



Rome

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TOP 10 THINGS TO DO

Read more about these suggestions and more about all our top things to do, including nighttime activities, free and family friendly things to do on our website:

Top Things To Do in Rome
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Vatican Museums



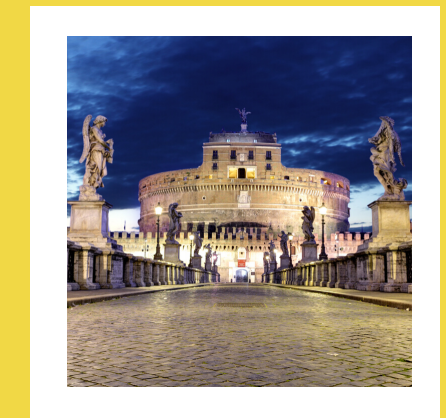
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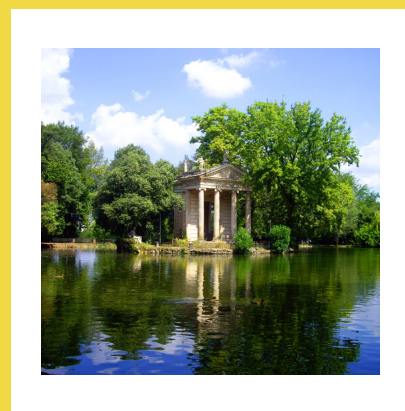
Roman Forum



St. Peter's Basilica



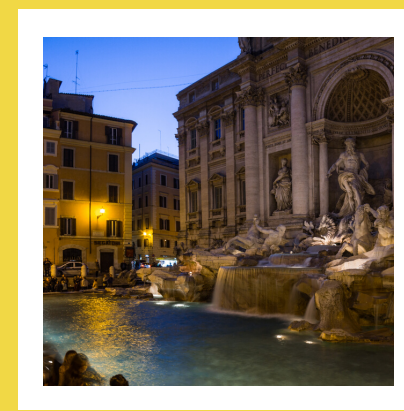
Castel Sant'Angelo



Villa Borghese



Spanish Steps



Trevi Fountain



Pantheon



Baths of Caracalla

HOW LONG TO SPEND AT THE VATICAN MUSEUMS

The Vatican Museums are open Monday – Saturday from 9:00am – 18:00 (6pm) with the last entry at 16:00 (4pm), but not all times are equally busy. Lines for tickets to enter the Vatican can reach close to a km in the peak summer months and you could wait for 90-120 minutes just to enter the museums.

It is very busy from 11:00 am till 15:00 (3 pm). We suggest getting skip-the-line tickets and arrive to the Vatican early in the morning or later in the day. We highly recommend an early-bird ticket and tour.

Here are a few average time frames for peak hours:

- Vatican Museums: 2-3 hours for the main exhibits
- Sistine Chapel: 1-2 hours for queue, walk & visit
- St. Peter's Basilica: 1-2 hours for main church
- Vatican Grottoes: 2-3 hours for the main sites

For more information and advice on visiting the Vatican Museums, visit our blog post ([click here](#))



While there aren't really any traditional observation decks in Rome, you will find several locations that provide excellent views of the city.

- Castel Sant'Angelo
- Aventine Hill
- Dome of St. Peter's Basilica
- Terrazza del Pincio at Piazza del Popolo



SELF GUIDED FOOD TOUR

We have a whole post dedicated to this self guided food tour of Rome but if you just want to know our suggestions for some of the best places to eat

(click here for the tour)

- Volpetti - Best Cheese
- Da Felice a Testaccio - Best Cacio e Pepe
- Da Remo - Best Pizza
- I Suppli - Best Suppli
- La Norcineria Lacozzilli - Best Porchetta
- Ai Marmi - Best Roman-Style Pizza
- Giggetto al Portico D'Ottavia - Best Fried Artichoke
- ZUM Roma - Best Tiramisu
- Il Piccolo - Best Wine Bar
- Canova Tadolini - Best Coffee
- Gelateria dei Gracchi - Best Gelato



FREE THINGS TO DO IN ROME

If you're looking for activities that won't cost a thing, we currently have a post dedicated to free things to do in Rome. ([click here](#))

- Vatican Museums Free Day
- Visit the Pantheon
- Walk down Appian Way
- Go on an Art Walk
- Visit Circus Maximus
- Discover Piazza Navona
- Lounge on the Spanish Steps



USING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

- The bus system in Rome runs 24 hours a day. The Metro system has two lines: The red line A and the blue line B.
- Tickets are valid on bus, Metro or streetcar.
- Upon boarding you must validate your ticket and keep it with you. You only need to validate a pass once.
- The vending machines do not give more than €6 in change, and they don't always accept credit cards.

Popular Stops on Metro

- Spagna is the stop for the Spanish Stairs, Villa Borghese and the Villa Medici. It's not unreasonable to say that this stop is also close to the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, and Piazza Navona, which are all about a 15 min walk.
- The Colosseum stop on the B line is where you can access the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, Palatine Hill and several other ancient Rome sights.
- For Vatican City, there are 2 relevant subway stops on the A line, Ottaviano–St. Pietro and Cipro. Cipro is closer to the Vatican Museums, but if you don't get there really early in the morning or later in the day (and you don't have a skip-the-line ticket) then you will likely be better off getting out at Ottaviano–St. Pietro. If you are only coming to St. Peter's Square and St. Peter's Basilica, then Ottaviano is the subway stop that you need.

For more about using Rome Metro and Bus system, read our post ([click here](#))

BEST TIME TO VISIT

WEATHER & CROWDS

If you're looking for the best weather, visit Rome in May or September.

To avoid the crowds, visit between late Autumn and early Spring. You may need a coat in winter but it doesn't get too cold. Christmas and Easter holidays will be busy, however.

Like many other European cities, August is a time for the locals to travel so you will find many international visitors and may find smaller shops and restaurants closed.



THINGS TO DO BY MONTH

Click on the month to be taken to our blog post on things to do and weather for each month.



JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE



JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER