

October itinerary

Rome and the Castelli Romani



Rome - St. Peter



Rome, the Capitoline Hill

HISTORIC CENTRE OF ROME • The possible itineraries in Rome are potentially infinite, but if you have to choose, there is no place to begin other than the city's universally recognized symbol: the Colosseum. Built in eight years by the dynasty of the Flavian emperors, its real name was the Flavian Amphitheatre and it was the largest site dedicated to theatre and games in those days of antiquity. Along the road that connects the Colosseum to Piazza Venezia, you will see the ruins of the Imperial Forum and the Roman Forum. This is where the ancient Romans had the centre of public life, where the political, religious and business activities were concentrated. Continuing on towards Piazza Venezia, we reach the Vittoriano, which is a monument to Vittorio Emanuele II. At the centre of the majestic construction is the National Altar, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier dedicated to all those who have given their lives in war.

The Capitoline Hill (Campidoglio) was once a site consecrated to the gods of Rome. Here we find the Mayors office and the offices of the City of Rome. In Campidoglio square,

Rome is the city of hospitality par excellence. In its millennial history emperors, slaves, popes, pilgrims, artists, politicians, actors, wanderers, tourists and travellers have walked down its streets searching for fortune. All of the visitors, in some way, manage to feel a part of this multi-level reality. It is clear however, that even a lifetime is not enough to really get to know a city as varied and spread out as Rome. If you decide to spend your holidays in the Capital, you can get just enough of a taste of its beauty and wonder, to be content that you have been able to touch its mystery.

Rome, the Colosseum



HOW TO ARRIVE

The Rome Ciampino airport is located on Via Appia Nuova, which is 15 km from the heart of Rome. It is just a short distance from the Grande Raccordo Anulare (GRA) ring road and from the North-South and East-West main autostrada highways. To reach the city centre, follow Via Appia Nuova all the way to Piazzale Appio, then take Via Emanuele Filiberto, Viale Manzoni and Via Labicana, which will take you to the Coliseum and the historical nucleus of Rome.





Rome, Castel Sant'Angelo



Rome, the fountain of Trevi



Rome, piazza Navona

designed by Michelangelo, the buildings that host the Capitoline Museums, the most ancient public collection of artworks in the world can be found. At the highest point of the Capitoline Hill, at the summit of a steep staircase, rises the Basilica of Santa Maria in Aracoeli.

The other great symbol of Rome is St. Peter's Basilica, the largest temple of Christianity. The square is impressive, not only for its size, and for the splendour of Bernini's colonnade, but the church is even more worthy of wonder, enriched with incomparable artistic masterpieces and crowned by a cupola designed by Michelangelo. St. Peter's, is part of Vatican City, which is the smallest independent country in the world. The Vatican Museums and the famous Sistine Chapel, filled with Michelangelo's amazing frescos are part of the sights not to be missed when visiting Vatican City.

From the Basilica of St. Peter's, continuing along Via della Conciliazione, we reach Castel Sant'Angelo, which was originally the mausoleum for emperor Hadrian and later it was transformed into a fortress, a prison and at one time even a papal residence. On the other side of the Tiber, continue on towards Piazza Navona. Built atop Domitian's Stadium, it still retains the shape of an arena and it is embellished with three fountains. Traditionally, from the beginning of December until the Epiphany on January 6th, the square is filled with vendor's stalls selling toys and sweets. Not far away we find the only classic architectural monument, which has remained intact down through the ages, the Pantheon. It was built as a temple dedicated to all the gods and it hosts the tombs of important artists and Italian sovereigns.

Another site that is greatly loved by tourists from all over the world is the Fountain of Trevi. From here to the Spanish Steps, is a short walking trip: the elegant setting of the stairs that carries to the church of Trinità dei Monti - a destination for Romans and tourists from all over the world during every season of the year. Continuing on, we reach Piazza del Popolo, almost closing a perfect circle, considering that the square is found at the opposite end compared to Piazza Venezia, where this trip to discover the historic centre of Rome began.

EVENT OF THE MONTH: THE FILM FESTIVAL IN ROME

The Rome Film Festival is one of the most prestigious, despite the fact that it is one of the most recent Italian film festivals. After the first two editions, which created an extraordinary success with the public, the event has reached its third year and it will take place from October 22 to 31 at the Auditorium (Parco della Musica) designed by Renzo Piano. Movies, retrospectives, meetings, exhibits, concerts and great international stars promise to involve the enthusiastic movie experts and the simply curious. For more information: www.romacinemafest.it.

CASTELLI ROMANI • Frascati is the most popular site in the Castelli Romani. It is famous for its white wine and its beautiful villas including Villa Aldobrandini which was built in the 1500s and 1600s. In Grottaferrata, do not miss the Abbey of St. Nilo which was founded in the eleventh century. The city of Marino rises in a lovely location on the side of a volcanic crater that formed the Castel Gandolfo Lake and which is famous for its traditional wine festival. On the banks of the lake, near the ancient Alba Longa area, rises the town of Albano which is filled with Roman-era remains. Nearby we find the town of Nemi, rising beside the ancient volcanic lake which gives the city its name.

Avis Point

Rome Ciampino:

Airport Ciampino, 06 79340195

Rome Fiumicino:

Airport Fiumicino, 06 65011531

Rome city:

Via Sardegna 38/A, 06 42824728

Via Giolitti 34, Staz. Termini, 06 4814373

Via Urbana 177, 06 4817620

Via Tiburtina 1299, 06 4131414

Viale Europa 321, 06 5923262

Via della Giuliana 25, 06 39742361

Via Aurelia 770, 06 66410267

Circonv. Gianicolense 93, 06 58209543

Via Prenestina 357/P, 06 2185594

Via Pantaleoni 5, 06 36301509

WHERE TO EAT

L'ENOTECA ANTICA, Via della Croce 76/b, 06 6790896

LA CARBONARA, Piazza Campo de' Fiori 23, 06 6864783

DA FORTUNATO AL PANTHEON, Via del Pantheon 55, 06 6792788

CACCIANI, Via A. Diaz 13, Frascati, 06 9401991

CAVOLA D'ORO, Via Anagnina 35, Grottaferrata, 06 94315755

WHERE TO STAY

EXEDRA BOSCOLO HOTEL, Piazza della Repubblica 47, 06 489381

HOTEL WHITE, Via in Arcione 77, 06 6991242

HOTEL AUGUSTEA, Via Nazionale 251, 06 4883589

HOTEL SANT'ANNA, Borgo Pio 133, 06 68801602

HOTEL FLORA, Viale Vittorio Veneto 8, Frascati, 06 9416110

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