn the meter on as soon as he is rung rather than when he picks you up.

Another negative point is the traffic: the situation is very difficult due of the "work in progress" in many different areas of the city. Anyway, be aware of the fact that the traffic you're going to find in Rome is a little bit wilder than normal and there are a lot of young people driving small scooters or big motorbikes often in a very dangerous way.

### ***by foot:***

Rome is a very easy city to navigate by foot, assuming you've procured a decent map. A decent place to find maps and other information is a company called "Enjoy Rome" located at Via Marghera, 8a near the Stazione Termini, Rome's central train station.

Although the modern metropolitan section of Rome is spread out, the historical center of the city is really quite compact. Even if you do get lost, you'll no doubt run into some baroque art work or marble fountain that will make your trip worthwhile. After two or three days of walking though, you'll feel like a pro at navigating the Roman streets.

*A word of caution:* the motorists of Rome are quite crazy. According to Bill Bryson, people in Rome park their cars the way you or I would if we had just spilt acid in our laps. Crossing the street can seem like a daunting experience, but you really needn't worry. Make sure you follow these simple rules, and you'll be fine:

**1.** Only cross the street at crosswalks. **2.** Don't wait on the street corners expecting the traffic to slow down. You'll be there forever. **3.** Wait for a small break in the traffic and just go. The first time you try this, your heart will no doubt be beating in your throat the entire time, but you'll soon see. As soon as you start walking, and as if by some miracle, the cars, busses, trucks and everything will just stop to allow you to pass. This has often been likened to the story of Moses parting the Red Sea. *Two pieces of advice on this subject:* Don't dart deer-like across the street; that upsets the Romans. Also, whatever you do, **don't** under **any** circumstances stop in the middle of the road once you've started crossing. Hesitating only confuses and angers Roman drivers and their wrath could endanger your life. After the first few successful crosses, you'll see there really is nothing to it.

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## Francesco Tranchinas

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## Rome – Getting There

*All ways lead to Rome* – like the Romans said. This is more or less still true today.

### *by car:*

You can easily reach Rome by car. Four motorways lead to the urban ring road (A 12 from Fiumicino – west, A 1 from Firenze and Orvieto – north, A 24 from northeast which includes A 25 from Pescara, A 1 from Napoli – south). Using the motorways costs a fee of about 10.000 ITL per 100 km. Motor-way Informations you can get at 'Società Autostrade', Tel. 39/6/43632121 (24 hour service)

### *by air:*

Airport Leonardo da Vinci, generally known as **Fiumicino**, handles most scheduled flights. It is located 26km (16mi) southwest of the city. Rome's other airport is **Ciampino** about 20km (12mi) southeast of the city and is used by the majority of charter flights. Telephone numbers are:

Fiumicino: +39/6/65951 and

Ciampino: +39/6/794941.

One of the most convenient ways to get into town is by the Stazione Termini direct train, which usually runs hourly from the airport Fiumicino. You can also get a train from the airport to Trastevere Ostiense and Tiburtina. There's also a night bus service to Stazione Tiburtina. If you're driving an autostrada runs from the airport to the city via EUR – it's a 45-minute drive and will cost you a small fortune by taxi. From Ciampino you can catch a **COTRAL bus** which connects with a subway to Stazione Termini or you can drive down the Via Appia Nuova.

### *by train:*

Rome's main railroad station (stazione centrale Roma termini) you will reach by every train station in Italy. It is situated east of the historic city centre. Within an 15min walk you can easily reach Santa Maria Maggiore, San Pietro in Vincoli, Piazza Vittorio, Colosseo or Museo Nazionale Romano.

FF. SS Termini, piazza dei Cinquecento, Tel. +39/6/4775

## Rome – Nightlife and Entertainment

Rome has many bars and nightclubs where you can drink, relax, talk or dance until deep in the night. The choice is wide: There are vast glittering palaces with stunning lights and sound systems, innovative alternative to the mainstream spots, rock and jazz places with a large offer of styles performed by a healthy array of local talents.

For further entertainment discover the various theatres, cinemas and concert halls.

For younger travellers, there is a brilliant 'Colluseum Bar Crawl' that starts around 8:30pm upstairs from the Colluseum metro stop. There are usually people handing out flyers around the Colluseum by day so grab one and have a chat to them about it. Its a great opportunity to meet various nationalities, play some fun/friendly drinking games and have a good night out.

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### **Rock Castle**

Located near the Campo dei Fiori and Largo Argentina on Via Aurela. The bar is located in a medieval basement and has a very unique atmosphere. Multi-level seating and wooden furniture enhance the dark, very private interior. It also has a dance floor and full bar.

### **Club 84**

Puttane! Club 84 clients be ware of the activities. This club pulls you in with its appearance. Before you know it there are ladies of the evening that have targeted you as you enter. Soon after you settle in, you are overwhelmed by the agressiveness of the prostitutes. Before you can take a breath and understand what is happening, they order \$350 bottles of champagne on your tab. Now its too late. Once you realize that they have run up a \$500 tab your in too deep. Guido now wants to get paid or at least get his pound of flesh. Your getting this from an experience I recently had. I didn't go for the ladies, I just wentin for a beer. When I exited, I had to pay for a \$500 tab or risk the alternative injury. A very dangerous place for the uninformed. I wish someone warned me.

address: Via Emilia 84

### **Alien**

address: Via Velletri 13

tel: +31 (0)6 – 8412212

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### **Angelo Azzuro**

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tel: +39 (0)6 – 5800472

**Arena Sisto**

address: Via Cardinal Ginnasi, Ostia

tel: +39 (0)6 – 5697337

**Bella Blu**

address: Via Lucciani 21

tel: +39 (0)6 – 3218749

**Berimbau**

address: Via del Fienaroli 30/b

tel: +39 (0)6 – 5813249

**Ciak**

address: Via di San Saba 11/a

tel: +39 (0)6 – 5782022

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address: Via del SS. Quattro 103

tel: +39 (0)6 – 7005566

**Jake & Elwood**

address: Via G.C.Odino 45 – Isola Sacra Fiumicino

tel: +39 (0)6 – 6583566

**La Lucciola**

address: Via Danimarca 169 – Torvaianica

tel: +39 (0)6 – 9174397

**Meeting della cultura nera**

address: Via R. B. Bandinelli 130 – Ciampino

tel: +39 (0)6 – 7917049 or 79321606

**Music Inn**

address: Largo dei Fiorentini 3

tel: +39 (0)6 – 68807771

**Radio Londra**

address: Via di Monte Testaccio

**Deco**

address: Via cesare Beccaria 22  
tel: +39 (0)6 – 3611240

**Fonclea**

address: Via Crescenzo 82/a  
tel: +39 (0)6 – 6896302

**Gilda**

address: Via Mario de' Fiori 97  
tel: +39 (0)6 – 6784838

**Horus Club**

address: Corso Sempione 21  
tel: +39 (0)6 – 86899181

**New Joli Coeur**

address: Via Sirte 5

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address: Via Alberico II 37  
tel: +39 (0)6 – 68806126

**Sesto senso**

address: Via di Grottarossa 175

**Sweet Water**

address: Via Ostiense 104/b  
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address: Via Portuense 2489  
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**Tatum**

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url: [www.flakes.it](http://www.flakes.it)

address: Via della Scala 32

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address: Stab. Sporting Beach, Ostia

**Weekend in musica**

address: Piazza della Pace–Ciampino

tel: +39 (0)6 – 9309337 or 93546136

**Gossip beach**

address: lungomare Lutazio Catulo 8, Ostia

**Fuori di testa**

address: Air Terminal Ostiense

**SPQR limperiale**

address: Via Nomentana KM. 17.200

**Happening Club**

address: Piazza Santa Rufina

tel: +39 (0)6 – 5813655

**Blu Bay**

address: Stab. Plinius – Lungomare Caio Duilio – Ostia lido

**Virtualia**

address: Via Nettunense Km. 33.400, Anzio

## **Rome – Accommodation**

Finding a sleeping place in Rome is not an easy task. There are hundreds of hotels, hostels and pensions in all price categories. We can't hope to make a listing of all of them, but we have selected a few to get you started. Many of the city's cheaper hotels are located close to Stazione Termini in the eastern part of the city. Lodging more towards the old town centre isn't automatically more expensive, but it is harder to find a free hotel room without booking in advance. For a complete accommodation list you should refer to the annual EPT publication in which all hotels have to declare their prices.

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**Yahoo Reservation**

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url: [www.yahooreservation.com](http://www.yahooreservation.com)

**Scott House**



Scott House is located in the center of Rome, 50 meters to the main train station, where you'll find all kinds of restaurants, bars, and much more. All the 32 rooms have private bathrooms, television sets and phones installed.

Room rates:

Single room: between 34 and 62 Euro

Double room: about 93 Euro

Triple room: about 115 Euro

Rates per room per night including breakfast and taxes.

address: Via Gioberti 30, Rome

tel: Tel: +39 (0)6 446 53 79

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### **Hotel Alexandra**

The Hotel Alexandra is situated in the most glamorous and important street of Rome: Via Veneto, just a few steps away from the famous Piazza di Spagna, Fontana di Trevi and the shopping centre. All rooms are completely redecorated and provided with private bath or shower, automatic dial telephone, centrally air conditioned, and furnished with frigo-bar and TV color satellite.

Room rates:

Single room: between 105 and 145 Euro per night.

Double room: between 137 and 195 Euro per night.

Triple room: between 157 and 235 Euro per night.

Rate per room per night including breakfast, service and taxes.

address: Via V. Veneto 18, Rome

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### **Hotel Caravel**

This modern hotel is situated on the Via Cristoforo Colombo, one of the main arteries of Rome, at a few minutes by bus from the Stazione Termini, from the town's historical center and from the Ostiense Air Terminal. All rooms with private bathroom or shower, telephone and TV – Service carefully supervised – American Bar, public rooms.

room rates:

single room about 85 Euro per night

double room about 120 Euro per night

triple room about 135 Euro per night

Rates per room including breakfast, service and taxes.

address: Via Cristoforo Colombo 124–c, Rome

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### **Hotel Columbia**

Hotel Columbia is conveniently situated in the heart of the historic centre of Rome, between the Opera House and the last bastion of the Diocletian Baths. All 45 bedrooms are bright and equipped with private bathroom, direct dial telephone, minibar, satellite television, room safe, plug modem and air conditioning. The hotel has a bar, non–smoking rooms and room service (from 07.00 – 23.00). Money exchange is possible, elevators are present.

Room rates:

single: between 93 and 102 Euro per night.

double: between 123 and 138 Euro per night

triple: between 166 and 186 Euro per night

Rate per room including breakfast, service and taxes.

address: Via del viminale, 15, Rome

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

### **Hotel delle Muse**

The three star Hotel delle Muse is located in a verdant, very quiet and elegant area in Rome called Parioli. This recently–rennoved hotel offers you everything required for a relaxing and peacefully holiday in Rome. All the rooms are equipped with private bathroom, satellite T.V and direct dialing telephone. You may also use the safe deposit box service free of charge. In the summer, Parioli is one of the cooler areas of Rome. But should the need arise, all the rooms are equipped with personal air fans. Further facilities: Laundry service, Restaurant, Bar, conference room for 40 people.

Room rates:

Small single room with single bed, shower & wc: about 88 Euro per night.

Single room with one large bed, private bathroom: about 104 Euro per night.

Small double room with private bathroom: about 114 Euro per night.

Double room with private bathroom: about 145 Euro per night.

Small triple room with private bathroom: about 150 Euro per night.

Triple room: about 166 Euro per night

Rate per room per night including continental buffet breakfast, service and taxes.

address: Via Tommaso Salvini 18, Rome

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### **Hotel King**

The Hotel King is situated in the centre of the city. It is an elegant Hotel with nice accommodations and an efficient service. It offers 72 rooms, all furnished with air conditioning, dial-telephone, TV and radio. For a pleasant stay you have at your disposal a beautiful terrace, equipped for your relaxation and an elegant American Bar.

Room Rates:

single: about 124 Euro

double: about 182 Euro

triple: about 228 Euro

Rates per room per night including breakfast, service and taxes.

address: Via Sistina 131, Rome

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

### **Hotel Medici**

The Hotel Medici is conveniently located within close proximity to the central train station and the commercial and touristic centers of Rome (Via del Tritone, Piazza Barberini and Trevi Fountain). Facilities: the Hotel has 69 rooms with direct telephone dialing, color TV, frigo bar, hair dryer and 45 rooms are equipped with air condition. A conventioned garage nearby. Standard rooms are provided with private bathroom and facilities as mentioned below.

Room rates:

single: about 98 Euro

double: about 135 Euro

triple: about 176 Euro

Rates per room per night including breakfast, service and taxes.

address: Via Flavia 96, Rome

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### **Hotel Venezia**

Hotel Venezia is situated in heart of the historic centre of Rome. It is within walking distance of most areas of interest in the city. The Hotel is only a few minutes away from Termini, the main railway station and the air terminal, where taxis, buses and the underground (subway) can be taken to all places of interest. All 60 rooms of the Hotel are bright and equipped with private bathrooms, direct dial telephone, satellite television, radio (channelled music) and air conditioning. The furnishing is cosy and extreme care has been taken in the details. The same applies for the recreation rooms and lounge areas which have been designed for relaxation and leisure. Hotel facilities: Elevator, Bar, Meeting room, Reading room.

Room rates:

single: between 93 and 103 Euro per night

double: between 123 and 138 Euro per night

triple: between 166 and 186 Euro per night

Rate per room including breakfast, service and taxes.

address: Via Varese 18, Rome

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### **Isa**

Feel at home in this elegant but intimate atmosphere. Between the Vatican and Spanish steps just a short walk from Castel S'Angels and other main historical monuments the hotel Isa is closely located to the main shopping area of Rome and many of the principal bus routes stop nearby. Hotel facilities: Lift (Elevator), Restaurant, Bar, Own Garage, Guarded Car-Park, Tennis Court, Swimming-pool, Hotel bus at Station, Private Beach, Own Park or Garden, With facilities for the Handicapped, Small household pets and dogs allowed, Radio, Air-conditioning, External Telephone, TV set.

Room Rates:

single: about 147 Euro per nightt

double: about 182 Euro per nightt

triple: about 207 Euro per nightt

address: Via Cicerone 39, Rome

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### **Lugano**

Centrally located near via Veneto, the Trevi fountain, piazza di Spagna, the Quirinale, Parliament on a great street for shopping with fine shops, department stores and excellent typical restaurants. Room facilities: 40

rooms – central heating – air conditioned – bar – tv – refrigerator bar – telephone.

room rates:

single: about 120 Euro per night

double: about 168 Euro per night

triple: about 222 Euro per night

Rate per room per night including breakfast, service and taxes.

address: Via del Tritone 132, Rome

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### **Palladium Palace**

The Hotel Palladium Palace is a refined and comfortable 3 star superior hotel which offers an excellent service for business and leisure travellers being located in the heart of Rome. The Hotel offers also the possibility to arrange directly into the hotel air/train tickets and sightseeing tours in Rome and in the rest of most important Italian art cities. The hotel has a bar, TV Room, two saunas and a roof garden. 80 rooms. **Ronny Johnston:** This hotel is very easy to access from the Termini, just a two block walk. The staff was friendly and helpful in every way. English is spoken at the front desk, and staff makes every effort to make your stay pleasant. The rooms were neat and very clean. The roof and sauna were closed during my visit, but appear to be used in the summer. Ask for directions to small family owned eateries nearby, and you will find excellent food at a reasonable price. Even though some publications do not recommend staying in the Termini area, I found this area to be no more dangerous than any large city in the USA. It was a vibrant, busy area with lots of shops more reasonably priced than other "upscale areas" of the city. Remember the noise in Rome is constant. This hotel has excellent metal shutters that screen out most of the noise from the street. However, I would ask for a room as high off the street as possible. We had a corner room on the 5th. floor. It was neat to have two balconies.

address: Via Gioberti 36, Rome

tel:

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

### **Santa Costanza**

Refined and quaint. With easy access to the motorways for Florence, Naples and L'Aquila via the Eastern by-pass just a few minutes away. The hotel, served by numerous bus-lines, is just a few steps from the line "B" Underground at Piazza Bologna, one stop from the Tiburtina Air Terminal. The rooms are equipped with every comfort; two adapted to cater for the disabled. A nearby garage offers special rates to our guests. Halls and facilities for meetings, buffets, business lunches and functions. A Cocktail Bar leads to a pretty garden.

Room rates:

single: about 114 Euro per night

double: about 146 Euro per night

triple: about 171 Euro per night

Rate per room per night including breakfast, service and taxes.

address: Viale XXI Aprile 4, Rome

tel:

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

### **Tirreno**

This top three–star hotel is located close to the subway and Rome's Termini train station, between Santa Maria Maggiore Basilica and the Colosseum, in the heart of the "Ancient Rome". It has been completely renovated in March 1994 and now offers all comforts: phone, bath or shower, hair dryer, color satellite TV and safety box in every room; american bar and solarium garden.

Room rates:

single: between 67 and 130 Euro per night

double: between 83 and 186 Euro per night

triple: between 109 and 238 Euro per night

Rate per room including breakfast, service and taxes.

address: Via San Martino ai Monti 17, Rome

tel:

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

### **Hotel Des Artistes**

Ever since its opening in 1995 this house has been very popular and hospitable. Entirely renovated in 1999, Hotel Des Artistes is now even more comfortable: Bar, lifts, conference space, safe, non smoking rooms, roof garden, internet access. They offer lots of different rooms, up to six–bed–rooms, all either with or without private bathroom.

**Room rates:**

single without private bathroom: between 42 and 52 Euro per night

double with shared bathroom: between 52 and 70 Euro per night

triple with shared bathroom: between 67 and 93 Euro per night

four–bed–room with shared bathroom: between 83 and 114 Euro epr night

five-bed-room with shared bathroom: between 93 and 130 Euro per night

six-bed-room with shared bathroom: between 104 and 140 Euro per night

single with private bathroom: between 73 and 114 Euro per night

Annex double with private bathroom: between 70 and 117 Euro per night

double with private bathroom: between 78 and 140 Euro per night

triple with private bathroom: between 99 and 157 Euro per night

four-bed-room with private bathroom: between 124 and 176 Euro per night

address: Via Villafranca 20, Rome

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### **Albergo del Senato**

Situated in a 19th century building at Piazza del Pantheon, one of the most charming parts of ancient Rome, a few steps away from the most exclusive fashion shops. Recently renovated, Albergo del Senato is a three stars hotel of upper category, and most of its finely furnished rooms overlook the Pantheon. Furthermore its Senior Suites have a balcony with a beautiful view over the square. Located in the center of Rome, next to the Pantheon. The airport is at 30 km.

Room rates:

single: about 150 Euro per night

double: about 212 Euro per night

mini apartment (4 persons): about 336 Euro per night.

Rate per room including breakfast, services and taxes.

address: Piazza della Rotonda 73, Rome

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### **Hotel Rex**

A few steps from the main theatres and the most important financial and commercial centers, Hotel Rex has a privileged position in the business and cultural heart of Rome, with good rail and airport connections. Facilities: 44 rooms and 4 suites – bar – 4 reception rooms for business meetings, congresses, conventions – ample parking space.

address: Via Torino 149, Rome

tel:

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### **Quality Hotel Nova Domus**

Downtown, best location, at just 5 minutes walking distance from Vatican museum. The recently renovated facility offers the most important modern technology and comforts. Its 16 suites offer great opportunities for family accommodation. As an extra touch, an executive floor exist on which all rooms have private terraces overlooking St. Peters dom. Private parking free of charge.

Room rates:

Single room: ITL 280.000 per night

Twin or Double room: ITL 350.000 per night

Triple room: ITL 380.000 per night

4 bedded room: ITL 430.000 per night

Suite (4 persons) 2 separate rooms with one bathroom: ITL 600.000 per night

Rates per room including buffet breakfast, taxes and service.

address: Via G.Savonarola, 38 , Rome

tel:

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### **La Borghesiana Park Hotel**

This hotel has been completely reconstructed and is equipped with the best and modernest comforts, located in the middle of a marvellous oasis of greenery, only 4 km. from the G.R.A. of Rome and, therefore, easily reachable from the motor-highways Milano-Napoli and Roma-l'Aquila. The international airport Fiumicino can be reached in only 40 minutes. Facilities: rooms with air-conditioning, dining-rooms, billiards, play-rooms, TV-room, bar, parking, conference-rooms and an excellent cuisine. The annexed sports centre is consisting in 5 football grounds, sports grounds, tennis courts, palestra, swimming-pool and a centre for sports medicine.

Room rates:

Single room: ITL 220.000

Double room: ITL 290.000

Triple room: ITL 355.000

Rate per room per night including breakfast, service and taxes.

address: Via della Capanna Murata 120, Rome

tel:



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### **Hotel Raphael**

At the heart of Rome, just steps away from the Piazza Navona, there is a special hotel known to discriminating travelers around the world for its welcoming ivy-covered façade and its quiet, luxurious charm. Here the guests can enjoy the pleasures of a Roman neighborhood bristling with artists and energy, characterized by cobblestones, long established antiques emporia and exquisite boutiques. 69 rooms. Room rates:

Single room: between ITL 410.000 and 450.000 per night.

Double room: between ITL 620.000 and 660.000 per night.

Deluxe room: between ITL 780.000 and 810.000 per night.

Suite: between ITL 950.000 and 1.050.000 per night.

Rate per room including service and taxes (Buffet breakfast ITL 42,000 p.p.)

Further facilities: Fitness centre, sauna, rooftop terrace and restaurant, meeting room.

address: Largo Febo, 2, Rome

tel:

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### **Hotel Mascagni**

Situated in the heart of Rome (between Piazza Barberini and Via Veneto) the Hotel Mascagni earns its four stars of international importance. The hotel is housed in a finely renovated and antiques furnished palace from the early 20th century. Cosy, snug and elegant. Facilities: comfortable rooms – Restaurant – Bar – Conferences facilities.

Room rates:

Single room: between ITL 270.000 and 430.000 per night

Double room: between ITL 350.000 and 580.000 per night

Triple room: between ITL 400.000 and 680.000 per night.

Rate per room including buffet breakfast, service and taxes.

address: Via Vittorio Emanuele Orlando 90, Rome

tel:

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### **Quirinale**

This is a four star hotel with a long tradition in Roman Hospitality. 210 bedrooms and suites. A few steps away from Via Veneto, Spanish Steps, Piazza Venezia and the Colosseum.

**Room rates:**

Single room: ITL 400000 per night

Double room: ITL 500000 per night

Rate per room including breakfast, service and taxes.

address: Via Nazionale 7, Rome

tel:

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

**Hotel Regent**

Excellent situation in the Parioli district, a few minutes away from historical centre. Facilities: restaurant, polo bar, some evenings with piano bar. Shopping arcades. Garage, bus parking area nearby. 7 Rooms for conventions and banquets up to 1000 people.

Room rates:

Single room with private bathroom: ITL 290.000 per night

Double/Twin room with private bathroom: ITL 390.000 per night

Suite with private bathroom: ITL 650.000 per night

Triple room with private bathroom: ITL 490.000 per night .

Rates per room including breakfast, service and taxes.

address: Via F. Civinini 46, Rome

tel:

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**Ritz**

The Grand Hotel Ritz is a four star hotel located near Piazza Euclide, in the Parioli residential area. It is a very modern first class hotel complete with all comforts.

Room rates:

Single room: ITL 225.000 – 350.000 per night

Double/Twin room: ITL 260.000 – 450.000 per night

Rate per room including breakfast, service and taxes.

address: Via D. Chelini 41, Rome

tel:

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

### **Top Empire Palace**

In the heart Rome's exclusive shopping and business center, the Empire Palace Hotel is the ideal residence for an efficient and stylish stay in a peaceful and cordial atmosphere. Close to Via Veneto and Piazza Barberini, the Empire Palace Hotel offers all the comfort of an four star hotel.

Room rates:

Single room: ITL 450.000 per night

Double room: ITL 650.000 per night (ITL 550.000 for single use)

Rates are including American buffet breakfast,service and taxes.

address: 39 Via Aureliana, Rome

tel:

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

### **Ariston**

The Ariston Hotel provides 100 bedrooms with private bathrooms, air conditioning, minibars, satellite TVs, direct dial telephones, 4 suites, an American bar, a roof garden, a solarium, a conference center, a reference office, 24 hr room service, safes and two lifts to all floors. The hotel is on an excellent location, round via Nazionale in close proximity to the Opera house and the Exhibition building.

Room rates:

Single room: ITL 250.000 per night

Double room: ITL 350.000 per night

Rate per room including breakfast, service and taxes.

address: Via Filippo Turati 16, Rome

tel:

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

### **Artemide**

Overlooking the fashionable, extremely central Via Nazionale, the Hotel Artemide is located in a elegant building dating back to the end of 19th century. Recently renovatd both outside and in, the reviving of some of the original Art Nouveau features are the distinguishing characteristic of the hotel's reception rooms.

address: Via Nazionale 22, Rome

tel:

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

### **Enea**

The Hotel Enea was created to provide hospitality to business men, but it is also an ideal location to enjoy a relaxing vacation. Refined and elegant, the hotel owes a large part of it's charm to the Hellenistic atmosphere. 95 rooms offer perfect four star comfort.

address: Via del Mare 83, Pomezia (15 km from Rome)

tel:

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

### **Hotel Forum**

Elegant and exclusive hotel located in the heart of the ancient city. Facilities: 80 rooms tastefully furnished, TV satellite, radio, phone and air conditioning. Rich in intimacy and personal charm. Roof Garden and restaurant overlooking the fantastic Roman ruins and Colosseum. American Bar. Meeting facilities. Garage.

Room rates:

Single room: ITL 380.000 per night

Double room: ITL 540.000 per night

Rate per room including breakfast, service and taxes.

address: Via Tor de' Conti 25, Rome

tel:

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

### **Grand Hotel Beverly Hills**

Located very close to the Borghese Museum this hotel offers comfortable four class service and facilities such as: 183 rooms with private bathrooms, air conditioning, radio, color tv, automatic phone, mini bar.

Room rates:

Single room ITL 360.000 per night

Double room ITL 520.000 per night

Triple room ITL 600.000 per night

Rate per room per night including breakfast, service and taxes.

address: Largo Benedetto Marcello 220, Rome

tel:

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

### **Grand Hotel Villa dei Papi**

Grand Hotel Villa dei Papi is a charming hotel situated 30 minutes drive from Rome city center on the hilly slopes of lake Albano in an area called Roman Castles, famous for its Renaissance villas as well as for the many Archaeological remains. The pretty lake of volcanic origin which is in walking distance, offers bathing and sport facilities such as biking, canoeing, sailing, wind surfing and water skiing; golfing, tennis and horse riding are available at a few minutes distance. Shuttle bus on request.

Room rates:

Single room ITL 160.000 per night

Double room ITL 250.000 per night

Triple room ITL 280.000 per night

Rate per room including breakfast, service and taxes.

address: Via Selva Ferentina 15/17, Rome

tel:

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

### **Holiday Inn Rome – San Giovanni**

The Holyday Inn Rome is located 5 km from the EUR commercial area and 15 km from Leonardo da Vinci international airport. City centre is only 8 km from the hotel. The hotel provides 315 rooms with all comforts, American Bar and Restaurant. A swimming pool for adults and a small one for children are located in an attractive park. A tennis court is available as well. Gift shop, bank, travel agency and boutique, facilities for disabled, lifts, conference space, currency exchange, safe, non smoking rooms, room service, garden. Complimentary, scheduled shuttle service to/from downtown and international airport. Limousine and car rental desk. Unattended private parking for cars and coaches. Pets are welcome.

address: Viale Castello della Magliana 65, Rome

tel:

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

### **Hotel Columbus**

The quiet and elegant Hotel Columbus is an ancient medieval mansion of Princes and Cardinals transformed into a cosy and comfortable four star hotel. Its an experience to feel the sensation of living daily in the same place as historical characters; for the pleasure of being surrounding by the works of Pinturicchio who frescoed the walls and vaults.

Room rates:

Single room ITL 370,000 per night

Double room ITL 570,000 per night

Triple room ITL 670,000 per night

Rate per room including breakfast, service and taxes.

address: Via della Conciliazione 33, Rome

tel:

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### **Scott House**

Hotel in the centre of Rome; all rooms are equipped with private bathrooms, television, telephone, airconditioning. Single rooms: \$35 – \$75, Double rooms: \$35 – \$125

address: Via Gioberti 30

tel: +39 (0)6 446 53 79

### **Hotel Aphrodite**

Strategically located next to the Termini Railway station and Airport Terminal in the centre of Rome. English-speaking staff. Single rooms: \$30 – \$75, Double rooms: \$35 – \$125

address: Via Marsala 90

tel: +39 (0)6 491 096

### **Aurelia Residence San Pietro**

Close to St. Peter's Basilica and transport, rates are per day and including taxes, cleaning and breakfast, extras include mini-bar, laundry service, parking, phone calls, fax and internet connections. Only apartments: \$158 – \$319

address: Via Aurelia 145

tel: +39 (0)6 393 88 616

### **Planet Hotel**

This is a two star Hotel located in the historical centre of Rome. Single rooms: \$50 – \$80, double rooms between \$60 – \$100.

address: Via Milazzo 3

tel: +39 (0)6 495 82 32

### **Millennium Bed & Breakfast**

All the rooms are in the city center and all of them very well connected with public transports, many of the rooms have tv and computer facilities, private bathrooms and breakfast is included. Single rooms: \$35 – \$70, Double rooms: \$50 – \$120, Apartments: \$100 – \$200 Andreas Lagler: The bed and breakfast Millennium is great for its good location.

### **Hotel des Artistes**

This is not a cheap hotel at all, but especially for group travelers they offer perfect accommodation in four, five or six bed rooms (without private bathroom) for about 25 Euro per night and person.

**Room rates:**

single without private bathroom: between 42 and 52 Euro per night

double with shared bathroom: between 52 and 70 Euro per night

triple with shared bathroom: between 67 and 93 Euro per night

four-bed-room with shared bathroom: between 83 and 114 Euro per night

five-bed-room with shared bathroom: between 93 and 130 Euro per night

six-bed-room with shared bathroom: between 104 and 140 Euro per night

single with private bathroom: between 73 and 114 Euro per night

Annex double with private bathroom: between 70 and 117 Euro per night

double with private bathroom: between 78 and 140 Euro per night

triple with private bathroom: between 99 and 157 Euro per night

four-bed-room with private bathroom: between 124 and 176 Euro per night

**Apartments in Rome**

Apartments in the historic center for as low as 25 Euro per person, with complete facilities including cooking facilities

address: Historic Center  
CostOfDoubleForANight: 80 Euro  
tel: +39 3398271285  
email: info@realrome.com  
costofdoubleforanight: 80 Euro  
url: [www.realrome.com](http://www.realrome.com)

**Alessandro Hostels**

Small chain of three independantly run hostels offers dorm style, quadruple, triple, and double rooms. Dormitory accommdations start at 17 per person per night. Various amenities at the different locations include self-catering kitchen, air conditioning & heating, free breakfast and bed linens, on-site pub, Internet access, lockers, 24 hour reception and no curfew.

address: Via Vicenza 42 – 00185 Rome  
CostOfDoubleForANight: From 20 per person per night

tel: (+39) 06.446.1958  
 email: info@hostelsalessandro.com  
 costofdoubleforanight: From 20 per person per night  
 url: [www.hostelsalessandro.com](http://www.hostelsalessandro.com)

### **The Beehive**

The cleanest, nicest hostel I've ever stayed in, it might as well be a hotel. Fresh linens and the biggest, fluffiest towels I've ever seen. Immaculately clean—everything smells like fresh laundry detergent. Right around the corner from Stazione Termini. The biggest plus, FREE internet use!

email: info@the-beehive.com  
 address: Via Marghera 8  
 CostOfDoubleForANight: \$18–40  
 tel: (39) 0644704553  
 costofdoubleforanight: \$18–40  
 zipcode: www.the-beehive.com

### **The International House B&B**

In The International Hose B&B you will enjoy one of the finest central locations in Rome, into one of the ancient building of the main road (Nazionale), high standards and friendly, comfortable surroundings with up-to-date facilities. Accommodation varies from single, double, triple private rooms. All rooms are fully centrally heated, private bathrooms and hot showers. The International House is situated on Via Nazionale, 243 at 2nd Floor; five minutes walking distance from Termini railway station. Convenient location to walk all around the City center (walking distance to the Trevi fountain, Venezia square, Spanish steps). Two minutes walking distance from Metro A to go to Vatican City (10 min)

address: via nazionale 243  
 tel: +393477227609  
 zipcode: ,,  
 url: [www.theinhouse.com](http://www.theinhouse.com)

### **Hotel Vordeborgo**

This is a very very nice hotel for reasonable price. It's not far out of Rome, and very American-ized. They also have some neat paintings.

address: Anagnina, 10. 00046 Grottaferrata (Rome)  
 CostOfDoubleForANight: 62.50 euros  
 tel: 06–94–54–041  
 costofdoubleforanight: 62.50 euros

### **Camping Nomentano**

Open from march 1st till end of october.



address: via Cesarina 2, Nomentana

tel: +39 (0)6 6100296

### **Camping Marina di Roma**

350 metres away from the sea, open from may 1st till end of september. *Marco Corrado*: Bon giorno I had some quistions, 350 metres from the sea, but how far from the centre of Rome. Merci Marco

address: via S.Carlo a Palidoro 360, Passo Oscuro

tel: +39 (0)6 6950082

### **Camping Fabulous**

Open all the year, 10 km away from Roma.

address: via Colombo km 18 – 00125 Acilia

tel: +39 (0)6 606 93 54

### **Club Aurelia Camping**

Open all the year, 10 km away from Roma.

address: via Aurelia km 20,5 – 00050 Castel di Guido

tel: +39 (0)6 69 09 190

### **Camping Capitol**

Open all the year, 3000 metres away from beach.

address: via di Casteffusano, 00119 Ostia Antica

tel: +39 (0)6 56 62 720

### **Camping Fiamino**

Open March till end of October.

address: Via Fiaminia Nuova km 8.2

tel: +39 (0)6 327 90 006

### **Camping Happy**

Open from march 15th till end of october.

address: via Prato della Corte 1915, Prima Porta

tel: +39 (0)6 6422401 (out of season: (0)6 3002401)

### **Camping Internazionale di Casteifusano**

Near the sea, 1 km from Lido di Ostia, open from april 1st till end of september.

address: via Litoranea (km 1.2), 00122 Lido di Ostia

tel: +39 (0)6 5623304  
email: MD5866@MCLINK.IT  
zipcode: +39 (0)6 56470260  
url: [www.webeco.it](http://www.webeco.it)

### **Ostello del Foro Italico**

This is the Rome Youth Hostel headquarter where you will always find other world travelers. Good place to catch insider informations about events, pubs & restaurants. *Mantikas George:* nbmn

address: Viale delle Olimpiadi 61, Roma 00194  
tel: +39 (0)6 3236267  
email: Videos-Scat1080@hotmail.com  
url: [www.geocities.com](http://www.geocities.com)  
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## **Rome – History**

### **Rome – Practical Information**

The water that is continually flowing out of those little fountains found around the streets of Rome is cold, refreshing and absolutely safe to drink. It flows constantly down from the mountain springs on the outskirts of the city and is quite good. These small fountains are called "il nasone" by the Romans as the curved pipe resembles a "big nose." As well as these, the water in the larger, decorative fountains is also safe to drink, unless there is a sign posted "acqua non potabile." Mind you *do not bathe in them*. If you are caught in a fountain, you can expect a trip to the police station and a fine of at least 500 euro.

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#### **Bus eat me**

A word of caution to the tourist in Rome :

Bus 64 is notorious for pickpockets and creepy people in general. This is the major tourist bus which travels the route between the Vatican and Temini Station. If possible, use bus 40 instead which takes a similar route and is much safer.

## Rome – Festivals

## Rome – Economy

Consumer consciousness is low and does not exist among the locals, so you are at the mercy of the sellers. Always be very careful that you don't walk away with faulty goods. There is no "return-policy" even if you come back on the day of purchase. You might have to ask for help in most of the stores for any little thing you want to buy as goods are generally kept behind the counter. The street markets are always good, like many other tourist destinations and there are some pretty amazing things on sale at great prices.

For a tourist Rome is a great place to go shopping. There is always the great siesta, (everything closes for the entire afternoon) when you will be forced to take a break from your Great Roman shopping expedition.

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# Trastevere

Trastevere (translated : across the Tiber) was originally the immigrant section of Rome. Today it is a beautiful, winding section of streets with a very old feeling and unique quality. It is particularly known for its night life, especially during the summer months as well as many excellent restaurants and unique small shops. Trastevere also boasts an English movie theater and an English bookstore.

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