

## Vatican City - Best Things to Do



Stato della Città del Vaticano, the Vatican City, is the smallest state in the world but its influence far exceeds its territorial jurisdiction. As the center of the Catholic Church, the Vatican City affects the lives of countless people all over the world. This itinerary will navigate your way in the country which is home to the Pope. It will guide and direct you to the most important places in the Vatican and reveal the glorious treasures of this magnificent city-state.

If you wish to discover more holy places and prominent churches in Rome, please view our {Rome guide for the Catholic traveler | <https://trip.expert/plan/rome-guide-for-the-catholic-traveler>}.

### Dress code

Please be aware of the dress code at the Vatican, modest clothes are recommended.

## **Comfortable shoes**

Be prepared for walking and queuing. Bring comfortable shoes so you will be able to see the Vatican in the best possible way.

## **Time limitation**

If your time is limited, then skip the Gardens of Vatican City and the Apostolic Palace. However, the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica are an absolute must-see.

# Trip Summary

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## ① **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.



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## ② **Gardens of Vatican City, Rome**

Via Paolo VI, 29, 00120 Città del Vaticano, Vatican City

Splendid gardens, with a history that start at 1279 and 57 acres of green lawns, lovely plants, stately buildings, sculptures, fountains, and a calm atmosphere. Access to the Gardens is limited, therefore if you wish to visit, you must take the Vatican official tour. If you have more time to spend in the Vatican except for the absolute must, then visiting the alluring gardens is

another fantastic option to explore and learn more about the Vatican City.



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### ③ **Sistine Chapel, Vatican City**

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Named after Pope Sixtus IV, the Sistine Chapel is a masterpiece artwork from the 15th century. The amazing decoration of the Chapel's walls tells the stories of the false drapes, Moses, the Christ, and the popes' portraits. The worked carryout by brilliant artists as Pietro Perugino, Cosimo Rosselli, Domenico Ghirlandaio and Sandro Botticelli. At the beginning of the 16th century, Michelangelo added his touch and magic to the decoration and his ceiling painting is nothing but stunning. Do not miss the Sistine Chapel, one of the world's most wondrous artworks.



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#### ④ **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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## ⑤ Saint Peter's Square, Vatican City

Piazza San Pietro, Città del Vaticano, Vatican City

A grand and glorious Baroque square in the heart of the Vatican, designed by the famous Italian sculpture and architect, Gian Lorenzo Bernini. St. Peter's Square (Piazza San Pietro) is often used for religious events and ceremonies and overlooks St. Peter's Basilica. The square which has splendid fountains and an impressive Egyptian obelisk can host hundreds of thousands of visitors who came specially to see the Pope address to his followers.



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## ⑥ Apostolic Palace, Vatican City

00120, Vatican City

The Apostolic Palace is the official residence of the Pope. The imposing palace contains more than 1000 rooms and is not serving the Pope's needs but is also an administrative center of the Vatican and the Catholic Church.

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