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Rome, Italy - 10 Best Things to Do





Rome is thrilling, and exciting, with endless charm, stunning monuments, and incredible history that spans more than 2,700 years. The Eternal City and the capital of Italy has so much to offer that it is hard to decide what to see, especially if your time is limited. To help you navigate, this Rome travel guide exhibits the absolute must-see in this fascinating city. For your convenience, Rome's top 10 attractions are organized on the map and include walking, driving, and public transport directions. We have also added links to attractions' tickets when available.

Wander around

Take some time off, wander around in the streets of Rome. In every corner, you will discover something magical and fascinating to see.

Comfortable shoes

Be prepared for long walking, sometimes among ruins. Bring comfortable shoes so you will be able to see Rome in the best possible way.

Make a wish

Throw a coin in Fontana di Trevi, maybe your wishes will come true and you will return to Rome again.

The food is really, really delicious

Italy is not a place for diets. Eat as much as you can, the local food is incredible, and is much more than pizza and pasta (but try them too, of course!). And do not miss the gelato, a fantastic dessert with endless tastes.

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Day 1

1 Colosseum, Rome

Piazza del Colosseo, 1, 00184 Roma RM, Italy

A living reminder of the mighty Roman Empire, a grand amphitheater where bloody gladiator battles took place in front of tens of thousands of viewers. If you have time to visit only one monument in Rome, then it should be the Colosseum.





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Palatine Hill, Rome

Palatine Hill, 00186 Rome, Metropolitan City of Rome, Italy

The most important and central of Rome's seven hills, Palatine Hill used to host the houses of the nobles and the rich, and therefore, this is where the imperial palaces were built. Wander around this winsome hill, view monuments ruins, and visit the wonderful Palatine Museum that is full of archaeological treasures.





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3 Roman Forum, Rome

Via della Salara Vecchia, 5/6, 00186 Roma RM, Italy

Located between the Palatine and Capitoline hills, the Roman Forum was the main public venue in ancient Rome. During the Republic days, the Roman Forum hosts important political events, religious occasions, gladiators' battles, and other public and commerce activities. During the Roman Empire times, many ceremonies took place at the Forum and the place is brimming with temples and other phenomenal historical landmarks.





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4 Piazza Venezia, Rome

Piazza Venezia, Roma RM, Italy

Piazza Venezia is one of the most gorgeous squares in Rome and another must-see. The square is named after Palazzo Venezia, an extraordinary medieval complex that turned into a museum and used to serve Vatican officials and later as the Embassy of the Republic of Venice. At the Piazza, you will also find the remarkable national monument, Victor Emmanuel II Monument, which came to honor the Italian Unknown Soldier.





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(5) Pantheon, Rome

Piazza della Rotonda, 00186 Roma RM, Italy

The Pantheon has extraordinary Classical architecture and stunning interior design. It was built by Agrippa from 25-27 BC as a temple and was originally dedicated to the 12 Roman Gods. The Pantheon underwent massive changes, so historians assumed, between 118 and 125 AD by Hadrian. However, the building itself is the only ancient Roman building that the wings of times did not harm. In 608 the temple becomes a church,

Basilica of Santa Maria ad Martyres, by Pope Boniface IV. Among the people that the Pantheon is their last resting place you will find: the famous artist Raphael, the painter Annibale Carracci, the architect Baldassare Peruzzi, King Victor Emmanuel II, King Umberto I, and Queen Margherita of Savoy.





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6 Piazza Navona, Rome

Piazza Navona, 00186 Roma RM, Italy

Astonishing Baroque square, built on the ruins of the ancient Stadium of Domitian, which was erected in 86 AD. Originally, the Stadium of Domitian hosted sports competitions and horse races. While the competitions are no longer exist in the place, it is still the main gathering place for Rome's residents and a popular tourist attraction. At this exceptionally beautiful square, you can find marvelous churches such as Sant'Agnese in Agone and of course, bewitching fountains, and remarkable marble statues.





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7 Trevi Fountain, Rome

Piazza di Trevi, 00187 Roma RM, Italy

Rome has more than 2,500 fountains but one fountain surpasses all, the Trevi Fountain. Right next to Palazzo Poli, you will reveal a remarkable marble fountain with stunning statues. The legend says, that if you throw a coin into the fountain, you will come back again to Rome. The Trevi Fountain also gained world fame due to the magnificent Federico Fellini's movie, La Dolce Vita, with Anita Ekberg and Marcello Mastroianni.





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8 Piazza di Spagna, Rome

Piazza di Spagna, 00187 Roma RM, Italy

One of the loveliest and popular squares in Rome, where you will find the enchanting buildings, the captivating Bernini's fountain (Fontana della Barcaccia), and the alluring Spanish Steps.





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9 Vatican Museums, Vatican City

00120, Vatican City

Start your Vatican tour at the extraordinary Vatican Museums, one of the most popular art museums in the world. A collection of 26 museums with tens of thousands of artworks and an incredible amount of masterpiece artworks, belonged to the Catholic Church and the Pope.





10 St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City

Piazza San Pietro, 00120 Città del Vaticano, Vatican City

St. Peter's Basilica or Basilica Papale di San Pietro is an imposing and exquisite Renaissance church in the Vatican. The church that was designed by Michelangelo, hosts wonderful artworks and is the largest church in the world. St. Peter's Basilica is also one of the Seven Pilgrim Churches of Rome.



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