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Rome Tourist Map

12 top sights, hidden gems and a walking route through the centre. Numbers follow the walking order. Red numbers are worth a separate trip.



● Top sight on the route ● Worth the trip ● Hidden gem — Walking route 8.0 km · 1 h 40

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Getting around

- The centre is walkable: the route on the map links the Colosseum, the Forum, Trevi, the Spanish Steps, the Pantheon, Piazza Navona and Castel Sant'Angelo on foot.
- Metro: line B stops at Colosseo for the Colosseum and the Forum; line A serves Spagna (Spanish Steps) and Barberini (Trevi Fountain). The historic centre has no metro; buses 40 and 64 run from Termini along Corso Vittorio Emanuele towards the Vatican.
- Off the route: Vatican Museums and St. Peter's by Metro A to Ottaviano (Cipro is also close to the museums); the Appian Way by bus 118 from Circo Massimo (Metro B).
- Paper maps and timetables: the official information points are listed on <https://touristoffice.org/rome-tourist-office/>

About this map

The sights, photos and descriptions come from touristoffice.org/rome/, where each sight has opening details, tickets and a longer guide. Addresses come from OpenStreetMap. The walking route was computed with the Valhalla pedestrian profile; its time excludes the visits. Hours and access change, check before you go. Edition: October 2026.

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The 12 top sights

In walking order, with the full address of each one. Red numbers are worth a separate trip: they sit outside the centre, so the line below each one gives the transport to use.



1 Colosseum Rome

The Colosseum is the largest amphitheatre ever built, a four-tiered ellipse of travertine, tufa and brick-faced concrete that once seated tens of thousands. Emperors staged gladiator duels, wild-animal hunts and public spectacles on its wooden arena floor, while a warren of tunnels, cages and lifts known as the hypogeum waited below. Earthquakes and centuries of stone-robbing stripped away much of the outer ring, yet the surviving tiers, arches and underground passages still map out how Roman crowds were funnelled to their seats.

Address Piazza del Colosseo, 00184 Roma

Ticketed, timed entry · Tickets and tours rome-tickets.org/colosseum/



2 Basilica di San Clemente Rome

The Basilica di San Clemente is a layered cross-section of Roman history hidden behind an ordinary facade near the Colosseum. The bright twelfth-century church at street level, rich in gold mosaics, sits above a fourth-century basilica with faded frescoes, and below that a first-century Roman house and a temple to the god Mithras, with an underground spring still running through the lowest level. Descending through the three levels is like walking back through nearly two thousand years of the city in a single building.

Address Via Labicana, 95, 00184 Roma

The upper church is free; the excavated lower levels are ticketed.



3 Roman Forum Rome

For centuries the Roman Forum was the beating heart of the ancient city, a valley of temples, basilicas, arches and law courts wedged between the Capitoline and Palatine hills. Senators debated, generals paraded in triumph and citizens traded and worshipped among monuments raised over a thousand years. Today it is a field of columns, paved roads and ruined foundations, from the Temple of Saturn to the Arch of Septimius Severus, best read as an open-air record of how Rome governed itself.

Address Largo della Salara Vecchia, 5/6, 00186 Roma

Ticketed; one ticket covers the Roman Forum and the adjoining Palatine Hill.



4 Trevi Fountain Rome

The Trevi Fountain is the grandest of Rome's Baroque fountains, a theatrical wall of travertine where the sea god Oceanus rides a shell chariot drawn by tritons and sea horses across a rocky reef. Designed by Nicola Salvi and finished by Giuseppe Pannini, it marks the end point of the restored Acqua Vergine aqueduct, which still feeds its basin. By tradition visitors toss a coin over the left shoulder to ensure a return to Rome, and the collected coins are given to charity.

Address Piazza di Trevi, 00187 Roma

Free to view from the surrounding square; a timed entry pass is now required to reach the fountain basin.



5 Spanish Steps Rome

The Spanish Steps sweep in a wide Baroque cascade of one hundred and thirty-five steps linking Piazza di Spagna to the twin-towered church of Trinita dei Monti above. Designed by Francesco de Sanctis and paid for with French money in the 1720s, the curving flights fan out around terraces that fill with people, and with azaleas each spring. At the foot the boat-shaped Barcaccia fountain by the Bernini family plays, and the house where the poet Keats died looks onto the square.

Address Piazza di Spagna, 00187 Roma

Free to visit; sitting on the steps is not allowed.



6 Pantheon Rome

The Pantheon is the best-preserved monument of ancient Rome, a temple of all the gods rebuilt under Hadrian and later consecrated as a church, which spared it from ruin. Its portico of granite columns opens onto a vast domed rotunda whose coffered concrete ceiling is still the largest unreinforced concrete dome ever built. At its centre the open oculus lets in a shifting disc of daylight, and rain, above the tombs of kings and the painter Raphael.

Address Piazza della Rotonda, 00186 Roma

Ticketed, timed entry · Tickets and tours rome-tickets.org/pantheon/



7 Campo de' Fiori Rome

Campo de' Fiori is one of Rome's most characterful squares, a market ground by day and a busy meeting place by night. Stalls of produce, flowers and spices fill it most mornings, giving way after dark to crowded bars and restaurants. At its centre stands a brooding statue of the philosopher Giordano Bruno, burned here for heresy in 1600 and now a symbol of free thought, marking the spot where the square once staged public executions rather than trade.

Address Piazza Campo de' Fiori, 00186 Roma

Free, open square; a produce market fills it most mornings.



8 Piazza Navona Rome

Piazza Navona traces the long oval of the ancient Stadium of Domitian, where Romans once watched athletic games, and its arena outline still shapes the square. Bernini's Fountain of the Four Rivers anchors the centre, its four giant figures standing for the Nile, Ganges, Danube and Rio de la Plata beneath an Egyptian obelisk, while Borromini's church of Sant'Agnese in Agone rises alongside. Ringed by cafes, street artists and Baroque palaces, it is one of the liveliest gathering places in the old city.

Address Piazza Navona, 00186 Roma

Free, open square.



9 Castel Sant'Angelo Rome

Castel Sant'Angelo began as the round mausoleum of the emperor Hadrian before it was turned into a papal fortress, prison and refuge over the centuries. A spiral ramp climbs through its drum to frescoed Renaissance apartments, papal treasure rooms and a rooftop terrace with a sweeping view over the Tiber and the Vatican. The raised Passetto corridor still links it to St. Peter's, an escape route popes used in times of danger, and the bronze angel on top recalls the vision that gave the castle its name.

Address Lungotevere Castello, 50, 00193 Roma

Ticketed · Tickets and tours rome-tickets.org/castel-sant-angelo/



10 Vatican Museum Vatican City

The Vatican Museums hold one of the world's largest art collections, a chain of papal galleries, corridors and courtyards assembled by popes over five centuries. The set route runs past classical sculpture, the map-lined Gallery of Maps and Raphael's frescoed Rooms before ending at the Sistine Chapel, where Michelangelo painted the ceiling and, decades later, the Last Judgment behind the altar for two different popes. Crowds are heavy and the walk is long, so a timed slot booked ahead makes the visit far calmer.

Address Viale Vaticano, 00165 Roma

Worth a separate trip · 2.8 km NW of the centre · Metro A Ottaviano / Cipro · Ticketed, timed entry · Tickets and tours rome-tickets.org/vatican/



11 St. Peter's Basilica Vatican City

St. Peter's Basilica is the largest church in the world, raised over the traditional tomb of the apostle Peter and rebuilt across the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries by a roster of Renaissance and Baroque masters. Its nave leads to Bernini's towering bronze baldachin above the papal altar, and Michelangelo's Pieta stands near the entrance. Michelangelo also designed the great dome, whose lantern crowns the Vatican skyline and can be climbed for a view over St. Peter's Square.

Address Piazza San Pietro, 00120 Vatican City

Worth a separate trip · 2.6 km NW of the centre · Metro A Ottaviano · Free to enter with a security check; the dome climb and treasury are ticketed · Tickets and tours rome-tickets.org/saint-peters-basilica/



12 Via Appia Rome

The Via Appia, or Appian Way, was the first and most famous of the great Roman roads, begun in 312 BC to carry armies and trade south toward Brindisi. Romans called it the queen of roads, and its long basalt-paved stretch survives on the edge of the city, lined with tombs, catacombs, ruined villas and umbrella pines. Now protected within a regional park, it makes a broad open-air walk where cypress-shaded ruins replace traffic and the ancient paving is still visible underfoot.

Address Via Appia Antica, 42, 00179 Roma

Worth a separate trip · 3.3 km SE of the centre · bus 118 from Circo Massimo · The ancient road is a public route open to walk; individual sites along it, such as the catacombs, are ticketed.

30 hidden gems

Smaller places from the same guide, each with its address. Those outside the map frame show their distance from the centre.

Torre Argentina (Roman Cat Sanctuary)

In Rome the cats have an ancient temple-complex all to themselves.

Largo di Torre Argentina, 00186 Roma

The Dome Illusion

The Jesuit church of Saint Ignazio was supposed to have a glorious dome, but when the money ran out in 1642, the plans were...

Sant'Ignazio di Loyola, Piazza di Sant'Ignazio, 00186 Roma

The Aventine Keyhole

A nondescript green door at the end of a cul-de-sac features a stunningly well-framed, if comically tiny, view consisting of two...

Piazza dei Cavalieri di Malta, 3, 00153 Roma

Pyramid of Cestius

Egyptomania gripped Rome in the wake of the conquest of Egypt in 30 BC.

Via Raffaele Persichetti, 00153 Roma

St. Valentine's Skull

A skull resides in a glass reliquary in Rome's Basilica di Santa Maria in Cosmedin, surrounded by flowers.

Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Piazza della Bocca della Verità, 18, 00186 Roma

Santa Maria della Concezione Crypts

In 1775, the Marquis de Sade wrote of it, "I have never seen anything more striking." Granted, the crypt was to his tastes.

Via Vittorio Veneto, 27, 00187 Roma

The Mouth of Truth

Long before the modern lie detector and its harmlessly jittering graphs and wires were invented, the superstitious and untruthful...

Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Piazza della Bocca della Verità, 18, 00186 Roma

Quartiere Coppedè

Quartiere Coppedè is an unexpected and bizarre area in Rome, nestled within the Trieste district in the northern part of the city.

Piazza Mincio, 00198 Roma · 3.3 km NE of the centre, outside the map

Porta Alchemica

While this "magic door" is famous to Romans, it is barely noticed by tourists visiting Rome.

Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II, 00185 Roma

The Mithraeum at Circus Maximus

One of the largest secret Mithraic temples in Rome is hidden next to the famous Circus Maximus.

Piazza della Bocca della Verità, 16, 00186 Roma

Zuccari Palace

In Rome there are thousands of churches, old buildings, villas, and each one has an incredibly ornate, decorative design, be it...

Via Gregoriana, 30, 00187 Roma

The Protestant Cemetery

The Protestant Cemetery of Rome, officially known as Cimitero acattolico (Non-Catholic cemetery) – in fact, it also houses...

Via Caio Cestio, 6, 00153 Roma

Pasticceria Boccione

Anyone strolling past Pasticceria il Boccione in the late afternoon might not see anything special.

Via del Portico d'Ottavia, 1, 00186 Roma

Domus Aurea

The Great Fire of Rome in 64 CE left much of the city in ruins.

Viale della Domus Aurea, 1, 00184 Roma

Casina delle Civette

There is actually a real fairy tale castle in Rome.

Villa Torlonia, Via Nomentana, 70, 00161 Roma · 3.4 km NE of the centre, outside the map

Mussolini's Balcony

Benito Mussolini, known for being a powerful orator, loved to address his crowds of followers.

Via del Plebiscito, 118, 00186 Roma

Mausoleum of Augustus

The first Roman emperor, Augustus, began construction on his mausoleum soon after returning from Egypt in 28 BCE.

Piazza Augusto Imperatore, 00187 Roma

Museum of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Located in the back of the Chiesa del Sacro Cuore del Suffragio on the banks of the Tiber, the tiny century-old Piccolo Museo Del...

Lungotevere Prati, 12, 00193 Roma

Mercatus Traiani (Trajan's Market)

Trajan is considered one of the greatest Roman emperors, having expanded the empire to its largest size.

Via Quattro Novembre, 94, 00187 Roma

The Head of St. John the Baptist at San Silvestro in Capite

Along with a church in France , a mosque in Syria , and a museum in Germany , this Roman church claims to have the decapitated...

Piazza di San Silvestro, 00187 Roma

Neighbourhoods

Ancient Rome

The Colosseum (1), the Roman Forum (3) and the Palatine Hill share one archaeological park below the Capitoline. A short walk east, San Clemente (2) stacks a 12th-century church on top of a 4th-century basilica and a Roman house.

Trevi and the Tridente

The Trevi Fountain (4) hides in a small square off Via del Corso, and the Spanish Steps (5) close the shopping streets of Via Condotti. Busy all day; come early for photos.

Borgo and the Vatican

Castel Sant'Angelo (9) guards the bridge to the Borgo, where Via della Conciliazione runs straight to St. Peter's (11). The Vatican Museums (10) entrance is on Viale Vaticano, a ten-minute walk north of the square.

The Appian Way

The Appian Way (12) leaves the city at Porta San Sebastiano, lined with tombs, pines and the entrances to the catacombs. Best by bike or on a Sunday, when the first stretch is closed to traffic.

Santa Maria dell'Orazione e Morte

With skulls carved above the doorway and winged skeletons etched into plaques outside, the exterior of Santa Maria dell'Orazione...

Via Giulia, 262, 00186 Roma

Parco degli Acquadotti

The Parco degli Acquadotti is situated on a wide stretch of beautiful Roman countryside, the famous "Campagna Romana" so often...

Via Lemonia, 00174 Roma · 7.8 km SE of the centre, outside the map

The Catacombs of San Sebastian

Known as one of the Seven Pilgrim Churches of Rome, the Catacombs of San Sebastian have long attracted devout Christian pilgrims...

Via Appia Antica, 136, 00179 Roma · 5.0 km SE of the centre, outside the map

Vicus Caprarius

The Trevi Fountain is one of Rome 's most notable tourist attractions.

Vicolo del Puttarello, 25, 00187 Roma

Saint Victoria's Incorruptible Body

If you're looking for macabre attractions, there is no place quite like Rome, thanks to the Catholic tradition of preserving and...

Via Venti Settembre, 17, 00187 Roma

Servian Wall at McDonald's

McDonald's may be one of the last places you'd expect to see the remains of an ancient structure, but in Rome , that's not...

Piazza dei Cinquecento, 00185 Roma

Passetto di Borgo

On May 6, 1527 a rogue army of 35,000 mercenaries and soldiers descended on Rome.

Via dei Corridori, 00193 Roma

Museo Storico Nazionale Dell' Arte Sanitaria

Located just east of Rome 's Vatican City , this medical history museum is housed in a former anatomical theater where students...

Lungotevere in Sassia, 3, 00193 Roma

Arch of Gallienus

Like a lot of antiquities scattered around Rome, the Arch of Gallienus is tucked neatly away from city crowds.

Via di San Vito, 00185 Roma

Meridian Line of the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels and the Martyrs

Italy's Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels and the Martyrs was built in the 16th century on the remains of an ancient Roman bath...

Piazza della Repubblica, 00185 Roma

Monti

Rome's oldest residential quarter, between the Forum and Termini, with wine bars, vintage shops and the fountain on Piazza della Madonna dei Monti. Quieter than the centre and close to Metro B Cavour.

Centro Storico

The bend of the Tiber holds the Pantheon (6), Piazza Navona (8) and the morning market of Campo de' Fiori (7). Narrow lanes, churches on every corner and no metro, so walk.

Trastevere

Cobbled streets and ivy-covered houses across the river from the Jewish Ghetto, centred on the mosaics of Santa Maria in Trastevere. The liveliest place in Rome for dinner.