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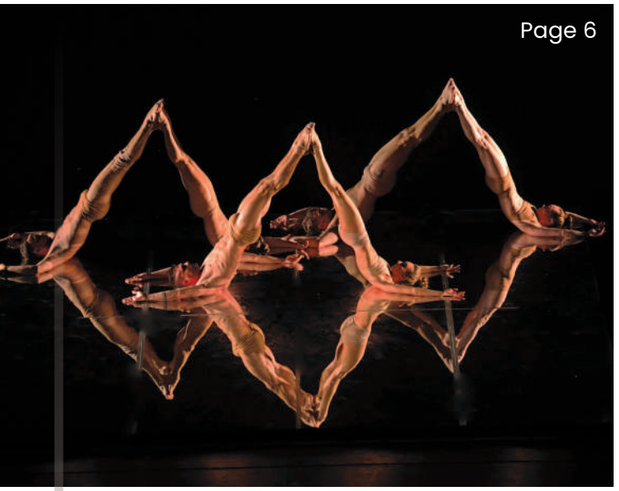
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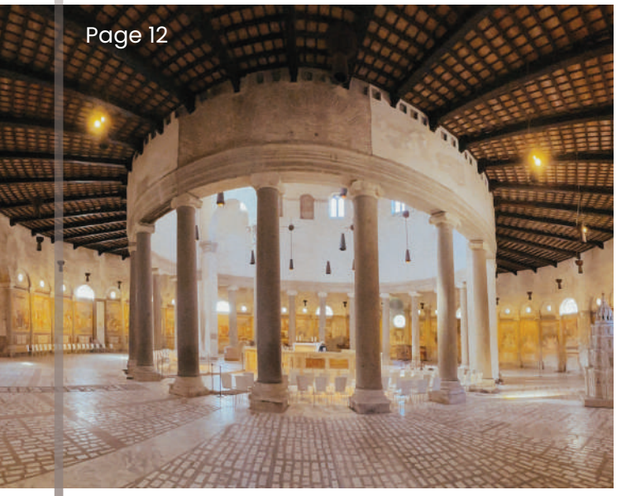
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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

The April calendar is full of hot dates: MOMIX at Teatro Olimpico, Chromotherapy at Villa Medici, Warhol and Banksy at WeGil gallery, FLOWERS from the Renaissance to AI at Chiostro del Bramante, Picasso at Museo del Corso, Romics at Fiera di Roma, and more.



Cat-burger. Maurizio Cattelan & Pierpaolo Ferrari, TOILETPAPER. Courtesy of TOILETPAPER

Chromotherapy: The Color Photography that Makes you Happy

Until June 9

Highlighting the evolution of color photography through the lens of nineteen visionary artists, *Chromotherapy: The Color Photography That Makes You Happy* at Villa Medici is a journey through the history of one of the most important mediums of our time. In the 1900s, color photography quickly became a powerful tool of creative expression, enabling photographers to break free from traditional documentary constraints and transform the world through their own "palette." Artists have embraced the medium to explore diverse visual languages, drawing inspiration from pop culture, surrealism, kitsch, baroque, and more. From enhancing the details of everyday life to challenging beauty ideals in fashion magazines or documenting political movements, color photography provides a rich, emotional interpretation of the world, fulfilling our shared desire to reimagine reality. *villamedici.it*

MOMIX

April 1-13

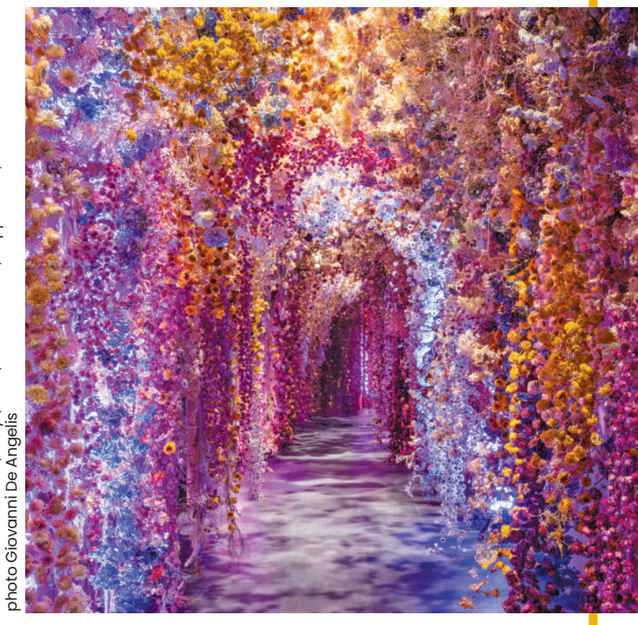
The legendary American dance company MOMIX returns to the Teatro Olimpico, continuing its longstanding artistic collaboration with the Accademia Filarmonica Romana. Known for its signature sense of lightness and carefree spirit, MOMIX remains forward-looking as it defies gravity, showcasing the acrobatics of its extraordinary dancers and the transformative nature of its characters, which evoke ever-new sensations and colors. This performance includes some new pieces alongside the most significant excerpts from the company's classics. Highlights include *Botanica*, inspired by founder Moses Pendleton's passion for nature; *Table Talk*; *Baths of Caracalla*, a tribute to Rome; *Lunar Sea*, inspired by the lunar landscape and its otherworldly atmosphere; and the recent *Red Dogs*, which draws from Jeff Koons' *Balloon Dogs*. A new addition for Rome is *Floating*, in which two couples, set to the trance sounds of Shpongle, create mirror-like effects in sensual sculptures that move in slow motion, as if they were floating through the air. *filarmonicaromana.org*



Warhol and Banksy

Until June 6

The *Warhol and Banksy* exhibition at the WeGil space near Porta Portese offers a compelling comparison between two artists who have masterfully crafted their public personas through successful communication strategies, becoming both iconic figures and brands in their own right. The more than 100 works on display include Banksy's sensual Kate Moss and Warhol's famous Marilyn Monroe pose, as well as Warhol's portrait of Queen Elizabeth with the royal diadem and Banksy's *Monkey Queen* depiction. The exhibition also features Warhol's portraits of Mao, Lenin, and JFK, alongside Banksy's portrayal of Queen Victoria. Warhol's *Self Portrait* is juxtaposed with Banksy's *Computer Boy* mural, while Warhol's iconic *Banana* engages a dialogue with Banksy's *Pulp Fiction*, where John Travolta holds Warhol's legendary banana instead of a gun. These two visionary artists, blending celebrity, satire, and voyeurism, have transformed their art into a dynamic cultural event. *wegil.it*



Rebecca Louise Law, Calyx, 2023, Dried flowers, copper wire, variable dimensions photo Giovanni De Angelis

FLOWERS. From the Renaissance to AI

Until September 14

Highlighting the inexhaustible evocative power of flowers, the exhibition *Flowers. From the Renaissance to Artificial Intelligence* at Chiostro del Bramante explores floral themes as a natural symbol that bridges creativity, science, and technology in a universal narrative that spans centuries. From masterpieces by Jan Brueghel and Ai Weiwei to the latest experiments in contemporary art using digital technologies, the more than 90 works on display, borrowed from prestigious museums as well as from botanical and scientific collections, demonstrate how flowers have been an endless source of inspiration for artists throughout history. The exhibition was organized in collaboration with the Kunsthalle München. *chiostrodelbramante.it*



Pablo Picasso Adolescent oil on canvas Parigi, collezione privata
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Picasso the Foreigner

Until June 29

The exhibition *Picasso lo Straniero (Picasso the Foreigner*) at the Museo del Corso delves into Picasso's complex identity as an immigrant: despite having lived in France for most of his life, he was never granted French citizenship. The display, also presenting previously unseen works selected exclusively for this venue, explores his artistic and political experience, especially focusing on his "Roman Spring" of 1917, a pivotal moment in the artist's career. This exhibition offers the opportunity to explore how Picasso, through his being a foreigner, transformed modern art and solidified his role as one of the twentieth century's greatest artists. *museodelcorso.com*



Romics

April 3–6

Get ready to embrace your superhero alter ego at *Romics*, the most popular comics, animation, cinema, and gaming expo in Rome. The 34th edition is set to showcase an exciting mix of comic books, animated films, video games, and much more. You'll be meeting your favorite comic book authors and illustrators, exploring new and collectible comics and graphic novels, and experiencing thrilling role-playing games. There are also workshops, animated film competitions, and interactive events. Whether you're a die-hard fan or just curious, there's something for everyone at this must-visit international expo held at Fiera di Roma. *romics.it*

More dates on the agenda:

Art of Play. Pratibus District. Until May 25.
Caravaggio 2025. Palazzo Barberini. Until July 6.
Richard Avedon. Italian Days. Gagosian Gallery. Until May 17.
The Art of Popes. From Perugino to Barocci. Museo di Castel Sant'Angelo. Until Aug 31.
Signals from Space. Rome's Botanical Garden. Until May 31.
Jesus Christ Superstar - Teatro Sistina. April 17-27.
Global Baroque. The World in Rome in the Century of Bernini. Scuderie del Quirinale. From April 4 to July 13.
Guglielmo Marconi. Seeing the Invisible. VIVE - Vittoriano and Palazzo Venezia. Until April 25.
Tony Cragg. Endless Forms Most Beautiful. Baths of Diocletian. Until May 4.
Rome's 2778th Birthday Parade - *From* Circus Maximus to Colosseum. April 21.
Is it Sundown? Exhibition/Installation by Raffaele Curi. Rhinoceros Gallery. Until Oct 15.

See the sections on pages 52-61 for further details.

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3/4/5 April, Santa Cecilia Hall

Orchestra dell'Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia
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flute **Adriana Ferreira**
harp **Silvia Podrecca**

Mozart Serenade No. 6 K 239
Concerto for Flute and Harp K 299
Vasks Musica Serena
Mozart Symphony No. 38
"Prague" K 504



7 April, Sinopoli Hall

piano **Igor Levit**

Bach Chromatic Fantasia and Fugue BWV 903
Brahms Ballades op.10
Beethoven Symphony No. 7
(trasc. Franz Liszt)



11/12/14 April, Santa Cecilia Hall

Orchestra, Coro e Voci Bianche dell'Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia
conductor **Daniel Harding**

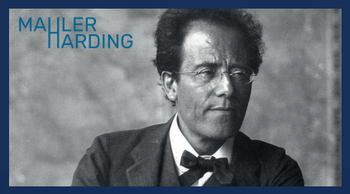
Schumann
Scenes from Goethe's Faust



16 April, Santa Cecilia Hall

Utopia Orchestra
conductor **Teodor Currentzis**
piano **Alexandre Kantorow**

Brahms Piano Concerto No. 2
Mahler Symphony No. 4



17/18/19 April, Santa Cecilia Hall

Orchestra dell'Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia
conductor **Daniel Harding**
violin **Joshua Bell** *artist in residence*

Mahler: The Symphonies
Mahler Blumine
Dvořák Violin Concerto
Mahler Symphony No. 1 "Titan"



28/29/30 April, Santa Cecilia Hall

Orchestra dell'Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia
conductor **Tomáš Netopil**
piano **Bruce Liu**

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ITALY, THE EPITOME OF DESIGN

When it comes to design, Italy's reputation is unmatched. The country is known globally as a benchmark of creativity, elegance, and quality, and has long set the standard for excellence in many creative fields. Whether it's the breathtaking art of Murano glass or the fine tailoring of a fashion designer's suit, Italian design stands out not just because of its elegance, but because it embraces simplicity in its most sophisticated form. Furniture design is no exception. From furnishings to lighting to kitchenware, Italian interior innovations continue to prove that in the "*Bel Paese,*" design is about much more than just looks—it's a way of life.

What truly defines Italian furniture is its remarkable balance between the old and the new, offering cutting-edge innovation while respecting time-honored craftsmanship. These pieces are designed not to overwhelm a space but to enhance it, making use of form and function in equal measure. The result is understated beauty that never feels overdone.

Wallpaper Milan magazine editor Laura May Todd, a Canadian who's lived in Milan for many years, recently published "Italian Interiors: A Room with a View" (Phaidon), a collection of Italy's many different styles, from an Alpine house or a colorful lakeside villa in Como to Giorgio Armani's summer home in Pantelleria or a beautiful masseria. According to Todd, "An Italian house is one that lives in harmony with history, whose objects and furnishings speak to the ideas and passions of its occupants; it is a space that, despite the preciousness of the objects that reside within, is intentionally configured to welcome others inside."

Among the top players in Italian furniture, a few names stand out for their contributions. **Kartell**, for example, is known globally for its use of transparent plastics in surprising ways, while **Antonio Lupi** creates opulent designer bathrooms. **Paola Lenti** offers high-end outdoor furniture combining beauty and durability, and **Zanotta** is celebrated for its creative sofas. **DePadova** redefined modern shelving, and **Artemide** leads the lighting industry with functional yet artistic fixtures, alongside prestigious brands like **Foscarini** and **Fabbian.**



In kitchen design, Italy is renowned for its minimalist, sleek, and functional approach. Brands like **Dada, Aran, Scavolini**, and **Snaidero** embody this design ethos, creating sophisticated kitchens that blend modern aesthetics with practicality. Italy's craftsmanship ensures these kitchens remain timeless and elegant.

For those looking for smaller design objects for the home, the **Bialetti** stovetop espresso maker is a classic, combining practicality and style. **Alessi** is another brand that elevates everyday objects, like their playful corkscrew shaped like a woman. For vintage enthusiasts, **Smeg**'s retro-inspired kitchen appliances, in vibrant colors like pastel green and cherry red, bring a nostalgic yet stylish touch to any kitchen.

Milan's Design Week

The **Salone Internazionale del Mobile** is back again this year as Italy's leading international event for the interior design industry. Founded in 1961, this Milan trade fair showcases a wide range of interior design products ranging from kitchens and appliances to smaller elements.
Ingenuity, vision, innovation, and sustainable excellence make up the familiar lexicon of the exhibition companies and brands, and in the past years the fair has become increasingly more global and inclusive. One of the trade fair's main missions is to give participants a place to meet and to create new business opportunities, presenting prototypes and innovations in terms of furnishings, domestic spaces and lifestyles: bedrooms, living and dining areas, entrance corridors and service areas, outdoor spaces with their furniture and cupboards, upholsterers, tables and chairs set the scene for a narrative that show that the way we live is constantly evolving, together with the spaces we live in. **The event is on from 8–13 April for exhibitors and trade visitors only, but open to the general public Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 April.** Booking obligatory. Fiera di Milano, Rho. salonemilano.it

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Design objects for the home

Arcon – Via della Scrofa, 104/108. arconroma.com
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Leone Limentani – Via del Portico d'Ottavia, 47. limentani.com



Santo Stefano Rotondo

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ROME'S BEST-KEPT SECRETS

10 of the most unusual spots in the city

We've compiled an itinerary through Rome's ten lesser-known and most surprising corners.

Passeggiata del Gelsomino: an elevated walk
Recently revitalized thanks to the restoration works for the 2025 Jubilee, the Passeggiata del Gelsomino is a short elevated pedestrian walkway that runs alongside the Vatican, offering a breathtaking view of St. Peter's Dome. To reach it, enter the Roma S. Pietro train station, walk along platform 1, and follow the signs next to an old, disused railway track that once connected the Vatican State to Italy.

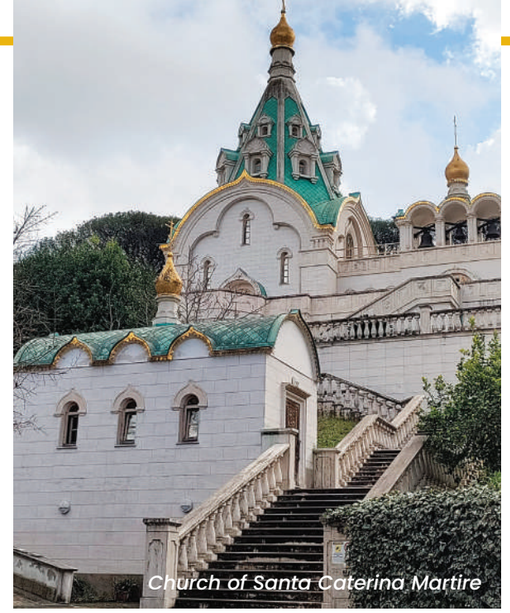
The Russian church of Santa Caterina Martire
Not far from the enchanting Passeggiata del Gelsomino, inside Villa Abamelek (currently the residence of the Ambassador of the Russian Federation), you can admire the Orthodox Church of Santa Caterina Martire, towering over the Roman skyline with its turquoise roof and golden spires in close dialogue with St. Peter's Dome. Built in neo-Byzantine style, it is a unique sight in Rome, serving as the parish church of the Moscow Patriarchate.

Arco dei Banchi Vecchi: celestial vaults
Among the most distinctive corners of the historic center, the Arco dei Banchi Vecchi (named after the old merchant stalls) is surely a must-see.
It boasts a stunning painted vault resembling a starry sky and an inscription from 1277, with a stone embedded in the wall marking the highest level reached by the Tiber during a flood in that year.

Passetto del Biscione: a secret passageway
Equally fascinating is the Passetto del Biscione, a secret passage between buildings with a brightly colorful ceiling, linking Via di Grottapinta to Piazza del Biscione, near Campo de' Fiori.
It leads to the Orsini Chapel, an abandoned church waiting to be discovered. The Passetto houses a copy of the original Madonna della Provvidenza by Pulzone, which was transferred from here to the Church of San Carlo ai Catinari, and the vault and walls are decorated with gorgeous floral motives and angels, all recently restored.



Palazzo Zuccari

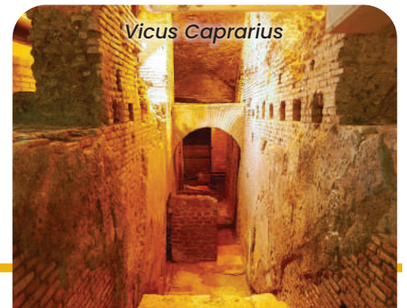


Church of Santa Caterina Martire

The City of Water: inundated maze
Also known as Vicus Caprarius, the City of Water consists of the remains of an Imperial-era *domus*, located underground, just a few steps from the Trevi Fountain. The water running through this labyrinth of ancient ruins is the same that feeds the Trevi Fountain's aqueduct, and which once supplied the luxurious residence. Important archaeological finds have been uncovered here, including the famous face of Alexander Helios. For visits, call: Tel 3397786192.

Little London: Notting Hill in Rome
Built at the start of the 20th century by Mayor Ernesto Nathan, of English descent, Little London is a pedestrian street (Via Bernardo Celentano) in the Flaminio district, lined with two-story colorful houses, iron gates, and wooden entrance doors, evoking the style of Chelsea or Notting Hill. It's a popular setting for ads, films, and music videos, and one of Rome's most exclusive streets, with homes rarely available on the market and commanding astronomical prices.

Casino Giustiniani Massimo: literary scenes
Located on Via Matteo Boiardo, near the Basilica of St. John Lateran, Villa Giustiniani Massimo is a place of rare beauty, decorated in 1817 by the Nazarene painters, a group of German artists who drew inspiration from Italian Renaissance masters like Perugino and Raphael. Rather than religious subjects, the frescoes depict literary scenes from works by Dante, Torquato Tasso, and Ludovico Ariosto.

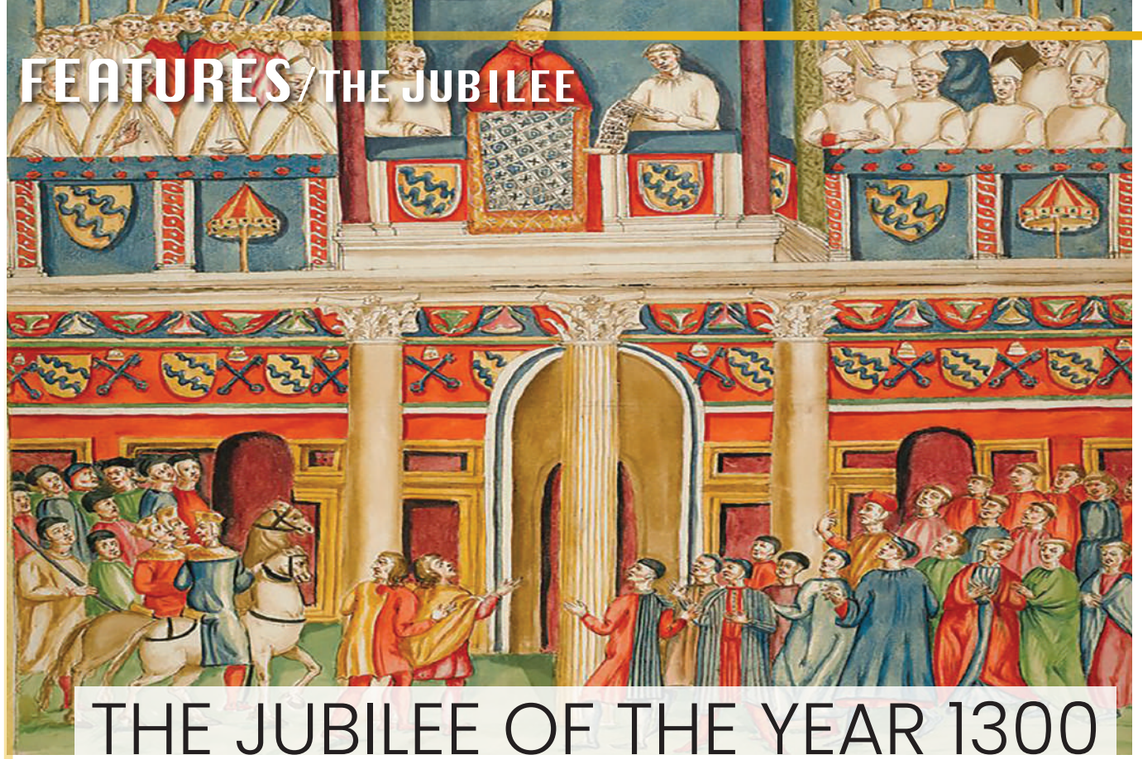


Vicus Caprarius

The Gianicolo lighthouse: where's the sea?
On the first stretch of the Gianicolo promenade, rising from the Vatican side, stands the slender form of the Gianicolo Lighthouse, a monument gifted to Rome by the Italians of Argentina. Given the city's distance from the sea, a lighthouse here is quite unusual. In fact, in Rome, the phrase "you look like the Gianicolo lighthouse" is used when someone is dressed in an eccentric or inappropriate manner.

Palazzo Zuccari: the house of monsters
Also known as the House of Monsters, Palazzo Zuccari overlooks Via Gregoriana. Conceived by Federico Zuccari in the late 16th century, it was designed in the Baroque style to astonish and amaze. Its entrance, shaped like an enormous open mouth, grotesque windows, and the enchanting inner garden (now unfortunately lost), all served to dazzle. The curious building inspired Gabriele D'Annunzio, who featured it in his famous novel *Il Piacere*.

Santo Stefano Rotondo: perfect circle
Few churches in Rome, aside from the Pantheon (which, originally a pagan temple, was converted into the Church of Santa Maria ad Martyres), Santa Costanza, and other minor rare examples, have a circular plan. One notable exception is the Basilica of Santo Stefano Rotondo on the Celian Hill, characterized by its circular architecture, somber interior decorated with 34 Byzantine frescoes of martyrs, and its evocative, gloomy atmosphere. Definitely worth a visit.



THE JUBILEE OF THE YEAR 1300

The first Holy Year in history brought an unprecedented number of devoted Christians to the Eternal City. Since then, the Jubilee has become a regular event in the Church's calendar

It is January 1300: pilgrims from across Europe converge at St. Peter's Basilica, paralyzed by an "infernal" jam that could recall the traffic we are used to these days. This first Jubilee, inaugurated by Pope Boniface VIII, was not only a spiritual milestone but also an event steeped in controversy and legacy. Boniface VIII, remembered for both his political ambitions and his dramatic fall from power following the infamous "slap of Anagni," was harshly criticized by historic personalities such as Dante and Martin Luther for his promotion of indulgences, which were a way for individuals to receive full or partial remission of punishment for sins. Yet, his papacy remains forever linked with the birth of the Jubilee, a tradition that endures to this day.

In response to a widespread petition from the Christian devotees, Boniface VIII declared the first Jubilee year in 1300, offering a plenary indulgence—complete remission of sins—to anyone who would visit the tombs of St. Peter and St. Paul in Rome. This indulgence was rooted in an older tradition according to which anyone who visited the bodies of the apostles during the "hundredth year" would be absolved of their sins. The pope's proclamation, *Antiquorum habet fida relatio*, echoed across Christendom, drawing an enormous throng of believers to the Eternal City—a spectacle that, according to contemporary accounts, had never been seen before.

Men, women, and children flooded Rome, seeking the spiritual benefits of the Jubilee. Pilgrims journeyed to St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican and St. Paul Outside the Walls, where they could receive the plenary indulgence.

The name "Jubilee" itself has multiple origins. The most widely accepted theory traces it to the Hebrew word *yobel*, meaning "ram's horn," which was used to announce a year of release and forgiveness in ancient Israel. Regardless of its etymology, the Jubilee remains a deeply spiritual event, symbolizing not just the remission of sins but an interior pilgrimage toward repentance, prayer, and ultimately, salvation.

The Jubilee of 1300, although controversial and politically charged, set the precedent for a spiritual tradition that continues to this day, attracting millions to Rome and deepening the Catholic Church's theological and cultural influence.

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WHEN ROME WAS BORN

Facts and legend about the birth of the Eternal City

The origins of Rome are a blend of scant historical truth and rich legend, a story that many assume they know. In school, Italian kids learn by heart the legendary date of April 21, 753 BCE, when the city was supposedly founded by twin brothers Romulus and Remus. Legend has it that, when confronted with the decision of where to build the new city, the two brothers decided to leave the choice to fate, interpreting the flight of birds as the Etruscans used to do. Romulus saw twelve birds on the Palatine Hill, while Remus saw only six on another hill. Romulus, who won, marked the city's boundary with a plow and vowed to kill anyone who crossed it. Remus disrespected this vow by crossing the line, and Romulus killed him, becoming the first and sole king of Rome.

But who were Romulus and Remus? Ancient historians often traced the origins of Rome to Troy, claiming that Ascanius, the son of the Trojan prince Aeneas—who had fled the burning city and finally reached the shores of Lazio—founded the city of Alba Longa on the left bank of the river Tiber. His descendants ruled for generations until Numitore and his brother Amulius came to power. Amulius seized the throne and forced Numitore's only daughter, Rhea Silvia, to become a Vestal Virgin, thereby preventing her from having children who might contest his rule.
Mars, the god of war, seduced Rhea Silvia and made her the mother of two twins, Romulus and Remus. When Amulius discovered the violation of her vow, he condemned Rhea Silvia to be buried alive and ordered the death of the infants. However, the soldiers spared the babies and left them in a basket on the banks of the Tiber. A she-wolf, drawn by their cries, nursed them in her den on the Palatine Hill until they were found by a shepherd, who, along with his wife, adopted them.

As adults, the twins – once their regal origin was revealed - overthrew Amulius, restoring power to their grandfather Numitore. They then founded a new city, near the right bank of the Tiber, where they had been nursed by the she-wolf. It is speculated that the she-wolf was actually their adoptive mother, as the term *lupa* was also used as a bad term for prostitutes. Another theory suggests that the twins were actually nourished by the sweet sap of a fig tree, whose branches had caught the basket in the swift currents of the Tiber. According to this version, the she-wolf arrived only later, after the waters had receded. This might explain why the fig tree – a dioecious plant, i.e. a plant that has the different reproductive organs on separate individual plants, and whose female was once associated with fertility and nurturing – became a sacred symbol, planted next to the House of Romulus. Priests offered tributes to the tree to ensure the protection of the state, which, as we have seen, claimed divine origins—born from the seed of Mars, the god of war.

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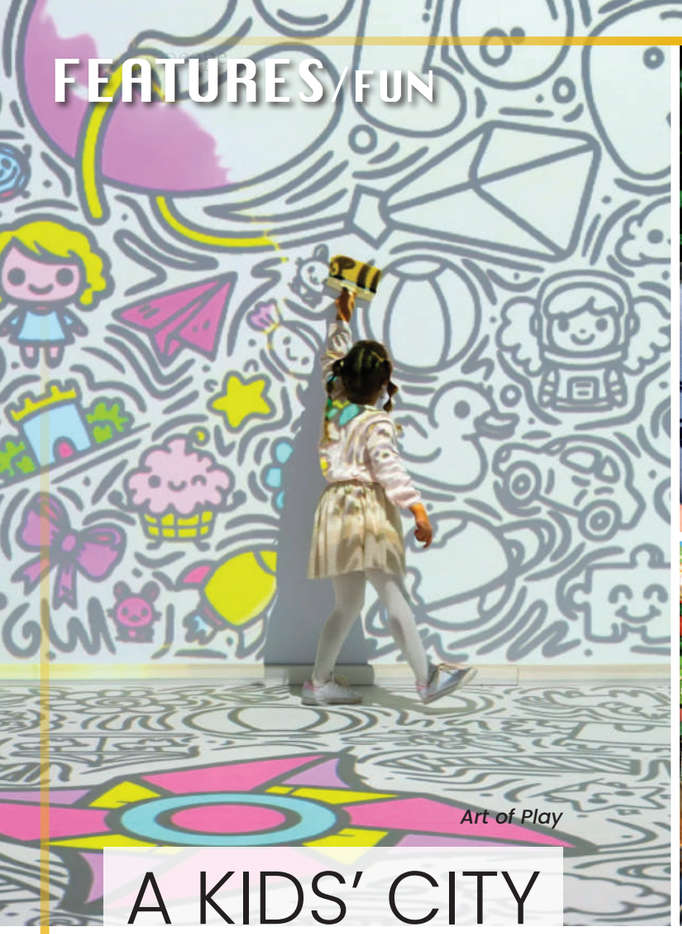


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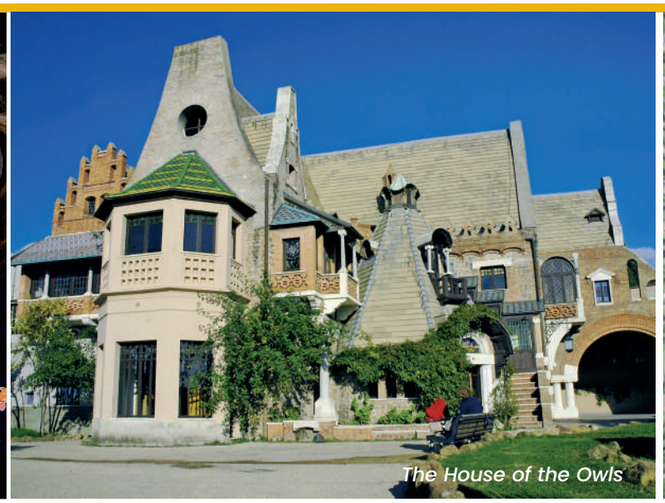
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Welcome to Rome

A KIDS' CITY

For families, Rome is not only a journey through time. It is also a destination where play and wonder are always within reach

In Rome, history is not just something to look at from a distance: it's an experience to be lived. Whether wandering among ancient ruins, discovering interactive museums, or playing in the city's green parks, there's no shortage of activities for young explorers. The Eternal City is a place where children can engage with the past, dream about the future, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

A city of wonder for kids and families

The Eternal City might often be viewed as a destination for adult travelers, but through the eyes of a child, it transforms into a magical adventure. Far from being just an open-air museum, Rome is a living, breathing playground, where monuments and ruins spring to life in the imaginations of its youngest visitors. The city's rich tapestry of history, art, and culture becomes an interactive theme park, with surprises waiting at every corner.

A playful exploration of ancient Rome

For children, even the most famous historical sites seem to speak a language of wonder. The *Bocca della Verità* (Mouth of Truth) at the Church of Santa Maria in Cosmedin is a perfect example. Children are entranced by the legend of the stone mouth that "bit off" the hands of liars—though adults know it's just a myth, the mystery and thrill of the tale never fail to capture their imaginations. Similarly, the Colosseum (*colosseo.it*), a site of gladiatorial battles and wild beast hunts, feels more like a live-action spectacle than mere history. Stepping into the ancient arena, kids can almost hear the roar of lions and the crowd's cheer as the emperor makes his dramatic gestures.

The wonders of Rome also extend to the city's museums and statues. The towering reconstruction of the colossal statue of Constantine at Villa Caffarelli within the Capitoline Museums (*museicapitolini.org*) is sure to dazzle children, just as the entire museum offers an exciting dive into the extraordinary. For those fascinated by myths and legends, the Trevi Fountain provides an enchanting fairy-tale atmosphere. Children love hearing the tale that tossing a coin into the fountain guarantees a return to Rome, even as the money goes to charity, supporting those in need.

Modern attractions: from amusement parks to interactive museums

While Rome's ancient sites are the main draw, the city also offers modern attractions that blend fun with education. Theme parks like *Luneur* (*luneurpark.it*) offer thrills and excitement, while *Explora (mdbr.it)* —Rome's interactive children's museum—lets kids get hands-on with science, mechanics, and even special effects. At *Welcome to Rome (welcometo-rome.it)*, curious children can take a 3D journey back in time, experiencing life during the Roman Empire. The new PratiBus District (*artofplay.it*) invites young visitors to discover the magic of play, with pathways that stimulate creativity and a sense of wonder. For movie buffs, the amazing *Cinecittà World* (*cinecittaworld.it*) offers a taste of Hollywood, with rides and sets inspired by iconic films shot at the Cinecittà studios.

The *Bioparco (bioparco.it)* in Villa Borghese gives children the chance to meet animals up close, while nearby, a boat ride on the lake or a trip on the electric train offers a fun way to explore the park. For a more adventurous day out, *Parco Rosati* in EUR features electric cars, a skating rink, and monkey bars perfect for climbing like Tarzan.

Nature and play in Rome's parks

Beyond the bustling streets, Rome offers expansive green spaces where children can play, explore, and unwind. *Villa Pamphilj*, the city's largest park, provides plenty of room for sports, pony rides, and kite flying. The park's 180 hectares make it a natural oasis in the heart of the city. Similarly, *Villa Ada*, a WWF-protected area, is an excellent spot for nature lovers, featuring both wildlife and an abundance of plant life to discover. For a more magical experience, *Villa Torlonia* houses the whimsical *House of the Owls*, which seems straight out of a fairy tale. This park is also home to *Technotown (technotown.it)*, a science and technology center where kids can participate in hands-on experiments and learn about the wonders of the world in a fun, interactive way.

For those seeking a quieter moment, the *Museum of Plants* inside the Botanical Gardens (*ortobotanicodiroma.it)* offers a delightful opportunity to discover fascinating flora, including carnivorous plants. And, at noon each day, children can enjoy the thrill of the cannon fired from the top of the hill—a tradition that has endured for centuries.

A sweet treat to end the day

At the end of a day filled with exploration, there's nothing better than enjoying a gelato or a slice of pizza. Rome's many *gelaterie* and pizzerie are always a hit with kids and adults alike, offering the perfect chance to relax and reflect on the day's adventures.



Photo by Felice a Testaccio

THE ICONIC CARBONARA: A TASTE OF ROME'S CULINARY HISTORY

Among the dishes that define Rome's culinary heritage, one stands out as a global symbol of Italian cuisine: carbonara. This quintessential, beloved Roman pasta dish, recognized the world over, traces its roots to humble beginnings, crafted from ingredients that reflect the labor of workers and ordinary people: eggs, fried pancetta, and freshly grated pecorino.

The origins of carbonara

The true origins of carbonara have been the subject of much debate. The most widely accepted theory suggests that it was created by *carbonari*—charcoal burners who, while tending to their kilns for long hours, needed simple yet sustaining food. They used easily preserved ingredients like eggs, cured meat, and cheese to create a nourishing meal.

Another, more evocative theory points to the American army stationed in Italy during World War II. These soldiers, familiar with the combination of eggs and bacon, are believed to have sparked the creation of the carbonara as we know it today. This version of the story has gained traction, especially given the dish's rapid rise to international fame, now found on menus in restaurants across the globe.

Pasta perfection: spaghetti, rigatoni, mezze maniche, bucatini, or…?

Though opinions may vary, *spaghetti* remains the pasta of choice for the most authentic carbonara. That said, the dish also pairs wonderfully with other types of pasta, such as *rigatoni* or short pasta like *mezze maniche* offering slight variations on the classic texture and sauce combination.

The key ingredient: guanciale

The non-negotiable element in a true Roman carbonara is *guanciale*—a high-quality cured meat made from pork cheek or jowl. In Rome, no substitute will do. The use of *guanciale* is a critical part of ensuring the dish retains its intensely Roman flavor. *Pancetta* or bacon are often rejected in favor of this more characteristic and authentic option.

Our favorite spots to savor carbonara:

Da Felice – Via Mastro Giorgio, 29. Tel 065746800.
Roma Sparita – Piazza S. Cecilia, 24. Tel 065800757.
Giggetto al Portico – Via del Portico d'Ottavia, 21a. Tel 066861105.
Vitti Osteria & Cantina – Piazza della Torretta, 38. Tel 0683776617.
Osteria Le Streghe dal 1920 – Vicolo del Curato, 13. Tel 066878182.
Piccolo Abruzzo – Via Sicilia, 237. Tel 0642820176.
Papa Rex – Via Aurelia, 87. Tel 06634998.
Mastrociccia – Via del Governo Vecchio, 76. Tel 0686661806.



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VITTI OSTERIA & CANTINA, TRULY LOCAL FLAVOR

Authentic Roman cuisine reimagined like never before

Like a love letter to Roman cuisine: the menu at **Vitti Osteria & Cantina** expresses its passion for the culinary traditions of the Eternal City, celebrating the authentic flavors that have captured the hearts (and palates) of food lovers worldwide. The culinary offering is straightforward and unpretentious, centered around fresh, high-quality ingredients. In an informal yet elegant setting with a subtle retro style, diners can indulge in substantial dishes—timeless classics from the local recipe book.

Start your meal with the tender artichokes *alla romana*, the delicate layers of eggplant *parmigiana millefeuille*, or the irresistibly crunchy *supplì al telefono*. When it comes to pasta, the menu stays true to its roots with staples like *tonnarelli cacio e pepe, mezze maniche all'amatriciana, spaghetti alla carbonara*, and *gnocchi* with oxtail stew sauce. Those craving a taste of the sea can opt for spaghetti with clams and *bottarga* (fish roe), homemade *tonnarelli* with squid ink, or a fragrant *risotto alla pescatora* that captures the essence of the Mediterranean. Entrées include the classic veal *saltimbocca alla romana*, meatballs in tomato sauce, *vitello tonnato* (cold veal with a sauce of tuna and capers), chicken with peppers, baked lamb with potatoes, and *baccalà alla romana* (salt cod stewed with tomatoes, olives, and capers). And since no Italian meal is complete without a sweet ending, try a traditional *maritozzo* (airy, baked bun filled with whipped cream) or a slice of *crostata* with *ricotta* and chocolate flakes.



The extensive wine list ensures the perfect pairing for each course. The outdoor seating area is particularly pleasant during the mild, inviting Roman spring. The restaurant is centrally located, just a few steps from the Via del Corso and Piazza del Parlamento.

Piazza della Torretta, 38. Tel 0683776617. vittiosteria.it

FINE DINING

All'Oro
Open daily 6-11pm. Via Giuseppe Pisanelli, 23/25. Tel 0697996907. (€€€€) ristorantealloro.it Map A3
The menu of All'Oro restaurant, inside the H'All hotel, led by talented chef Riccardo di Giacinto, features a creative approach to Italian cuisine with a focus on high-quality ingredients, incorporating unexpected flavor combinations and artistic presentations. Try the *linguine* with cuttlefish, raspberries and lemon; grilled *wagyu* beef with strawberry *tzatziki* and Jerusalem artichoke; and the special All'Oro *tiramisu*.

Enoteca La Torre
Open Wed-Sun 12:30-2:30pm and 7:30-10pm. Lungotevere delle Armi, 23. Tel 0645668304 (€€€€). villalaetitia. enotecalatorre.group Map A3
Mediterranean cuisine with a modern twist from the vibrant imagination of chef Domenico Stile (two Michelin stars), who creates exciting new combinations. The exclusive setting of Villa Laetizia showcases refined dishes with explosive colors: risotto with Parmigiano Reggiano, star anise powder, citrus balsamic vinegar reduction; Guinea-fowl in *crepinette*, red vermouth, prunes and cocoa; or babà rhum, vanilla, mint and sour cherry.

Idylio by Apreda
Open Tue 7:30-10:30pm. Wed-Sat 12:30-2:30pm and 7:30-10:30pm. Sun 12:30-2:30pm. Piazza dei Caprettari, 56/60. Tel 0687807080. (€€€€) thepantheonhotel.com Map C3
At the Pantheon Iconic Rome hotel, enjoy Chef Francesco Apreda's Michelin-starred fusion cuisine. Mediterranean meets Asian flavors in dishes like breaded sea scallops with black truffle; and monkfish with green curry, *shiso*, and peas. Extensive wine list, top-notch service. Divine rooftop terrace that offers stunning city views.

Imàgo
Open Tues-Sat 7-10:30pm. Piazza Trinità dei Monti, 6. Tel 0669934726. (€€€€) hotelhassleroma.com Map B4
On the sixth floor of hotel Hassler, Imàgo offers a breathtaking panorama, enhanced by elegant marble floors, soft lighting, and the extraordinary creative cuisine of chef Andrea Antonini (one Michelin star). One can sit comfortably at the tables and observe the rooftops and skyline of Rome. Enjoy dishes like beetroot with sour cream and caviar; *ravioli* with yeast, potatoes and onions; or beef sirloin with mustard and apricot.

Le Jardin de Russie
Open daily 12:30-11pm. Via del Babuino, 9. Tel 0632888870. (€€€€) roccofortehotels.com Map B3
Taste the pinnacle of classic Italian cuisine. Chef Nazzareno Menghini crafts tantalizing Mediterranean dishes with fresh ingredients, complemented by the expertise of renowned top chef Fulvio Pierangelini. Try their risotto with turmeric, asparagus, and almond pesto; or *scottadito* lamb with broad bean ragout and chicory.

Les Etoiles
Open Mon-Sat 7:30pm-11:30pm. Sun 12:30-3pm and 7:30-11:30pm. Rooftop Bar 10am-12am. Via dei Bastioni, 1 (corner Via Vitelleschi). Tel 06686386 (€€€/€€€€) atlantehotels.com Map B2
Upscale restaurant and cocktail lounge near the Vatican, boasting a rooftop terrace overlooking St. Peter's Basilica and Castel Sant'Angelo. Try *tagliolini* with crab, basil and cherry tomatoes; or grilled octopus, creamed corn, and balsamic baby spinach.

Mirabelle
Open daily 12:30-3pm and 7-11pm. Via di Porta Pinciana, 14. Tel 06421689 (€€€€) mirabelle.it Map B4
At Mirabelle, located on the rooftop of hotel Splendid Royale, chef Stefano Marzetti prepares Mediterranean cuisine infused with creativity. Indulge in dishes like Andalusian gazpacho with curry-marinated red prawns and melon sorbet; or salt colt confit on purple potato foam, and cabbage salad with fine black truffle.

La Pergola
Open Tue-Sat 730-11:30pm. Reservations strongly recommended. Via A. Cadlolo, 101. Tel 0635091 (€€€€) romecavalieri.com Map A1
Helmed by world-renowned chef Heinz Beck, La Pergola stands as Rome's sole three-Michelin-starred restaurant, offering unparalleled Italian cuisine against a backdrop of panoramic city vistas. The fusion of German precision and Mediterranean essence guarantees an extraordinary culinary journey. Delight in signature dishes such as zucchini flower in batter on a bed

General Information



The directories feature establishments selected by the editors as well as regular advertisers. For details on opening hours, addresses, telephone numbers, websites, and locations, please refer to the listings in the various sections and check the corresponding city map for each establishment on pages 62–63. Most places accept major credit cards, unless otherwise stated. It's recommended to make restaurant reservations in advance. In Italy, dinner is typically served from 8:00pm onward, with most restaurants opening around 7:30pm. Call ahead before visiting.

Average cost per person for dinner (excluding drinks):
- €: Budget-friendly, under €30
- €€: Moderate, between €30–50
- €€€: Upscale, between €50–100
- €€€€: Premium, €100 and above

ITALIANS DO *EAT* BETTER



Photo by Giggetto al Portico d'Ottavia

Italian cuisine is celebrated around the world for good reason, and it's not just about what Italians eat but also how they eat. At first some of the customs may seem rigid; however, you'll soon discover that there is a rhyme or reason behind everything Italians do when it comes to food. The following guide should help you make the most of your culinary experiences while in Italy.

For breakfast, or *colazione*, you may need to modify your expectations slightly since eggs, bacon, and pancakes are not part of the standard cuisine. Instead, you can expect to see locals standing up inside one of the city's many bars, enjoying a cappuccino and a *cornetto*—an Italian croissant. You can have a sit-down breakfast, but your bill will likely double from the table surcharge.

Next, lunch or *pranzo*. For lunch on the go, try *pizza al taglio*—pizza by the slice. Other quick options include a panino or *tramezzino*, *trapizzino* (a corner of pizza used like a pocket for various stuffing), a salad, or a combination of fried items, or fritti, such as *supplì* or *arancini* (fried rice balls filled with mozzarella, meat, or vegetables).

Though increasingly less common, it's still possible to have a multiple-course, sit-down meal at lunch. An Italian menu may seem complex at first, but you'll soon come to recognize the different sections, which are the same for lunch and dinner—*antipasto*, *primo piatto*, *secondo piatto*, *contorni*, and *dolci*. The most common choice for a *primo piatto* is a plate of pasta, while the *secondo piatto* is generally meat or fish. For *contorni,* or side dishes, you'll often find options for salads and vegetables. *Dolci*, or desserts, are often made in-house and are a must-try. Finish off your meal with a *digestivo*, a liquor made with herbs.

At last, dinner, or *cena*. You'll likely find a greater variety of dishes on the dinner menu than at lunch, but the order of the dishes is still the same. *Spaghetti alla carbonara*, *tonnarelli cacio e pepe, bucatini all'amatriciana (pictured above)*, *penne all'arrabbiata* (spicy), are just a few names representing traditional Roman pasta dishes. If you want to know more about how to eat like a true Roman, refer to our glossary of gastronomic terms.

Last, but certainly not least—gelato. There are endless opportunities to indulge in a cone or cup of your favorite flavors around Rome, an experience you won't want to miss.

GASTRONOMIC TERMS COMMONLY USED IN ROME

Roman cuisine has always followed a strictly observed timetable: Thursday, for example, is the day for *gnocchi,* served with a sauce of meat and tomato or cheese and pepper; on Friday, *ravioli* filled with ricotta and spinach, or cod stew prepared with tomato, pine seeds and raisin. Saturday is the turn of tripe flavored with typical Roman wild mint, while on Sunday dig into a mouthwatering plate of *tagliatelle* or *lasagne* made in different tasty ways.





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- *Abbacchio alla romana* – Pieces of suckling lamb cooked until brown, then roasted in a sauce of garlic, rosemary, vinegar and anchovy.
- *Bruschetta* – Slices of homemade bread, cooked over embers or in the oven, flavored with garlic, sprinkled with oil and salt, and served in various forms, the most popular being with tomato and basil.
- *Bucatini all'amatriciana* – Long, tubular pasta with a sauce of *guanciale* (pork cheek), tomato, olive oil, chili pepper and sheep's cheese.
- *Bucatini alla gricia* – Basically *all'amatriciana* without tomato.
- *Carciofi alla giudìa* – Artichokes open like flowers, cooked in hot oil until crisp *(pictured top left).*
- *Cicoria* – Green bitterish leaves, can be savoury – cooked in a pan with garlic, or *all'agro* – boiled and seasoned with oil, salt and lemon.
- *Coda alla vaccinara* – Oxtail and cheek stew with celery, lard, garlic, pepper, salt and white wine.
- *Coratella* – Lamb offal (heart, liver and lung) cooked with sliced artichokes, onion, white wine, lemon, parsley, salt and pepper.
- *Costarelle di abbacchio a scottadito* – Lamb cutlet basted in roasting fat and lard, cooked on the grill and eaten with hands (literally "burn your fingers").
- *Crescione* – Salad with a strong taste, rare and highly valued.
- *Fior di latte* – Fresh cheese, similar to buffalo mozzarella, but made from cow's milk.
- *Panzanella* – Stale bread soaked in water with tomato, oil, salt, vinegar and minced basil.
- *Pajata* – Part of the intestines of a suckling calf, served with *rigatoni* or *alla cacciatora* (with garlic, rosemary and vinegar).
- *Pesce all'acqua pazza* – A sauce of water, cubed tomato, oil, garlic, chilli pepper, and parsley cooked primarily with sea bass.
- *Pollo con i peperoni* – Chicken pieces basted in roasting fat and stewed in tomato and garnished with red and yellow pepper, the colors of Rome.
- *Porchetta* – Roasted pig, sliced and usually served with other specialties from Ariccia in the Castelli Romani.
- *Puntarelle* – A particular type of green, seasoned with a garlic and anchovy sauce.
- *Rughetta* – A characteristic herb of Rome, very bitter and sharp tasting.
- *Saltimbocca alla romana* – One of the most celebrated Roman dishes: skewered veal roll stuffed with ham, and flavoured with sage and butter.
- *Spaghetti cacio e pepe* – Pasta sauce consisting of a creamy emulsion of water, grated pecorino cheese and pepper.
- *Spaghetti alla carbonara* – Pasta sauce made of eggs, pecorino cheese, pepper a and bits of *guanciale.*
- *Trippa alla romana* – Cow's stomach (tripe) cleaned, cut into strips and slow cooked with herbs and tomato *(pictured top right).*
- *Tozzetti* – Sweet rectangular cookies made from a mixture of sugar, flour, almonds, toasted nuts, aniseed and *Sambuca*, served with *Vin Santo,* a strong sweet wine.
- *Visciole* – Sour cherries with dark red color. The jam is used for the famous *crostata* (ricotta cheese tart).
- *Zuppa di arzilla* – A typical soup made with ray fish and *broccoli.*

RESTAURANTS & CAFES

of shellfish and saffron with caviar; spaghetti *cacio e pepe* with lime-marinated white shrimp; or the superb chocolate soufflé.

La Rosetta
Open Tues-Sun 12:15-3pm and 7-11pm. Via della Rosetta, 8. Tel 066861002 (€€€€) larosetta.com Map C3
Renowned as the city's premier seafood destination, La Rosetta sits just moments from the Pantheon, showcasing a remarkable array of fresh catches daily. Signature dishes include grilled octopus with avocado and peas; spelt spaghetti with spicy small squid, zucchini flowers, and salted *ricotta*; or jumbo red prawns with champagne and sage, alongside exceptional raw seafood selections.

La Terrazza
Open Tues-Sat 6:30pm-midnight. Via Ludovisi, 49. Tel 0647812752. (€€€€) dorcestercollection.com Map B4
La Terrazza, located atop hotel Eden, offers fine dining with breathtaking city views. Led by Executive Chef Salvatore Bianco, it blends Italian culinary tradition with innovation using locally sourced ingredients. The elegant ambience and attentive service create a refined experience, making it a culinary sanctuary where guests can savor Mediterranen flavors amidst Rome's iconic skyline. Don't miss the spaghetti *cacio e pepe* with Madagascan wild black pepper; or the suckling pig with quince and marron glacé chips.

Per Me
Open daily 12:30-2pm and 7:30-10pm. Vicolo del Malpasso, 9. Tel 066877365 (€€€€). giulioterrinoni.it
Map C2
The brainchild of young, brilliant chef Giulio Terrinoni presents itself in an elegant contemporary setting, built with ecological materials and sleek design lines, perfectly matched with a dynamic and versatile cuisine. The imaginative and playfully indulgent touch of the chef complements the ambience well, where seafood and meat dishes are paired together. Not to be missed are the red mullet *cacciatora*-style; the fish of the day, sea broth, *pil-pil* and fried tripe; or pigeon prepared in five different ways.

Tradition with a twist



Just a few steps away from the Vatican, **Papa Rex** is a welcoming and spacious restaurant that offers a variety of Roman and Mediterranean-inspired dishes, all united by the freshness of the ingredients. The restaurant, divided into several rooms, is adorned with picturesque scenes of Roman life. To start, you can enjoy appetizers such as homemade *focaccia* with *porchetta* (roast pork) or prawns wrapped in *kataifi* pastry. For the main course, options include *gnocchi alla sorrentina* (with mozzarella and tomato), *ravioli* filled with *burrata* cheese, fresh tomatoes, and basil, *tonnarelli* with pesto, squid, shrimp, and sun-dried tomatoes, or *linguine* with lobster. Don't miss the signature pork shank with mashed potatoes, *saltimbocca,* or brandy-sautéed prawns. To finish off, indulge in a sweet temptation with a *tiramisù* or a warm chocolate cake. The extensive wine list is complemented by attentive service from the friendly and expert staff.

Via Aurelia, 87. Tel 06634998. paparex.it

ROMAN CUISINE

Angelino ai Fori
Open daily 12noon 11pm. Largo Corrado Ricci, 40/43a. Via dei Fori Imperiali, 25. Tel 066791121 (€€€) angelinoaifori.com Map C4
A welcoming trattoria, in business since 1947, that overlooks the timeless beauty of the ancient cityscape. The traditional menu features classic pasta dishes such as *carbonara, amatriciana, gricia*, and *cacio e pepe*, alongside meat and seafood courses. One of the best gelatos in town.

Felice a Testaccio
Open daily, 12:30–3pm and 7:30pm–12midnight. Via Giorgio, 29. Tel 065746800. (€€/€€€) feliceatestaccio.it
Map E3
Established in 1936, this institutional family-run trattoria in Testaccio has remained dedicated to preserving the essence of traditional Roman cuisine. The menu boasts a wide range of classic Roman pasta dishes (*carbonara* by the book) alongside a variety of meat specialties, with a particular emphasis on offal, or "quinto quarto". Indulge your sweet tooth with their enticing array of homemade desserts (*tiramisù* to die for). The extensive wine cellar features over 200 labels. Restaurant Felice is also present in Milan and Turin.

Fortunato al Pantheon
Open Mon- Sat 12:30pm-4pm and 6:45pm-1130pm. Via del Pantheon, 55. Tel 066792788 (€€/€€€) ristorantefortunato.it
Map C3
Experience Rome's finest at Ristorante Fortunato, where exquisite traditional cuisine meets a close view of the Pantheon. Indulge in their diverse menu featuring fresh seafood, pasta classics, and succulent meat dishes: sea bass rolls, handmade *tonnarelli cacio e pepe*, grilled sirloin steak with roasted potatoes, followed by cheesecake with *ricotta,* pears, and cinnamon.

Giggetto al Portico
Open Tue-Sun 12:30-3pm and 7:30-11pm. Via del Portico d'Ottavia, 21a. Tel 066861105 (€€€) giggettoalportico.com Map C3
In the shadow of the Portico d'Ottavia, the heart of the Jewish ghetto, this inviting establishment

WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR

The stars are brightly shining: here are Rome's Michelin-starred restaurants

This year, 23 kitchens from Rome's most outstanding establishments have been awarded Michelin stars by the 2025 Michelin Guide to Italy. While there is a newcomer on the scene, Achilli al Parlamento by young, creative chef Pierluigi Gallo, most are repeat-receivers of the coveted award. The most awarded of all continues to be chef Heinz Beck's La Pergola *(pictured below)* located in the Rome Cavalieri Waldorf Astoria Hotel, which maintains its status as the only restaurant in town boasting three stars.

With its 23 award-winning restaurants (1 three-star, 3 two-star, 19 one-star) Rome is the number-two Italian province for number of Michelin awards after Naples, while Lazio, the region Rome is situated in, has 29 starred restaurants.

In the 2-star category, Acquolina by Daniele Lippi at The First Roma Arte Hotel has been confirmed, and so have Enoteca La Torre by Domenico Stile at Villa Letizia and Il Pagliaccio by Anthony Genovese. In Rome and the surrounding area, in addition to the newly promoted Achilli al Parlamento, the 1-star restaurants are: All'Oro by Riccardo Di Giacinto, Aroma by Giuseppe Di Iorio, Glass Hostaria by Cristina Bowerman, Idylio by Francesco Apreda, Il Convivio by Angelo Troiani, Imàgo by Andrea Antonini, Marco Martini Restaurant by Marco Martini, Moma by Andrea Pasqualucci, Per Me by Giulio Terrinoni, Pipero Roma by Alessandro Pipero and Ciro Scamardella, Pulejo by Davide Puleio, and Zia by Antonio Ziantoni.

Then, right outside of the capital, the shining stars in Fiumicino are Il Tino by Daniele Usai and Pascucci al Porticciolo by Gianfranco Pascucci, Sintesi by Sara Scarsella and Matteo Compagnucci in Ariccia, Marco Bottega Ristorante in Genazzano, Antonello Colonna in Labico.
Finally, in the Lazio region, the Michelin star guide lists six starred restaurants: Le Colline Ciociare by Salvatore Tassa in Acuto, Materlaprima by Fabio Verrelli in Pontinia, Acqua Pazza by Gino Pesce in Ponza, Essenza by Simone Nardoni in Terracina, La Parolina by Iside di Cesare in Trevinano, and La Trota helmed by brothers Sandro and Maurizio Serva in Rivodutri.


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La Pergola ❁❁❁
Acquolina ❁❁
Enoteca La Torre ❁❁
Il Pagliaccio ❁❁
Achilli al Parlamento (NEW)
All'Oro ❁
Antonello Colonna ❁
Aroma ❁
Glass Hostaria ❁
Idylio by Apreda ❁
Il Convivio Troiani ❁
Imàgo ❁
Il Tino ❁
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Marco Bottega Ristorante ❁
Moma ❁
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Per Me ❁
Pipero Roma ❁
Pulejo ❁
Sintesi ❁
Zia ❁

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offers a rich array of Jewish-Roman dishes, featuring crispy deep-fried artichokes; *baccalà* (Roman-style saltcod); delectable mozzarella-stuffed zucchini flowers, as well as *carbonara, amatriciana,* spaghetti with clams, spelt soup and cuttlefish with peas.

Hostaria Antica Roma
Open Tue–Sun, 12:15–2:45pm and 7:30–10:45pm. Via Appia Antica, 176. Tel 065132888 (€€€) hostarianticaroma.it
Off Map
Peaceful restaurant located in an evocative, historic setting along the Ancient Appian Way in the shadow of the Mausoleum of Cecilia Metella, a tower-like structure dating to the 1st century BC. The menu offers historic ancient recipes like *Patina Cotidiana (lasagna), Esicia Omentata* (Roman meatballs), *Pollo Oxizomum* (chicken with leek and *garum* sauce) along with stuffed guinea fowl, deboned rabbit, lamb, and suckling pig. Large selection of fine wines, and house-made desserts such as *tiramisù* and *Cassata of Oplontis.* Outdoor seating in warm weather.

Il Giardino Romano
Open daily except Wed, 12noon–3:30pm and 7–11pm. Via del Portico d'Ottavia, 18. Tel 0668809661 (€€) ilgiardinoromano.it Map C3
Within the warm embrace of its private garden, this intimate dining spot in the Jewish district boasts a rich variety of authentic Roman-Jewish delicacies, from the iconic fried artichokes to the savory fried salt cod, along with classics like *amatriciana, cacio e pepe,* oxtail stew, and lamb *scottadito.*

Mastrociccia
Open daily 12pm-midnight. Via del Governo Vecchio, 76. Tel 0686661806. (€€) mastrociccia.com Map C3
Just steps from Piazza Navona, Mastrociccia is a traditional Roman osteria where authentic flavors, crafted with fresh and carefully selected ingredients, can be tasted in every dish. The menu features *tonnarelli cacio e pepe, spaghettoni* Mastrociccia (tomato, garlic, chili and *pecorino* cream), veal *saltimbocca,* grilled lamb, vaccinara-style oxtail, mouthwatering Roman-style tripe, and delicious homemade desserts such as *tiramisù* or *ricotta* cheese tart with sour cherry jam. A remarkable wine list is also available.

Osteria Le Streghe dal 1920
Open Mon–Sat 12noon-3:30pm and 7-11:30pm. Sun 12noon-3:30pm Vicolo del Curato, 13. Tel 066878182. (€€/€€€) Map C2
Located inside a 17th-century palace overlooking the charming alleyways of the historic center, Osteria Le Streghe dal 1920 stands out for its experienced ability to offer guests authentic traditional Roman cuisine. Do not miss classic favorites like the crispy Jewish-style artichoke; *mezze maniche all'amatriciana*; *tonnarelli cacio e pepe; spaghetti alla carbonara;* salt cod; veal *saltimbocca alla romana*; tripe, grilled lamb, and roast suckling pig.

Roma Sparita
Open Tue–Sat, 12:30–2:30pm and 7:30–11:30pm. Sun12:30-2:30pm. Piazza S. Cecilia, 24. Tel 065800757. (€€/€€€) romasparita.com
Map D3
This nice restaurant has an enviable location in the large piazza in front of the church of S. Cecilia, a friendly atmosphere and, of course, authentic Roman cuisine. Succulent dishes include their famous *tagliolini cacio e pepe,* served in a bowl made of cheese, dried salt cod; grilled calamari; oxtails in tomato sauce, and pizza baked in wood-burning oven.

Vitti Osteria & Cantina
Open daily 12noon-11pm. Piazza della Torretta, 38. Tel 0683776617. (€€/€€€) vittiosteria.it Map B3
A stone's throw from the House of Parliament, Vitti Osteria & Cantina welcomes patrons in a pleasantly retro-looking indoor dining space or in the comfortable outdoor patio. The classic menu, based on Roman tradition, is enhanced by selected local ingredients and features tasty specialties such as *tonnarelli cacio e pepe*; *rigatoni alla carbonara*; *risotto alla pescatora*; Roman-style artichoke; *veal saltimbocca*; saltcod with tomato, olives and capers as well

The luxury of simplicity



A classic Roman eatery known for its tasty dishes, **Settimio all'Arancio** offers a homey atmosphere with a refreshingly informal service. All ingredients are carefully selected according to their natural seasonality. Bread, pasta, and desserts are made in-house, using the finest butter, meats from top farms, and fish sourced from the nearby Mediterranean coast. The menu features a variety of meat-based specialties, such as grilled lamb with artichokes, beef *tagliata* with *cardoncelli* mushrooms, and slow-roasted Iberian suckling pig with potatoes. Seafood dishes are also prominent, including tuna tataki with sautéed asparagus, stuffed squid with *pappa al pomodoro* (tomato bread soup), and a fillet of turbot in a crispy potato crust.
Among the first courses are homemade spinach *gnocchi* with butter and Parmesan, or *scialatielli* with pistachio, swordfish, and eggplant, as well as cuttlefish and chickpea soup. The indulgent finale is provided by a choice of homemade desserts, such as *tiramisù,* crème brûlée, or *millefeuille* with wild berries, all paired with a comprehensive selection of Italian wines. The outdoor seating area is very popular in the warmer months.
Via dell'Arancio, 50. Tel 066876119. settimioallarancio.it







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ITALIAN CUISINE

Camponeschi
Open Mon-Sat, 7:30pm-midnight. Piazza Farnese, 50/50a. Tel 066874927 (€€€) ristorantecamponeschi.it Map C3
Experience a truly Italian culinary excellence at Camponeschi in the exclusive location of piazza Farnese. Delight in specialties paired with top wines like eggplant *parmigiana* millefeuille with smoked provola cheese, *tagliatelle* with red tuna, candied tomatoes and capers, beef Tournedos with Madeira sauce and foie gras, lobster in Carato wine sauce, and the spectacular soufflés. The adjacent wine bar offers tasty appetizers, homemade sweets, fine wines, and more.

Il Gabriello
Open Mon–Sat, 7pm–11:30pm. Via Vittoria, 51. Tel 0669940810 (€€€) ristoranteilgabriello.it Map B3
This cozy restaurant near piazza di Spagna specializes in Mediterranean cuisine with a particular emphasis on seafood dishes. Temptations from the menu include Catalan-style shellfish; assorted fish crudités; *cacio e pepe* with lime and *scampi*; *paccheri* with calamari and crustaceans; steamed scampi, Roman-style salt cod, and tuna steak with sesame. Ample wine list, cordial and attentive service.

Le Mani in Pasta
Open Tue–Sun, 12:30–3pm and 7:30–11:30pm. Via dei Genovesi, 37. Tel 065816017 (€€/€€€) Map D3
This popular restaurant is equipped with an open kitchen, where guests can "spy" on chefs busy preparing classic dishes, especially seafood: Breton oysters; *linguine* with lobster; tuna fillet in Cannonau wine sauce; oven-baked turbot with potatoes; grilled red bream or, for meat lovers, lamb chops, *saltimbocca,* or orange-flavored fillet. Those with a sweet tooth can opt for the very special *gorgonzola semifreddo*. Reservation is a must. All credit cards accepted except Diner's.

Papa Rex
Open daily 12noon-11pm. Via Aurelia, 87. Tel 06634998 (€€) paparex.it Map C1
For over three decades, Papa Rex has been a beacon of culinary excellence in the Vatican area. The four themed rooms, each adorned in classic Roman decor, offer a perfect setting for any occasion. Papa Rex holds fast to traditional local recipes, ensuring an authentic experience with every bite, from iconic Roman specialties such as *carbonara, amatriciana, saltimbocca* and stewed artichokes to an array of tantalizing meat and seafood preparations. Conclude your feast on a sweet note with an unmissable *tiramisù* or a refreshing lemon sorbet.

Piccolo Abruzzo
Open Mon-Sat 12:30-3pm and 6:30-11pm. Via Sicilia, 237. Tel 0642820176 (€€) piccoloabruzzo.it Map B4/5
An intimate restaurant, seating only 45 people, specializing in the hearty cuisine of Abruzzo. Brick walls, traditional furnishings bathed in warm hues, and baskets of cheeses and cold cuts make patrons feel at home. Each dish is prepared according to an authentic regional recipe book: *mezze maniche* with broccoli and sausage; *amatriciana, arrosticini* (skewers of grilled lamb); beef *straccetti* with arugula and *ciambelline al vino* (wine donuts). Outdoor seating available.

Rinaldi al Quirinale
Open daily, 12noon–3pm and 7–11:30pm. Via Parma, 11a. Tel 0647825171 (€€€) rinaldialquirinale.com Map C4
Within this refined dining venue, savor the finest meat and seafood delicacies. Indulge in specialties crafted from primary ingredients: red tuna carpaccio; French oysters; Pata Negra ham; *tagliolini* with lobster; grilled *scampi* and prawns; beef tenderloin with black truffle accompanied by an extensive wine selection boasting over 3,000 labels.

Sant'Anna
Open Mon-Sat, 12noon-3pm and 7-11:30pm. Via di Sant'Anna, 8/9. Tel 0668307190 (€€) ristorantesantanna.it Map C3
The chef of restaurant Sant'Anna does his daily shopping at the nearby Campo de' Fiori market, giving each dish a distinctly Roman

We all love beef



Beef Bazaar specializes in what its name suggests—premium beef, sourced both locally and from the world over. The menu boasts a diverse selection, including Italian chianina, American and Japanese wagyu, Prussian-style beef from Poland, Spanish and Finnish cuts, and Australian red meat. These are served in a variety of preparations, from roulades and tartares, carpaccios to filets, entrecôtes, and hearty steaks like rib-eye and T-bone. This New York-style restaurant focuses on bringing the finest beef from across the globe into one place, offering an unparalleled selection of top-quality cuts which are proudly displayed in an impressive glass showcase. Craving a juicy burger? Beef Bazaar has you covered, offering both classic burgers and a range of gourmet options that are sure to satisfy. For dessert, try sweet temptations like waffles with Oreo ice cream, coconut, and hazelnut cream, or crepes filled with hazelnut cream or peach jam.
Via Germanico, 136. Tel 0669402150. beefbazaar.com







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RESTAURANTS & CAFES

flavor. Though fish prevails, meat recipes from the Roman tradition also have a strong presence: *spaghetti alla Pierrot* (spicy seafood) or *al profumo di bosco* (with *porcini* mushrooms); gilthead bream baked in rock salt; veal *saltimbocca* and *torta della nonna* (pine nut cake). Crunchy pizza is also available.

Siciliainbocca
Open daily 12:30-3pm and 7:30-11:30pm. Via Faà di Bruno, 26.
Tel 0637358400 (€€€)
siciliainbocca.com
Map A1
In a lively, island-themed atmosphere, savor authentic Sicilian delicacies like the succulent warm octopus salad; typical *arancini* (fried rice balls); handmade *maccaroncelli* pasta alla Norma (fried eggplant and *ricotta* cheese); classic eggplant *parmigiana*; or swordfish rolls. For a sweet finale, choose between the irresistible *cannoli* or the traditional Sicilian *cassata*. Complement your meal with a selection of regional wines and enjoy attentive, friendly service throughout your dining experience.

Trattoria da Luigi
Open Tue-Sun 12noon-12midnight.
Piazza Sforza Cesarini, 23/24. Tel 066865946/0668805463 (€€)
trattoriadaluigi.com Map C2
Experience true Mediterranean dining and a pleasant convivial atmosphere at restaurant da Luigi, situated in a lovely piazza near the noble palazzo that belonged to the Borgia family. Among the house specialties there's octopus *carpaccio,* balestra-style zucchini blossoms (grilled, not fried); baked turbot with potatoes; roasted suckling pig; and wild berries with ice-cream. Nice and attentive service, good wine list.

SEAFOOD

Bistrot del Mare
Open Tue-Sat 7:30-11pm. Via dei Banchi Nuovi, 51. Tel: 0668192228.
(€€€) bistrotdelmare.com Map C2
A deluxe bistro, accented with maritime tones and blue mosaics. Depending on the catch of the day and the chef's whimsical touch, you might try: sea bass or gilt-head bream with red Tropea onion; linguine sautéed with baby squid, cherry tomatoes and mullet bottarga; salt-crusted sea bass; a grand display of crustaceans and anglerfish in Catalan sauce. To end on a high note, indulge in glazed puff pastries with Chantilly cream and hot chocolate sauce. Equipped with a prestigious cellar and efficient service.

Matermatuta
Via Palermo, 51. Tel 064823962.
Open Mon–Sat, 1–3pm and 7–11pm.
(€€€) matermatuta.eu Map C4/5
In a contemporary setting with a relaxing indoor garden, this gourmet restaurant offers a sophisticated dining experience with excellent service. The menu highlights ultra-fresh seafood sourced daily from the Italian coast, prepared with a creative flair. Indulge in French and Irish oysters; potato *gnocchi* with clams, bottarga and zucchini blossoms; caramelized octopus with passion fruit and mango cream; sea bass saltimbocca with potato *millefeuille*. Curated selection of about 250 labels, with a focus on high-quality Italian wines.

Pirò
Open Mon–Sat, 7pm-11pm.
Vicolo della Cancelleria, 36. Tel 0668803140 (€€€)
piroosteriadipesce.it
Map C3
Step into a contemporary, upscale seafood restaurant with a sophisticated design and a culinary approach that emphasizes seafood freshness. Every fish, mollusk, and crustacean is rigorously selected for freshness and quality, ensuring your dish will be a palate pleaser. Indulge in delicacies like tuna tartare with Taggia olives and jumbo capers, tagliolini with scampi and lime, amberjack with roasted tomatoes and almonds or black cod in parmesan fondue with porcini mushrooms.

CAFES & BISTROS

Chorus Café
Open Tue– Sat 7pm-11:30pm.
Via della Conciliazione, 4. Tel 0668892774 (€€€) choruscafe.it
Map B2
Savor unique signature cocktails and innovative dishes created by chef Arcangelo Dandini at this contemporary venue—with an art déco ambience—housed in the Auditorium Conciliazione building. Whether you're in the mood for a drink or a gourmet feast, Chorus Café offers the perfect setting and one of the most exclusive *salotti* of the city.

Vitti dal 1898
Open daily, 6am–11pm.
Piazza S. Lorenzo in Lucina, 33.
Tel 066876304. Map B3 (€€)
caffetteriavittiroma.it
Located in the charming Piazza San Lorenzo in Lucina—a fashionable part of the city perfect for watching the nicest crowds parade by—Vitti dal 1898 offers a pleasant outdoor seating area where one can indulge in gelato or homemade pastries. With a century-old tradition of pastry making, Onorio Vitti satisfies all gluttonous desires, from famous classics like Sacher Torte to Sicilian *cannoli* and chocolate rolls; every treat is crafted from cherished family recipes. The venue also serves as a restaurant, with a select menu of homemade pastas and Roman specialties.

PIZZA

La Montecarlo
Open Tue-Sun 7pm-12midnight.
Corso Vittorio Emanuele, 333.
Tel 066861877 (€/€€) Map C3
A very popular pizzeria in the area of Piazza Navona. It is always full (no reservations accepted) but service is ultrafast. They also serve *suppli*, *bruschette* and *crostini* seasoned with tasty toppings. Leave room for desserts as they are all homemade.

Baffetto
Open Wed-Mon 12noon-3:30pm and 6pm-12midnight.
Via del Governo Vecchio, 114.
Tel 066861617 (€/€€)
Map C3
The most sought-after pizzeria in Rome. Expect to wait in line for a table, and maybe even share with unfamiliar diners, as you anticipate their signature blackened, thin-crust pizza. Despite the wait, diehard pizza fans continue to return again and again.

Dar Poeta
Open daily 12noon-12midnight.
Vicolo del Bologna, 45.
Tel 065880516 (€) darpoeta.com
Map D3
The poet on the sign is the great Gioacchino Belli, to whom this vibrant, always fully-booked pizzeria in Trastevere is dedicated.

Of scampi, shrimps and oysters



Il Ristoro is a simple seafood bistro near the Vatican that offers an intimate setting with few seating options, and an ambiance dominated by the shades of the sea. The freshness and impeccable quality of the ingredients are evident, particularly in the visually striking raw seafood platter, which includes mint-flavored scampi, red and white shrimps, oysters, tuna tartare with pistachios, sea bass tartare with almonds, and salmon carpaccio.
For the main course, try the spaghetti with clams and *bottarga*, *tonnarelli* with sea bass, truffle, and *pecorino* cheese, or *tagliolini* with dentex and asparagus. Among the favorite entrées are the red tuna steak with poppy seeds, fried calamari, brandy-flambéed prawns, and sea bream fillet in a potato crust. To finish, indulge in the decadent *ricotta* and sour cherry cake or in the refreshing sorbets. The wine list, also featuring a good selection of sparkling wines and champagne, is carefully curated.
Via G. Palombini, 27. Tel 3514195622.

REDISCOVERING ANCIENT ROMAN CUISINE AT HOSTARIA ANTICA ROMA



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What makes ancient Roman cuisine unique?
Ancient Roman cooking was a sophisticated blend of tradition, local ingredients, and exotic spices from the farthest corners of the empire. The Romans mastered techniques that highlighted their love for **contrasting flavors**—sweet and savory, sour and spicy—creating dishes that are surprisingly modern in their complexity. At Hostaria Antica Roma, each dish is meticulously researched and prepared according to recipes from ancient authors such as **Marcus Gavius Apicius**, **Columella**, **Cato the Elder**, and **Virgil**, offering an authentic taste of Rome's culinary past.
Imagine dining on *isicia omentata* (succulent pork meatballs served with grape sauce), enjoying *patina cotidiana* (the Roman ancestor of *lasagna*), and finishing with *tyropatina,* a dessert similar to crème caramel but spiced with black pepper, believed by the Romans to have aphrodisiac powers.

Special Natale di Roma tasting menu
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Hostaria Antica Roma
Via Appia Antica, 176.
Tel 065132888/3487926955. hostarianticaroma.it

The pizzas are neither thick nor thin, but a perfect middle ground. Try the classic *Margherita, Bufala* or *Capricciosa* with a medium sized crust, all made with a natural 48-hour leavened dough.

Sorbillo Roma
Open daily 12noon-11pm.
Piazza Augusto Imperatore, 46.
Tel 0693571050 (€€) sorbillo.it
Map B3
Gino Sorbillo, renowned Neapolitan pizza master, brings his successful pizzeria to Rome. Decorated with white and blue majolica tiles, this lively pizzeria offers seven pizzas, as well as wines, beers, and desserts, paying homage to Rome's lucky number. Fresh ingredients are selected from artisanal producers. Fried appetizers and traditional desserts are also available. Reservations are not accepted.

INTERNATIONAL

JAPAN

Taki
Open daily 12:30pm-3:15pm and 7:30pm-12:15am. Via Marianna Dionigi, 56. Tel 063201750 (€€€) taki.it Map B3
Immerse yourself in the elegant and relaxed ambience of Taki, where Asian minimalism meets culinary excellence. With its spacious layout, Zen garden, and captivating open kitchen, Taki offers a journey through diverse tasting menus featuring sushi, sashimi, or a delightful combination, alongside a tempting à la carte selection. Be sure to savor their unique dishes, including *Hida Wagyu,* the finest beef in the world.

FRANCE

Babette
Open Tue-Sun 9.15-11:15 (breakfast) and 12:30-2:45pm and 7-11pm.
Via Margutta, 1d. Tel 063211559. (€€/€€€) babetteristorante.it
Map B3
This exquisite restaurant with a French accent welcomes patrons throughout the day, serving up delectable breakfast and brunch options. They also have a buffet and items à la carte. The menu features quiche with zucchini and spicy cheese; balls of sprouting broccoli with Brie cheese; duck breast, orange reduction, rösti and pistachios; prè-salè lamb chops with Calvados and thyme. The shelves are full of books, while the delightful inner courtyard offers shaded tables for romantic candlelit meals.

INDIA

Maharajah
Open daily 12:30-2:30 pm and 7-11.30pm. Via dei Serpenti, 124.
Tel 064747144 (€€).
maharajah1.com Map C4
This elegant restaurant offers a fascinating and tantalizing cuisine characterized by *tandoori* dishes (cooked in terracotta oven) and the spicy flavor of curry. The rich menu alternates marinated meat, fish, and vegetarian preparations: *samosa,* lentil soup, chicken *tandoori, vindaloo* lamb, *makhani paneer, rogan josh, tikka masala, gulab jamun,* pistachio *kulfi,* accompanied by Basmati rice and different types of *naan*.

MEXICO

La Cucaracha
Open daily 5-1pm. Via Mocenigo, 10a.
Tel 0639746373 (€€)
lacucaracha.it
Map B1
In a brightly colored interior La Cucaracha, guided by chef-patron Diana Beltran, offers main dishes of authentic Mexican cuisine: *enchiladas, queso fundido con chorizo, nachos con guacamole, burritos, taco shells, chili con carne, chimichanga, fajitas,* and homemade corn *tortillas*. Margarita, Tequila, sangria, fresh local beers and friendly service add to the lively atmosphere.

USA

Hard Rock Café
Open Sun-Thu 12pm–12am, and Fri-Sat 12pm-1am. Via Veneto, 62a.
Tel 064203051 (€€€) hardrock.com
Map B4
The ultimate destination for lovers of American cuisine and a cosmopolitan ambience. With its global presence and eclectic collection of rock memorabilia, it celebrates the universal language of music. Indulge in classic dishes like baby back ribs, New York strip steak, or the iconic hamburgers. Save room for desserts like cheesecake or a hot fudge brownie.

Straight from the hills of Tuscany



A rare find in the tourist-filled Trevi Fountain's area, **Chianti Osteria Toscana** offers an authentic taste of Tuscany, defying the notion that prime locations mean mediocre food. With its warm, inviting atmosphere, complete with charming outdoor seating, this restaurant delivers genuine is the perfect spot for Tuscan specialties at fair prices.
The ideal menu? Start with Tuscan *crostini* with liver pâté or a selection of cheeses paired with fruit preserves. Move on to signature pasta dishes like *fettuccine* del Chianti (with cherry tomatoes, mushrooms, and Pienza pecorino), *pappardelle* with wild boar ragù, or a comforting spelt soup. For mains, indulge in beef fillet with Colonnata lard, Brunello-braised beef, or veal rolls with truffle. End on a sweet note with chestnut *semifreddo*, or a warm chocolate tart with *mascarpone*. True to its name, the restaurant boasts an impressive Chianti-focused wine list, with selections available by the glass.
Via del Lavatore, 81. Tel 066792470. chiantiosteriatoscana.it



ROMA SPARITA
Open Tue–Sat 12:30–2:30pm and 7:30–11:30pm. Sun 12:30–2:30pm.
Piazza S. Cecilia, 24. Tel 065800757. romasparita.com

Right in the big piazza in front of the church of S. Cecilia in Trastevere, Roma Sparita offers a wide assortment of Italian and Roman classics. Start with their *eggplant parmigiana,* fried cod, or fried zucchini flowers. For pasta lovers, the *bucatini all'amatriciana* and *schiaffoni* with oxtail sauce are excellent choices. The creamy *cacio e pepe*, served in a parmesan bowl, is a must-try for true connoisseurs. Succulent main courses include roasted lamb*, tagliata* steak with either fresh artichokes or *porcini* mushrooms, and grilled prawns. Delicious pizzas with mouthwatering toppings are baked in a wood-fired oven, while homemade desserts like the warm apple pie with vanilla ice-cream will satisfy any sweet tooth. The well-stocked wine cellar provides a variety of great pairings.



IL GABRIELLO
Open Mon–Sat, 7pm–11:30pm.
Via Vittoria, 51. Tel 0669940810. ristoranteilgabriello.it

Just steps away from Piazza di Spagna, Il Gabriello celebrates pure Mediterranean cuisine featuring traditional Roman classics as well as fresh seafood, highlighted by melt-in-your-mouth *crudités*—a favorite among regular patrons. Notable dishes include *pasta cacio e pepe* with lime-infused *scampi, paccheri* with calamari and crustaceans, Catalan-style prawns, and tuna *tagliata* with sesame. Guests can also enjoy the catch of the day, prepared in the classic ways or to their liking, and finish with a gluttonous dark chocolate mousse. The cozy, Romanesque-inspired dining rooms, adorned with exposed brick arches and crystal chandeliers, create a warm and inviting atmosphere. Claudio Conti, the welcoming owner, ensures personalized service to every client.



MASTROCICCIA ROMANAMENTE NOI
Open daily 12pm-midnight. Via del Governo Vecchio, 76.
Tel 0686661806. mastrociccia.com

Just steps from Piazza Navona, culinary treasure hunters will discover Mastrociccia, a welcoming Roman osteria where traditional authentic flavors, crafted with fresh and carefully selected ingredients, can be tasted in every dish. The menu features delicious local specialties such as *spaghettoni carbonara*, homemade *tonnarelli cacio e pepe, spaghettoni Mastrociccia* (with tomato, garlic, chili, and pecorino cream), veal *saltimbocca,* grilled lamb, vaccinara-style oxtail, and mouthwatering tripe. For those with a sweet tooth, must-try homemade desserts include the ricotta cheese tart with sour cherry jam, *tiramisù*, as well as *cantucci* or *ciambelle* served with sweet passito wine from Pantelleria.



GIGGETTO AL PORTICO
Open Tue–Sun 12:30–3pm and 7:30–11pm.
Via del Portico D'Ottavia, 21a. Tel 066861105.
giggettoalportico.it

In the heart of Rome's Jewish quarter, close to the Portico d'Ottavia, the neighborhood's deep-rooted traditions remain firmly planted. Giggetto, managed by the Ceccarelli family for three generations, is a true landmark of this essential part of Roman culinary heritage. Giggetto is known for its mouthwatering local specialties, such as crispy Jewish-style artichokes, fried salt cod and zucchini flowers stuffed with mozzarella and anchovies. The menu also features a variety of classic dishes, including *amatriciana, carbonara,* and other Roman favorites like tripe, *pagliata alla cacciatora* (lamb offal), oxtail, and cuttlefish with peas. The wine list is extensive and the service is amiable and informal, much like the hospitality of a typical Roman *osteria.*

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OSTERIA LE STREGHE DAL 1920

Open Mon–Sat 12noon-3:30pm and 7-11:30pm.
Sun 12noon-3:30pm. Vicolo del Curato, 13.
Tel 066878182.

Just steps away from Castel Sant'Angelo, Osteria Le Streghe dal 1920 captivates gourmets with its flair for traditional Roman cuisine. At the heart of the experience are the fresh, seasonal ingredients, which the chef transforms into authentically flavorful Roman dishes. Start your meal with a typical Jewish-style artichoke, followed by a choice of *mezze maniche all'amatriciana* with Norcia *guanciale, spaghetti alla carbonara*, or *tonnarelli cacio e pepe*. As main course, indulge in classic local favorites like *saltimbocca alla romana*, tripe, *abbacchio scottadito* (grilled lamb chops), *maialino al forno* (roast piglet), or savor their special salt cod "Le Streghe". Round off your experience with an irresistible homemade dessert, like the *caprese* tart or the warm chocolate fondant with a soft center. Well-stocked wine cellar.



PICCOLO ABRUZZO

Open Mon-Sat 12:30pm-3pm and 6:30-11pm.
Via Sicilia, 237. Tel 0642820176. piccoloabruzzo.it

Welcome to Piccolo Abruzzo, a warm and intimate restaurant near Via Veneto, run with passion by Massimiliano and Domenica, specializing in the hearty regional cuisine of the Abruzzo. Brick walls, traditional furnishings bathed in warm hues, and baskets of cheeses and cold cuts make patrons feel at home. Each dish is prepared according to an authentic regional tradition: *mezze maniche* with broccoli and sausage; risotto with saffron and truffle; homemade *pappardelle* in a wild boar sauce; *abbacchio scottadito, arrosticini* (grilled lamb kebabs listed among the top 10 Roman restaurants to try this typical Abruzzo specialty), beef *tagliata* with *porcini* mushrooms, and delicious homemade desserts. The wine cellar features a good selection and the atmosphere is pleasantly familiar. Outdoor seating available.



LE MANI IN PASTA

Open daily 12:30–3pm and 7:30–11:30pm.
Via dei Genovesi, 37. Tel 065816017.

Secluded within the charming, winding streets of Trastevere, this cozy restaurant is celebrated for its exceptional Italian cuisine. A favorite among locals, it offers traditional Roman dishes crafted with the freshest seasonal ingredients. The dedicated staff ensures every guest feels at home and the chef showcases his expertise by using top-quality produce, meats, seafood, and other local specialties. Begin your meal with a first course like the *linguine* with lobster or the flavorful homemade *ravioli.* As an entrée, the baked turbot with sea bass and potatoes is a standout, though there's an extensive selection of meat and seafood options. For dessert, treat yourself to a classic tiramisù or venture into something special like the *semifreddo al gorgonzola.* Due to its popularity and lively atmosphere, it's recommended to book a table in advance.



PAPA REX

Open daily 12noon–11pm. Via Aurelia, 87
(St. Peter's/Vatican). Tel 06634998. paparex.it

Just a short walk from the the Vatican, Papa Rex has been delighting gourmets with its flavorful dishes for decades. The restaurant offers four uniquely themed rooms, each embellished with traditional Roman decor, providing the perfect setting for everything from a relaxed meal to a special event. At Papa Rex, authentic Italian and Roman cuisine remain at the heart of the menu, using only the finest ingredients sourced from the Roman countryside. Enjoy tasty classics like *carbonara, amatriciana, saltimbocca alla romana,* or stewed artichokes, along with a wide selection of meat and seafood dishes. Complement your meal with a fine red or white wine from the restaurant's extensive collection. To end on a sweet note, indulge in desserts such as *tiramisù* or refreshing lemon sorbet. All credit cards accepted.



HOSTARIA ANTICA ROMA

Open Tue–Sun, 12:15–2:45pm and 7:30–11pm.
Sun 12.15-3pm. Via Appia Antica, 176. Tel 065132888.
hostarianticaroma.it

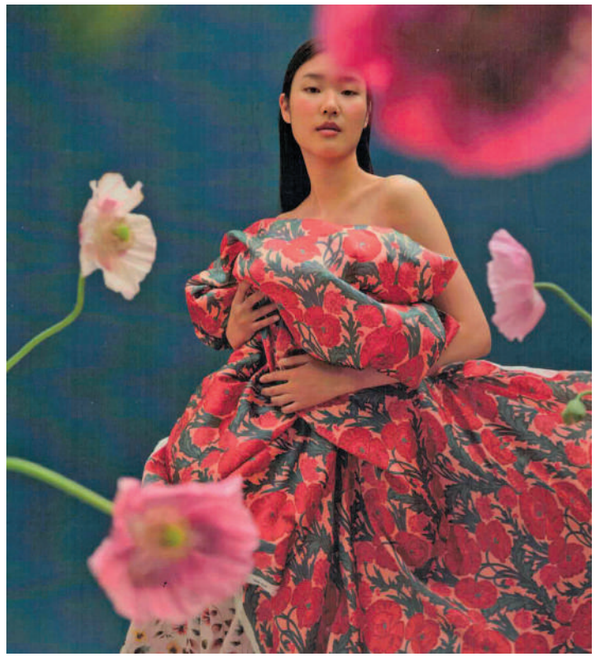
Since 1982, the Magnanimi family has welcomed guests to Hostaria Antica Roma, where history and gastronomy intertwine. Nestled on the Appian Way, surrounded by a centuries-old park, it offers a peaceful escape just 10 minutes from the Colosseum. Inspired by historical research on Ancient Rome, the menu revives forgotten flavors: *Patina Cotidiana*, *Esicia Omentata* (Roman meatballs), *Pollo Oxizomum,* stuffed guinea fowl, deboned rabbit, lamb, and suckling pig. Homemade desserts include *tiramisù* and the *Cassata di Oplontis.* The Italian wine list complements the experience. At the heart of it all is host Paolo, who will guide you through his world of history and cuisine. In warm seasons, guests can dine in the garden, away from the city's hustle, for an unforgettable journey through time.



VITTI DAL 1898

Open daily 6am–11pm. Piazza S. Lorenzo in Lucina, 33.
Tel 066876304. caffetteriavittiroma.it

Overlooking the charming Piazza San Lorenzo in Lucina, this renowned outdoor café is the ideal place to savor a delicious gelato or a homemade pastry, all while soaking in the sights of Rome's trendiest crowd. The culinary magic is thanks to Onorio Vitti, who continues his family's proud century-old legacy of crafting exceptional pastries. Each cake and dessert, from the famed Sacher Torte to Sicilian *cannoli, cassata*, and decadent chocolate rolls, is made from recipes passed down through generations. For a more relaxed experience, you can simply sip a coffee or tea in one of Rome's most elegant and stlylish piazzas, a true *salotto en plein air.* Vitti dal 1898 is also a restaurant, offering a carefully curated menu featuring homemade pasta and Roman delicacies, paired with a well-selected wine list.





WOVEN DREAMS

With more than a century of expertise, Casa del Tessuto has the perfect fabrics to fulfill all your desires

Have you ever dreamed of designing your own custom garment? Then look no further than **Casa del Tessuto**. Located in the heart of Rome's eclectic Esquilino neighborhood, this legendary textile boutique has been a fashion destination since 1927, offering a vast array of fabrics designed for every imaginable purpose.

From timeless silks to lush velvets, delicate lace to rich cashmere, this shop is a fabric lover's dream. Whether you're looking for the perfect cotton for a summer dress, or luxurious wool for a tailored suit, Casa del Tessuto has you covered. It's a haven for all kinds of materials—think bold prints, understated solids, and even modern, technical fabrics like lycra, faux leather, and microfibre.
The store's offerings cater to a wide range of needs and tastes. Brides-to-be can explore an exquisite selection of fabrics ideal for wedding gowns, while grooms will find an impressive array of high-end suit textiles. But it's not just about fashion; Casa del Tessuto also provides materials for ecclesiastical vestments, sportswear, and home decor. You'll find luxurious fabrics for everything from curtains to tablecloths, and even home linens like sheets, towels, and bathrobes, sourced from prestigious brands like Alviero Martini 1° Classe, Missoni, and Nazareno Gabrielli.

A standout feature of the store is its exclusively Italian selection of Liberty fabrics, together with the iconic British cottons renowned for their intricate patterns and superb quality.
Plus, if you're in the market for men's suits, the boutique offers an expertly curated selection from DEA, the manufacturer behind Ermenegildo Zegna's fabrics.

Via dello Statuto, 64/66. Tel 064872813. casadeltessuto.com

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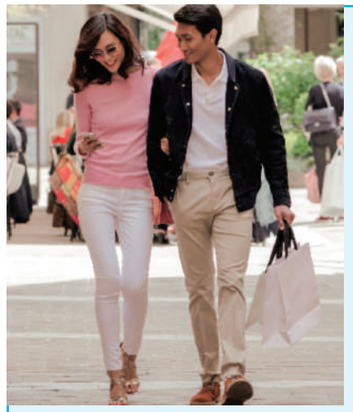
Alberta Ferretti
Open daily 10am–7pm.
Via dei Condotti, 34. Tel 066991160.
albertaferretti.com Map B3/4
Alberta Ferretti's style is characterized by ethereal, romantic, and feminine aesthetics. Her designs often feature delicate fabrics, intricate embellishments, flowing silhouettes, and a refined sense of elegance, evoking a timeless and sophisticated allure.

Balenciaga
Open daily 11am–7pm. Piazza di Spagna, 67e. Tel 0687502260.
balenciaga.com Map B4
Renowned for its avant-garde, bold, and innovative designs, this exclusive brand spotlights dramatic silhouettes, oversized proportions, experimental cuts, and a fusion of streetwear with high fashion, pushing the boundaries of conventional style.

Boggi Milano
Open daily 10:30am-8pm. Piazza Venezia, 11. Tel 0686810160. Map C4. Via del Babuino, 38. Tel 0632651256. Map B3/4. Via Cola di Rienzo, 266. Tel 0668807902 boggi.it Map B2.
Boggi offers stylish, high-quality Italian menswear, blending classic and contemporary designs for the modern man that are sophisticated, elegant, and distinctive. Collections include overcoats, smart tweed jackets, ties, shoes, belts and other classy accessories.

Bottega Veneta
Open daily, 10am–7pm. Via dei Condotti, 59. Tel. 0669797535.
bottegaveneta.com Map B3/4
Bottega Veneta is celebrated for its understated luxury and impeccable craftsmanship. The brand's signature *intrecciato* weave, minimalist designs, and high-quality materials define its aesthetic, matching modernity with timeless elegance.

Brioni
Open Mon–Sat 10am–7pm; Sun, 11am–7pm. Via dei Condotti, 21a. Tel. 066783428. brioni.com Map B3/4
Brioni epitomizes luxury menswear with its meticulously tailored suits, exquisite fabrics, and Italian craftsmanship. Known for classic elegance and refinement, Brioni is a symbol of sophisticated and classic Italian style.



Tax-Free Shopping for Non-EU Travelers

VAT Refund Eligibility and Conditions
Non-EU residents have the opportunity to receive a refund on the Value Added Tax (VAT) for goods purchased within the EU, under specific conditions:
Eligible Purchases: Only goods intended for personal or family use are eligible for a VAT refund. Services provided by hotels, restaurants, taxis, or agencies are not eligible.

Minimum Purchase Amount: The total value of the goods must exceed €70,01 (including VAT).

Documentation: A valid invoice is required. This invoice must include a description of the goods, the purchaser's personal information, and passport details or an equivalent document.

Exportation Timeline: The goods must leave the EU territory by the end of the third month following the month of purchase.
Customs Formalities: All necessary customs procedures must be followed.

Invoice Submission: The invoice must be returned to the retailer within four months of purchase if customs validation involves a manual stamp.

VAT Refund Process
Before Departure: When leaving the EU, present your passport, the Tax-Free forms, and the unused purchases to the customs office for validation.

Customs Validation: Customs will validate your Tax-Free form. The validated form is necessary to process your refund.

Refund Methods: Refunds can be issued in various ways, including cash, credit card, or digital wallet, depending on the VAT refund operator.

Where to get refunds: Refund facilities are available at major international airports, border crossings, and many department stores, which often have Tax-Free refund offices.

Special Services
For a premium experience, you can visit the Global Blue VIP Lounge in Piazza di Spagna. Their multilingual staff offers detailed assistance with the VAT refund process and ensures a smooth experience.

Global Blue VIP Lounge
Piazza di Spagna, 29. Tel 066793899. globalblue.com
This service is designed to make your VAT refund process seamless and straightforward, ensuring you can enjoy your shopping experience without unnecessary hassle.



The go-to destination for **oversize men's clothing**, Extra Large showcases comfortable and stylish apparel from the best brands like **Bugatti, Green Coast** and **Alan Paine** large sizes ranging from 58 to 80 - and right in the center of Rome. This elegant store carries the largest selection in town of shirts in various styles and patterns, comfortable-fitting pants and jeans, jackets, blazers, T-shirts, polos, sweaters, **plus size**, underwear, and swimwear up to size 80. Its high-quality **large sizes** suit every taste with absolute comfort and excellent fit. Additionally, customers have access to a custom tailoring service specializing in plus sizes, and an expert will assist them in creating the perfect suit for every body shape and need.

VIA BARBERINI, 70/72. TEL 0642884377 **extralargeroma.it**

Brunello Cucinelli
Open daily 10am–7pm.
Via Borgognona, 33. Tel 066787680.
brunellocucinelli.com Map B3/4
Brunello Cucinelli blends luxurious fabrics (cashmere) with understated elegance, emphasizing fine craftsmanship and ethical production. The brand represents a sophisticated, casual-chic style with a focus on quality and sustainability.

Bulgari
Open daily 11am–7pm.
Via dei Condotti, 10. Tel 06696261.
bulgari.com Map B3/4
Renowned worldwide for its opulent jewelry and luxury goods, featuring bold designs, vibrant gemstones, and Italian craftsmanship, Bulgari designs are unmatched and immediately catch the eye with their distinct originality.

Cartier
Open daily 10am–7pm.
Via dei Condotti, 82. Tel 06696751.
cartier.com Map B3/4
With a tradition of French jewelry design of over 130 years Cartier is famous for its unique creations, precious stones and exclusive timepieces.

Céline
Open daily 10am–7pm. Via dei Condotti, 20a. Tel 066787594.
celine.com Map B3/4
Celine embodies modern, minimalist luxury with a focus on clean lines, sophisticated tailoring, and effortless elegance. The brand is known for its chic, contemporary Parisian style.

Damiani
Open daily 10am–7pm. Via dei Condotti, 84. Tel 0669200477.
damiani.com
Map B3/4
Damiani is synonymous with exquisite craftsmanship, exclusive elegance, and unparalleled luxury, creating heirloom-quality pieces adorned with precious gems, representing Italian glamour at its best expression..

Dior
Open daily 10am–7pm. Via dei Condotti, 1. Tel 0669924489.
Map B3/4. Piazza di Spagna, 70. Tel 0669190944. dior.com Map B4
Dior means glamour and haute couture sophistication, blending classic elegance with modern innovation and beauty.

Dolce & Gabbana
Open daily 10:30am–7:30pm. Via dei Condotti, 49. Tel 0669924999.
dolcegabbana.com Map B3/4
Italian luxury brand, much beloved by celebrities, known for original and innovative designs, bold prints, and glamorous style which never go out of fashion.

Emporio Armani
Open daily 10:30am–7:30pm. Via del Babuino, 140. Tel 063221581.
armani.com Map B3/4
A contemporary fashion line created by Giorgio Armani offering modern, sophisticated clothing and accessories with a focus on urban elegance.

Ermanno Scervino
Open Mon-Sun 10am-7pm. Piazza di Spagna, 34. Tel 066793173
ermannoscervino.com
Map B4
Ermanno Scervino's authentic Italian ethos, rooted in craftsmanship traditions, fuels unique creations embodying the dynamic spirit of the modern woman. Blending haute couture and prêt-à-porter, he pioneers couture-à-porter, merging know-how, creative experimentation, and technology for excellence.

Etro
Open Mon–Sat 10am–7pm. Via del Babuino, 102. Tel 06678825.
etro.com Map B3/4
This Milanese designer creates everything from silk scarves to waistcoats, splendid bags and belts as well as jackets and ties in the finest of fabrics.

Fendi
Open daily, 10am–7:30pm. Largo Goldoni, 420. Tel 0633450896.
fendi.com Map B3
The style, creativity and high craftmanship by Fendi are present in every article, from leather goods and ready-to-wear bags, the sports apparel and accessories, to the luxury line.

Giorgio Armani
Open daily 10:30am–7:30pm. Via dei Condotti, 77. Tel 066991460.
armani.com
Map B3/4
Understated, sublimely elegant, Armani's men and women are always unmistakably at ease. Delicately strong day-wear and evening designs inevitably leave a memorable mark.

Fashion passion

Rome's ten best shopping streets



We've scanned the city for the best shopping in town. Read below to satisfy all your shopping needs.

Via dei Condotti: Deluxe fashion
Renowned for its luxury boutiques, high-end fashion brands such as Gucci and Armani, and its elegant atmosphere, this pedestrian-friendly street culminates at the Spanish Steps and is a favorite among fashion lovers.

Via Borgognona: Designer boutiques
Elegant boutiques, designer stores such as Missoni and Marina Rinaldi, and a refined ambiance.

Via Frattina: Trendy fashion and stylish boutiques
A vibrant street featuring a blend of stylish boutiques such as Gente, Marella or Max & Co., trendy fashion stores like Intimissimi, and cozy cafes.

Via del Corso: Popular chains
A long, bustling shopping street that connects Piazza del Popolo with Piazza Venezia. Known for its diverse mix of stores, and popular chains ranging from Gap, Swatch, and Adidas to Zara and H&M.

Via del Babuino: Art, antiques, and boutiques
This glamorous street is known for its art galleries and antique shops, also featuring specialist fashion stores.

Via Cola di Rienzo: High-street vibe
A lively shopping street known for its mix of popular fashion brands, local shops, and eateries.

Via Appia Nuova: The ultimate local shopping experience
A frantic shopping street offering a mix of trendy boutiques, department stores, local shops, and eateries.

Viale America (EUR): Contemporary shopping at its finest
A modern shopping street featuring contemporary stores, business centers, and dining options.

Via dei Serpenti: Bohemian flair
A charming shopping street known for its eclectic mix of vintage shops, artisanal boutiques, map and print shops, and quaint little cafés.

Via del Governo Vecchio: Old world charm and antiques
A historic street lined with antique shops, independent boutiques, and snug cafés. Unique finds, bargains and a nostalgic atmosphere.

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For over 60 years, goldsmith Fabio Feriozzi and his workshop have chosen to forgo mass-produced jewelry in favor of creating bespoke, one-of-a-kind pieces. By skillfully combining the finest precious metals and gemstones with the distinct vision and personality of each client, Feriozzi crafts jewels of exceptional quality—true heirlooms designed to last for generations. His creations, which display meticulous craftsmanship and unwavering pursuit of excellence, transcend simple adornment, becoming small works of art that embody both tradition and personal significance. Whether hailing from his curated collection or bringing to life a unique vision, each piece is a reflection of decades of expertise, passion, and artistry.

Open Mon–Fri, 9:30am–6pm.
Via dell'Orso, 65/66. Tel 066868349. feriozzi.it

Gucci
Open daily 10am–7pm. Via dei Condotti, 8. Tel 066790405. gucci.com Map B3/4
Gucci has always been one of the leading world producers of luxury accessories and clothing. Quality materials, a craftsman's care, avant-garde design and attention to the evolution of lifestyles are the key to Gucci's constant success.

Hermès
Open daily 10:30am–7pm. Via dei Condotti, 67. Tel 066791882. Map B3/4. Via Bocca di Leone, 23. Tel 066791882. hermes.com Map B4
The legendary Maison sells its fabulous *carrés*, dreamy bags and French fashion accessories for both men and women. Exclusive household goods, luxurious cotton lines and leather jewels are all available at this elegant boutique.

Louis Vuitton
Open daily 10am–7:30pm. Piazza di S. Lorenzo in Lucina, 41. Tel 02006608888. Map B3. Via dei Condotti, 13. Tel 02006608888. louisvuitton.com Map B3/4
Style and luxury made to travel in all shapes and sizes for every moment of the day is the hallmark of this French institution. Classic lines and rich forms guarantee the right look in any setting.

Miu Miu
Open Mon–Sat 10:30am–7:30pm; Sun, 10am–7pm. Via del Babuino, 91. Tel 0636004884. miumiu.com Map B3/4
Miu Miu, a fashion brand by Miuccia Prada, offers avant-garde designs with a playful edge, blending sophistication and youthfulness in its collections.

Moncler
Open Mon–Sat 10:30am–7:30pm; Sun, 11am–7pm. Piazza di Spagna, 77. Tel 0669940292. moncler.com Map B4
Moncler specializes in high-end outerwear. Its iconic quilted jackets merge style with functionality, matching luxury and warmth for the modern adventurer.

Moschino
Open daily 10:30am–7:30pm. Via del Babuino, 156. Tel 066781144. moschino.com Map B3/4
Moschino fashion style is immediately recognizable for its playful and eccentric designs, often incorporating bold colors, pop culture references, and humor.

Prada
Open Mon–Sat 10am–7:30pm; Sun, 10am–7pm. Via dei Condotti, 92/95 (women's). Via dei Condotti, 88 (men's). Tel 066790897. prada.com Map B3/4
One of the most exclusive Italian fashion brands, Prada interprets avant-garde luxury, joining minimalist elegance with bold innovation. Known for its iconic nylon bags, Prada sets trends with its boundary-pushing designs and impeccable craftsmanship.

Saint Laurent
Open daily 10am–7pm. Via dei Condotti, 79. Tel. 0687503100. Map B3/4. Piazza di S. Lorenzo in Lucina, 17. Tel 066795577. ysl.com Map B3
The famous French luxury fashion house mingles rock 'n' roll chic and Parisian elegance. Its iconic designs feature sleek silhouettes, edgy details, and classic sophistication.

Salvatore Ferragamo
Open daily 10:30am–7:30pm. Via dei Condotti, 65. Tel 066781130 (men's). Via dei Condotti, 73. Tel. 066791565 (women's). ferragamo.com Map B3/4
This Made in Italy's authoritative ambassador worldwide is celebrated for its exquisite craftsmanship, innovative designs, and distinguished elegance in footwear, leather goods, and accessories.

Sergio Rossi
Open daily 10am–7pm. Via dei Condotti, 22. Tel 066783985. sergiorossi.com Map B3/4
A leader in Made-in-Italy footwear, Sergio Rossi expresses an unmistakable style that represents the classy woman who loves to stand out with one-of-a-kind shoes, crafted with artistic flair, using the finest materials.

Valentino
Open daily 10am–7:30pm. Piazza di Spagna, 38. Tel 0694515710. valentino.com Map B4
Valentino is known worldwide as a paradigm of haute couture and unsurpassed beauty. The woman envisioned by Valentino is irresistibly feminine and seductive, and continues to thrill with delicate evening dresses, ready-to-wear items, handbags and exclusive accessories while Valentino's men are icons of the contemporary scene.

Versace
Open Mon–Sat 10am–7pm; Sun 10:30am–7pm. Piazza di Spagna, 12. Tel 066780521. versace.com Map B4
Versace style emphasizes bold luxury with vibrant prints, opulent fabrics, and daring silhouettes. It blends Italian glamour with provocative elements, creating iconic and unforgettable fashion statements.

Zegna
Open daily 10am–7:30pm. Via Borgognona, 7e. Tel 0669940678. zegna.com Map B4
Zegna has grown into the world's leading luxury menswear brand. It's renowned for impeccable Italian craftsmanship, material expertise and a pioneering approach to creating harmony with nature.

ACCESSORIES

By Valenti
Open daily 9am–8pm. Via del Boschetto, 134. Tel 3899080705 byvalentiofficial.com Map C4
A 100%-Italian fashion brand born from the creative vision of designer Alessia Valenti. Her refined collections include handbags, necklaces, bracelets, cashmere scarves, and unique pieces of high-end costume jewelry. To elevate your wardrobe for any occasion, Alessia selects only the finest materials, such as luxurious satin fabrics, precious wools, and soft linen.

Chez Dédé
Open Mon-Sat 11am-7:30pm. Via di Monserrato, 35. Tel 0683772934. chezdede.com Map C2/3
A chic French-Italian boutique offering exclusive collections of accessories, fashion, and home décor (scarves, bags, candles, perfumes, toiletry kits, stationery, T-shirts and more) alongside small éditions de charme and collaborations with worldwide luxury brands. Italian craftsmanship, exquisite materials, nonchalance and esprit de finesse are the distinctive features of the brand, bursting with vibrant colors and playful combinations, resulting in truly distinctive pieces. There's an assortment of belts and leather accessories.

La Cravatta su Misura
Open Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. Via

Score big savings at McArthur-Glen Designer Outlet Castel Romano



Located just south of Rome, **McArthur-Glen Designer Outlet Castel Romano** offers an unparalleled shopping experience where luxury meets affordability. This expansive outdoor mall is home to top-tier Italian and international designer brands, with discounts of up to 70% off regular prices all year round. You can snag your dream designer items for what you'd typically pay for more modest labels.
Since opening in 2003, the outlet has become a popular shopping destination for both locals and savvy tourists. While it echoes the style of large American outdoor malls like LA's iconic The Grove, Castel Romano boasts its own distinct Italian flair. The shopping area is thoughtfully designed, with monobrand stores clustered around charming *piazzas*, each featuring striking installations, such as a life-sized T-Rex skeleton and a towering bronze sculpture of an African elephant.
With over 150 stores to explore, there's something for everyone. From haute couture Italian fashion designers like Alberta Ferretti, Armani, Aspesi, Dolce & Gabbana, Etro, Ferragamo, Missoni, Versace, and Valentino, to premium sportswear brands like Converse, Nike, Adidas, and Lacoste, the variety is impressive. High-end international labels such as Coach, Jimmy Choo, Michael Kors, Swarovski and Tommy Hilfiger are also represented, ensuring a wide range of styles for every taste.
For families, there are excellent kids' fashion options from brands like Petit Bateau and Primigi, while accessories from Furla and Gallo, plus lingerie from Calvin Klein and Yamamay, make it easy to find that perfect finishing touch.
So why brave the high prices of Via Condotti when you can enjoy a day of designer shopping at Castel Romano? Your wardrobe and your wallet will thank you.
Via Ponte di Piscina Cupa, 64. Tel 065050050. mcarthurglen.com

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Metastasio, 17. Tel 0689016941. cravattasumisura.it Map C3
This boutique/workshop specialized in classy ties offers a range of Italian-made fabrics, from pure silk to wool, in both patterned and solid colors, catering to even the most demanding tastes. In addition to bespoke pieces, the store provides a diverse selection of ready-to-wear options, including classic regimental stripes, elegant plain styles in modern tones, as well as exquisite foulards, pochettes, and scarves.

Pas Vu'
Open daily 11am–7pm. Via del Pellegrino, 88. Tel 0688922708. Map C3
Near Campo de' Fiori, a modern atelier and boutique offering a collection of handcrafted, one-of-a-kind pieces. Each item is conceived and meticulously manufactured on the premises, ensuring originality and uniqueness. Featuring contemporary designs, the selection includes bags, purses, jewelry (like distinctive bracelets), small accessories, and other creations—all made from the finest Italian leather, and suitable for all tastes and every budget.

Retropose
Open daily 10:30am-1:30pm and 2:30-7:30pm. Via del Pellegrino, 60. Tel 06688804574. retropose.com Map C3
A studio and boutique focused on creating bags with unique geometric designs crafted from soft, buttery leather in vivid colors. Every handmade piece merges classic Italian craftsmanship with striking, modern aesthetics, ideal for either enhancing any outfit. These bags and accessories achieve a perfect blend of beauty, elegance and functionality.

Revolution Vintage
Open daily, 10:30am–1:30pm and 4:30–7:30pm. Via della Scrofa, 69. Tel 06164162880. Map B/C3
This boutique, located in the Pantheon area, specializes in luxury vintage and second-hand handbags and fine accessories. It features an ever-evolving selection of pieces from the most exclusive brands, with new arrivals daily. Discover collections from iconic names such as Hermès, Louis Vuitton, Chanel, Dior, Givenchy, Saint Laurent, Gucci, Fendi, Dolce & Gabbana, Bottega Veneta, Stella McCartney, Valentino, Versace, and many more.

Art in every reflection



If you're not planning to travel to Venice but are on the lookout for something peculiar and authentic, head to **Murano Più,** an original Murano glass gallery located just a few steps from Piazza Navona. Offering a vast selection of Murano glass creations ranging from delicate souvenirs to grand, breathtaking chandeliers, the shop is a testament to the skill and craftsmanship of the Venetian masters.
Inside, visitors can marvel at a staggering assortment of meticulously handmade and blown glass items, including stunning glasses, intricate mirrors, elegant vases, and captivating sculptures. Murano Più also showcases a variety of functional objects, such as beautifully crafted furniture, all of which bear the signature of the renowned Murano artisans. At Murano Più you can not only explore the dazzling array of products but also gain insight into the rich tradition of Murano glassblowing. Whether you're seeking a small, unique memento or a statement piece for your home, Murano Più offers something for every taste and budget, ensuring that each visitor leaves with a piece of Venetian heritage.

Corso Rinascimento, 43. Tel 0668808038. murano-roma.com

BEAUTY & WELLNESS

Genco Sala da Barba
Open Mon 3–7:30pm, Tue–Sat 9am–7:30pm. Via dei Portoghesi, 17. Tel 066869881. gencosaladabarba.com Map C3
Full-service, modern barber shop located in a charming ancient palazzo. Here you can get an old-fashioned shave with artisanal soap, and a calendula and argan oil hydrating treatment. They also provide scalp massages, anti-hair loss treatments, beard conditioning, and full facials.

H&B
Open Mon–Sat 9am–7pm. Piazza della Rovere, 112/113/114. Tel 0668307889. hairbeautyrome.com Map C2
An elegant salon near the Vatican, operated by an international team of Aveda-trained professionals, offering a complete range of services, including hair and body treatments, manicures, pedicures, facials, laser hair removal, make-up, perfumery, and various massage therapies. In the hair spa, you can have your hair type analyzed and choose from a selection of treatments, cuts, coloring, and styling options.

BOOKSHOPS

Anglo American Book
Open Mon-Sat 9am-6pm. Via della Vite, 27. Tel 066789657 aab.it Map B4
Established in 1953, the premier independent english bookshop in Rome with 40,000 books. They also carry audiobooks, textbooks, special needs books, DVDs, games, notebooks, flashcards, tote bags, and more.

Libreria Feltrinelli International
Open daily 9am–8pm. Via V.E. Orlando, 84/86. Tel 0291947777. lafeltrinelli.it Map B5
Close to Termini train station, premier bookstore offering a wide selection of international books, magazines, gadgets, and media in multiple languages.

CLOTHING

Davide Cenci
Open Mon-Sat 10:30am-7:30pm. Via di Campo Marzio, 1-7. Tel 066990881. davidecenci.com Map B3
Style consultants since 1926, Davide Cenci is the ultimate destination for those seeking elegant and high-quality fashion. The collection features apparel from the finest international brands such as Barbour, Fay, Tod's, Hogan, Stone Island, Polo Ralph Lauren, and Tagliatore, complemented by a wardrobe entirely designed and produced in-house. Cenci leverages the latest textile technologies to create garments that join functionality with elegance, ensuring that their quality and sophistication endure over time.

Extra Large
Open Mon–Sat 9:30am–7:30pm. Via Barberini, 70/72. Tel 0642884377. extralargeroma.it Map B4
Extra Large showcases comfortable and stylish men's clothing from the best brands in large sizes from 58 to 80. Located downtown Rome, this elegant store boasts the largest selection in town of shirts, pants and jeans, jackets, blazers, T-shirts, polos, underwear and swimwear up to size 80. A custom tailoring service with consultancy specialized in plus sizes is also available.

Gente
Open daily 10:30am-7:30pm. Via del Babuino, 185. Tel 063225954. Map B3. Via Frattina, 93. Tel 066789132. genteroma.com Map B4
This exclusive boutique offers stylish selections for both men and women. Gente spotlights pieces from top designers on the global fashion stage, including Balenciaga, Christian Louboutin, Jaquemus, Saint Laurent, Bottega Veneta, and more. Shoppers find themselves in a dreamlike maze of shoes, handbags, clothing, and accessories.

LEAM
Open Mon 3-7:30pm and Tue-Sat 10am-7:30pm. Via Appia Nuova, 26. Tel 0677207204. leam.com Map D6
A prestigious fashion boutique, renowned for its curated selection of luxury clothing, shoes, and accessories from high-end designer brands such as Chanel, Céline, Christian Louboutin, Alexander Wang, Balenciaga, Fendi, Gucci, Prada, and Bottega Veneta. LEAM combines classic elegance with contemporary style, offering a shopping experience that highlights the latest trends in fashion. With a focus on exceptional quality and personalized service, LEAM attracts a discerning clientele looking for exclusive and sophisticated fashion pieces.



DEPARTMENT STORES & FASHION OUTLETS

Castel Romano Designer Outlet
Open daily 10am-8pm. Via Ponte di Piscina Cupa, 64. Tel 065050050. mcarthurglen.com Off Map
With 157 stores and over 150 brands, this main shopping destination features top designer labels at prices reduced by 30% to 70% year-round. It offers a wide range of high fashion, sportswear, accessories, home furnishings, and cosmetics. Among the most famous names you can find Micheal Kors, Armani, Ferragamo, Furla, Woolrich, Liujo, Nike, Adidas, and others.

Centro Commerciale Aura
Open daily 9:30am-9pm. Viale di Valle Aurelia, 30. Tel 0639751750. centrocommercialeaura.it Map B1
Contemporary mall close to the Vatican, offering a variety of retail stores, dining options (15 restaurants), and a fitness center.

Galleria Alberto Sordi
Open daily 10am-10pm. Piazza Colonna. galleriaalbertosordi.com Map C4
This small, charming mall in the heart of Rome was first built in 1920s and was later restored to provide a very pleasant shopping experience. Gilded ceilings and marble floors are the elegant setting for the 15 shops (Hamleys toys, Uniqlo, Mondadori Bookstore, Havaianas and others).

Rinascente
Via del Tritone, 61. Tel 0691387388. Open daily 10am–10pm. Map B4.
Piazza Fiume. Tel 068841231. Open daily 9:30am-9pm. rinascente.it Map B5
Luxury department store featuring high-end fashion clothing both for men and women, cosmetics, perfumes, home goods, and gourmet food, renowned for its exclusive shopping experience.

Valmontone Outlet
Open Mon–Fri 10am–8pm, Sat–Sun

SHOPPING & SERVICES

10am–9pm. Via della Pace, località Pascalaro. Tel 069599491. valmontoneoutlet.com
Off Map
Fashion victims will find all the trendiest designer labels at this discount outlet just outside of town. Reductions of up to 70% on brands like Boxeur des Rues, Breil, Clarks, Gaudì, Elena Mirò, Calvin Klein, Stroili, Pandora.

FOOD & WINE SHOPS

Enoteca Bernabei
Open Mon-Sat 9:30am-8:30pm. Via San Francesco a Ripa, 48. Tel 065882626. bernabei.it Map D3
One of the best wine shops in Rome, appreciated for its extensive selection of fine wines (over 3,500 references), beers and spirits, the knowledgeable staff and inviting atmosphere. It offers both locals and visitors a chance to explore a curated collection of Italian and international wines, especially Champagnes. Worldwide delivery.

Volpetti dal 1870
Open Mon-Sat 9:30am-8:30pm. Via della Scrofa, 32. Tel 0660654244 volpettidal1870.it Map C3
A celebrated gourmet shop in Rome, renowned for its high-quality Italian delicacies. It offers a wide selection of artisanal cheeses, cured meats, extra-virgin olive oils, truffles, and fine wines. The store enjoys a solid reputation for its professional staff, who provide personalized recommendations, making it a must-visit destination for food enthusiasts seeking authentic Italian flavors.

EYEGLASSES & OPTICIANS

Mondelliani
Open Tue-Sat 10am-2:30pm and 3:30-7pm. Via dei Prefetti, 11. Tel 066793481. Map B3.
Via del Pellegrino, 98. Tel 066793481 mondelliani.com Map C3
Mondelliani glasses and frames are stylish, handcrafted eyewear which stand out for their unique designs and high-quality materials. Their collections are renowned for the originality ability to surprise every time, featuring innovative brands like Theo, Anne & Valentin, Yellow Plus and Garrett Leight.

Monocle
Open Mon-Sun 10:30am-7:30pm. Via di Campo Marzio, 13. Tel 066833668. monocle.it Map B3
This trendy eyeglass gallery carries original and sophisticated design items and accessories. Try on eyewear by Kuboraum, Cutler and Gross, Retrosuper Future, Jaques Marie Mage, Mykita, Matsuda, Dita, Linda Farrow, as well as fashion accessories created by young designers.

FABRICS & LINEN

Casa del Tessuto
Open Mon-Sat 9:30-1pm and 3:30-7:30pm. Via dello Statuto, 64/66. Tel 064872813. casadeltessuto.com Map C5
A wide store stocking designer fabrics including cashmere, men's fabrics by Zegna, wedding dress, pure Italian silks, drapery fabrics, household linens, and exclusive imports like English fabric "Liberty". Explore renowned Italian collections signed by Dolce & Gabbana, Valentino, Etro, Giorgio Armani, Prada, and Gucci.

TEBRO
Open daily 10am–2pm and 3:30–7:30pm. Via dei Prefetti, 48/56. Tel 066873441. tebro.it Map B3
TEBRO (short for Tessuti Biancheria Roma) is renowned as one of Rome's premier linen boutiques, serving Italy's elite families and even the Vatican. Offering only the finest products including pajamas, bathrobes, undergarments, linens, and home accessories, TEBRO represents the spirit of authentic Made in Italy excellence.

HOUSEWARE & FURNITURE

C.U.C.I.N.A.
Open Tue–Sat, 10:30am–7:30pm; Sun, Mon, 11:30am–7:30pm. Via Mario de' Fiori, 65. Tel 0688797774. Map B4. Piazza Euclide, 40. Tel 0667887912. Off Map
A cook's paradise offering every conceivable cooking instrument and tool, small appliances, pasta makers, stylish table linens, gadgets, table settings, aprons, kitchen towels, storage containers, oil and vinegar cruets. The quality of the products rivals the innovation and creativity behind their design.

Leone Limentani
Open Mon-Sat 10am-7:30pm. Via del Portico d'Ottavia, 47. Tel 0668307000. limentani.com Map C3
Established in 1820, this historical store specializes in high-quality crystal, porcelain, and silver items for the home and table, along with kitchen accessories, furniture complements, and design objects from leading brands. As a leader in the Italian market for furniture and interior design, the boutique boasts a vast portfolio of international brands such as Andrew Martin, Eichholtz, Luxy, and Wilkhahn.

Mobilnovo
Open Mon 3:30-7:30pm; Tue-Sat 10am-1:30pm and 3:30-7:30pm. Via Sicilia, 267. Tel 0642827431. Map B5.
Via Anastasio II, 103. Tel 066381104. Map B1. Via Gregorio VII, 229. Map C1. Tel 06630870. Via G. Ferrari, 7. Tel 0637518373. Map A2 mobilnovo.it
Elevate your space with prestigious furnishings, guided by the expertise of architects and interior designers. Explore renowned brands like B&B Italia, Flos, Vitra, Kartell, Minotti, and Baxter. Worldwide shipping and professional installation services.

Zinouzi
Open Mon-Sat 10am-8pm. Piazza Nicosia, 13. Tel 0668803005. zinouzi.it Map B3
Since 1952 Zinouzi is the leading store in its field thanks to its large selection of quality carpets, both antique, modern and contemporary. Zinouzi has contacts all over the world for the production of handmade carpets and kilims: Persian, Turkish, Indian, Nepalese, Afghan, Pakistani, Chinese, Russian, Armenian, Caucasian and French inspired carpets. Zinouzi takes care of every aspect of the offer, including cleaning, repair and restoration.

GIFTS & NOVELTIES

L'Artigianato
Open daily 9:30am – 1pm and 3pm – 8pm. Piazza Navona, 84. Tel. 066874476. artigianato-italia.it Map C3
Your one-stop shop for Italian gifts awaits at L'Artigianato in Piazza Navona. Discover a diverse selection, from pottery and porcelain to Venetian masks, reproductions, playing cards, table accessories, kitchen gadgets and utensils, and Bialetti coffee makers. Everything is made in Italy, ensuring you find the perfect gift for everyone back home at reasonable prices.

L'Image – Art in Progress
Open Mon-Sat 10am-7:30 and Sun 11am-7:30pm. Via della Scrofa, 67. Tel 066864050. limage.it Map C3
This expansive store offers a vast-collection of images featuring some of the greatest works of art in history: posters, lithographs, calendars, agendas, notebooks, magnets, bookmarks, postcards, and more. L'Image also stocks numerous catalogues from recent and ongoing exhibitions. Immerse yourself in a wide array of images, from antiquity to contemporary art, created by masters from the US to Japan and everywhere in between.

Savelli
Open Mon-Sat 9:30am-6pm. Sun and holidays 9.30am-2pm. Via Paolo VI, 27-29. Tel 0668307017. savellireligious.com Map B2
Since 1898, this family-owned business has provided religious articles (rosaries, medals and pendants, jewels), souvenirs, mosaics, and a variety of marble, porcelain, statues, and ceramic objects. Despite its gradual expansion, over the years visitors continue to enjoy a welcoming, courteous, and well-organized atmosphere.

JEWELRY

Ansuini
Open Mon 3:30–7:15pm; Tue–Sat 10am–7:15pm. Corso Vittorio Emanuele II, 151. Tel 0668806909. ansuini.it Map C3
The oldest handmade jewellery in Rome (since 1860) Ansuini designs and produces its own jewels, ranging from classic to daring and innovative. The selection includes a bridal collection and a special Roman collection, inspired by the Eternal City. At Palazzo Massimo, the historic home of the maison, you can meet the Ansuini consultants, who will give you the best advice in the world of diamonds.

F.F. Feriozzi
Open Mon–Fri 9:30am–6pm. Via dell'Orso, 65/66. Tel 066868349. feriozzi.it Map B/C3
Exclusive jewelry boutique that combines artistry with craftsmanship to create unique, one-of-a-kind pieces. Specializing in exquisite rings, necklaces, and bracelets, each jewel is meticulously handcrafted from the finest materials, including diamonds, emeralds, rubies, pearls, and white gold. With a legacy rooted in the finest traditions of Made in Italy craftsmanship, their creations are not just jewelry, but small works of art to be cherished for generations.

Stroili
Open daily 10am-8pm. Seven locations in Rome. Via del Corso, 95. Tel



Well suited



Franco Sagripanti was just 22 when he opened his store/workshop in 1964. About ten years later, he became the personal tailor to the legendary fashion designer Valentino, even crafting exclusive hand-sewn collections for his fashion house. Today, his prestigious boutique, located downtown Rome, is run by his sons, Marco and Stefano, who continue their father's legacy with unwavering passion. The shop offers timeless menswear, ranging from meticulously tailored suits to ready-to-wear pieces, each exuding the refined, quintessentially Italian style **Sagripanti** is known for.
The expert tailors at Sagripanti possess a rare craftsmanship that allows them to meet the unique desires of every client. With precision and artistry, they transform premium fabrics into bespoke garments that perfectly reflect each individual's taste and needs.
Via della Fontanella Borghese, 27. Tel 066876413. sartoriasagripanti.it

0669797510. stroilioro.com Map B3
The Italian jewelry chain was founded with the goal of making glamour and elegance accessible to everybody. Their collections are both timeless and innovative, offering everything from rings to charms and diamonds at accessible prices. With collections for women, men, and children in a variety of styles, it's impossible to leave Stroili without the perfect gift

Satellite Paris
Open Mon–Sat 10:30am–7:30pm; Sun 10:30am–1pm; 2pm–7:30pm. Via Frattina, 118. Tel 0669920206. satelliteparis-boutique.com Map B4
This boutique offers handcrafted jewelry-talismans, blending French artistry and craftsmanship. Each piece is a fusion of baroque fantasy and ethnic details, including necklaces, rings, earrings, and bracelets. Creations embody various styles: romantic, youthful, feminine, graphic, glamorous, or colorful. Original pieces combine precious stones, beads, feathers, and silk thread trimmings

LEATHER STORES

Il Bisonte
Open Mon–Sat 10am–7pm; Sun 11am–6:30pm. Via Borgognona, 13. Tel 0668808097. ilbisonte.com Map B3/4.
A Florentine boutique prized for its exquisite craftsmanship and elegant designs, offering a wide range of handcrafted leather goods, including purses, travel bags, briefcases, wallets, agendas, belts, and accessories. Each piece is made using traditional techniques, with a strong emphasis on quality and durability. The brand's hallmark is its use of vegetable-tanned cowhide, a premium material that ages beautifully, developing a unique patina over time.

PERFUMERIES

Campomarzio70
Open Mon-Sat 10am-7:30pm. Via di Campo Marzio, 70. Tel 0669202123. Map B3.
Piazza della Rotonda, 70/A. Tel 0669202394. Map C3. Via Vittoria, 52. Tel 0669797739. campomarzio70.it Map B3
This family-run luxury perfume shop has been a staple in Rome's historical center for almost 40 years. They boast top brands like Acqua di Parma, Creed, Bruno Acampora, and Penhaligon's.

Cherry
Open Mon-Sat 11am-8pm. Via F. Crispi, 73. Tel 0669941218. profumicherry.com Map B4
A luxurious fragrance boutique offering a wide range of premium perfumes, scents (also for the home), and cosmetics, including brands such as Creed, Nasomatto, BDK, Bogue, Hazel, Room 1015, and Montale.

SHOES

Trancanelli
Open daily 10am-8pm. Piazza Cola di Rienzo, 84. Tel 3913892285. trancanelli.com Map B2
Trancanelli has been a premier boutique since 1919, specializing in quality shoes and bags. This shop is essential for those seeking top-tier Italian craftsmanship along with a selection of elegant and casual foreign footwear. The lineup includes house manufactured items and names such as Campanile, Camper, Clarks, Patrizia Pepe, Tod's, Hogan.

STATIONERY

Antica Cartotecnica
Open Mon 3:30-7:30pm and Tue-Sat 10-1:30pm and 3:30-7:30pm. Piazza dei Caprettari, 61. Tel 066875671. anticacartotecnica.it Map C3
Discover a selection of antique and modern pens, leather bags, address books, planners, desk accessories, pencils, greeting cards, vintage stationery (notebooks from the '40s, bakelite objects, watercolor pencils), world maps. Top brands include Aurora, Montblanc, Faber Castell, Parker.

An original touch



Tech It Easy is the perfect place for those looking for funky furniture and uniquely designed objects, where technology and style come together in a creative way.
The store offers a selection of innovative and particularly quirky items, perfect for anyone who wishes to add an original touch to their home. Not just furniture, but also a wide selection of high-tech tools and appliances, for those seeking the convenience and efficiency of cutting-edge technology. Among the most interesting items are the cat-shaped coat racks, vintage tin clocks, eccentric sunglasses and a wide range of lamps in the most bizarre shapes. This bright and dynamic store never stops evolving, and it is always ready to offer something new and fun for those who want to decorate with taste and personality.

Via del Gambero, 1. Tel 0669380924. tech-it-easy.it



BY VALENTI

Open daily 9am–8pm. Via del Boschetto, 134. Tel 3899080705. byvalentiofficial.com

100%-Italian fashion brand By Valenti was born from the creative vision of designer Alessia Valenti, who has worked with renowned Scandinavian designers for many years. Her refined collections offer a wide range of items, including handbags, necklaces, bracelets, cashmere scarves, and unique pieces of high-end costume jewelry. For her creations, Alessia selects only the finest materials, such as luxurious satin fabrics, precious wools, and soft linen. Her captivating evening dresses are an absolute must-have for the most elegant and sophisticated women. Discover the newest boutique collection featuring all the essentials you need and the latest trends you'll love. From timeless staples to fashion-forward pieces, these styles are designed to elevate your wardrobe for any occasion.



ANTICA CARTOTECNICA

Open Mon 3:30-7pm. Tue-Sat 10am-1:30pm and 3:30-7pm. Piazza dei Caprettari, 61. Tel 066875671/066877093. anticacartotecnica.it

This charming store, located in the heart of Rome, has maintained that rare atmosphere of the past (since 1930) where it is possible to admire and purchase a vast range of articles, both vintage and contemporary: pens, inkwells, leather bags, planners, address books, desk accessories, pencils, greeting cards, precious writing papers, antique stationery (notebooks from the '40s, bakelite objects, watercolor pencils), as well as world maps and typewriters from the '40s. Brands include Montblanc, Pelikan, Caran d'Ache, Aurora, Filofax, Parker, Montegrappa, Faber Castell, Leonardo Officina Italiana, and more. Antica Cartotecnica belongs to the prestigious Roman Association of Outstanding Historic Stores.



C.U.C.I.N.A.

Open Tue-Sat, 10:30am-7:30pm; Sun, Mon, 11:30am-7:30pm. Via Mario de' Fiori, 65. Tel 0688797774. Piazza Euclide, 40. Tel 0667887912.

Near Piazza di Spagna, C.U.C.I.N.A. is a haven for cooking enthusiasts who appreciate stylish kitchenware and gadgets. Whether you're a professional or a hobbyist, this shop offers an impressive array of cookware, small appliances, table linens, aprons, kitchen towels, and storage solutions. Wide selection of ravioli cutters, chitarra for pasta and pasta makers, both manual and electric, oil and vinegar cruets. The quality of the products rivals the innovation and creativity behind their design. With items in every imaginable form and size, this store carries pieces from prestigious Italian and international brands like Alessi, Agnelli, Bialetti, Le Creuset, Lagostina, Kikkerland, Marcato, Côté Table, 24bottle, Pomax.



LA CRAVATTA SU MISURA

Open Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. Via Metastasio, 17. Tel 0689016941. cravattasumisura.it

For over three decades, the Flamini family's artisan workshop, La Cravatta su Misura, located just steps from the Pantheon, has been a renowned name in Rome's refined tie-making scene. Melania, the passionate owner, excels in understanding and translating customer preferences into meticulously crafted, custom-made ties, often featuring embroidered designs or personalized labels. Her boutique/workshop offers a wide range of Italian-made fabrics, from pure silk to wool, in both patterned and solid colors, catering to even the most discerning tastes. In addition to bespoke pieces, the store provides a diverse selection of ready-to-wear options, including classic regimental stripes, elegant plain styles in modern tones, as well as exquisite foulards, pochettes, and scarves.

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SERVICES/ESSENTIAL TIPS

Currency Exchange
You can change your money at exchange bureaux, banks and post offices by showing your passport or other ID. Commission rates vary. Most banks (usual opening hours Mon-Fri 8:30am- 1:30pm and 2:45-4:30pm) have 24-hour ATM machines.

Emergencies
Emergency aid #112. The operator will forward the call to the relevant service depending on the type of emergency:
- Carabinieri 112
- Police 113
- Fire Department 115
- Medical assistance 118

Mailing services
DHL
Open Mon–Fri 9:30am–1:30pm and 2–6pm; Sat, 10am–1pm.
Corso Vittorio Emanuele II, 231. Tel 068601083. Map C3. Other locations: Viale Ippocrate, 69. Tel 0635299712. Map B7. Viale Parioli, 77b. Tel 0685382198. Off Map. Piazzale delle Medaglie d'Oro, 33 Tel 0669759633. Map A1. dhl.com
Experience fast and reliable 24-48 hour worldwide shipping and baggage service. DHL's free packaging, designed to meet any need, guarantees your items are protected against damage. They pick up from your hotel, private home, or residence. Flexible options: choose between luggage storage or direct shipment to your specified address. Enjoy peace of mind knowing your belongings are in good hands and will arrive safely and quickly.

Mail Boxes, Etc.
Open Mon–Fri, 9:30am–7pm, Sat until 1pm. Via E. Q. Visconti, 12/14. Tel 063612849. Map B2. Via Lazio, 10. Tel 0642014774. Map B4. mbe.it
Postal, business, and communications company Mail Boxes, Etc offers 24-hour access mailbox service, overnight packages, professional packing, money transfer, binding, laminating, printing, office supplies, internet access.

Postal Services
Main post office is located in piazza San Silvestro. Map B4. Stamps are available at any post office, red mail boxes can be found next to tobacconists.

Medical Assistance
Emergency health care is available free in all hospital emergency rooms.

Main hospitals
Fatebenefratelli - ospedaleisolatiberina.it
Ospedale Israelitico - ospedaleisraelitico.it
Policlinico Umberto I - policlinicoumberto1.it
Policlinico Universitario Agostino Gemelli - policlinicogemelli.it
American Hospital - rah.it
San Camillo-Forlanini - scamilloforlanini.rm.it

24-Hour pharmacies
- Piazza Barberini, 49. Tel 064825456. Map B4.
- Piazza Risorgimento, 44. Tel 06372215. Map B2.
- Via Arenula, 73. Tel 0668803278. Map C3.

City info number
If you have any questions about traffic, transportation, zoning, useful numbers, city-wide events, strikes, and traffic blocks, call the City Hall's 24h information number 060606, and ask for someone who speaks English (other languages are also available).



Tourist Information
Rome Municipality: call center tel 060606. turismoroma.it
Museums and monuments: tel 060608. www.060608.it
Tourist Infopoint, in the historic center of the city, in the Termini station and in the airports of Leonardo da Vinci - Fiumicino and G.B. Pastine - Ciampino.
P.Stop - pstop.it. In some of the most important squares of the city - (Piazza di Spagna, Map B4), Via Zanardelli (Piazza Navona, Map C3), Piazza Sonnino (Trastevere, Map D2), and Piazza della Città Leonina (Basilica of St. Peter's, Map B2). There are information points and useful services accessible to everybody, toilets, ticketing and multilingual tourist information.
Touristation - touristation.it.
Information points: Colosseo/Foro Romano. Map D4. Piazza dell'Aracoeli, 16. Map C4, Musei Vaticani, Viale Vaticano, 101. Map B1. Piazza Navona, 25. Map C3. Vaticano, Viale Vaticano, 97. Map B1. Roma Pass is valid for three days: €52 (€32 is valid for two days). It gives free admission to the first two museums and/or archaelogical sites of your choice.

Special services
Romapertutti - Service Center for tourism, information and mobility of people with disabilities in Rome. romapertutti.it

Telecommunications
International phone prefix: +39
Mobile phone operators
US—US cell phoned must be tri- or quad-band to be used in Italy. Some US service providers offer international roaming. Contact your provider for details.
UK—Cell phones are compatible within the Italian network. Most UK service providers offer international roaming. Contact your provider for details. Pre-paid SIM cards can be used with unlocked, compatible phones. Networks: TIM, Vodafone, and Wind.

TRANSPORTATION

Main bus terminals: Termini Station, Piazza Venezia, Largo Argentina.
Buses and trams: Tel 064695. Metro lines A, B, and C operate daily, 5:30am–11:30pm, Sat until 1:30am. Tel 0667693214. Single ticket: €1.50; valid 100 minutes on one or more buses and/or one metro ride. Validate ticket on bus or upon entering metro.
1-day pass: €7; 2-day pass: € 12,50; 3-day pass: €18; 7-day pass: €24.
Tickets available at ticket machines, bars, tobacconists, and newsstands.
Info Tel 800431784.

Taxis
White cabs can be found in taxi stands or hailed. Authorized taxis (beware of fake taxis offering service at stations) can be called at: 064994, 063570, 066645, 06555, 0688177. €55 fixed fare between Fiumicino and center; €40 between Ciampino and center. Apps like MyTaxi and itTaxi are also available for download on your smartphone.

Airport Transfers
To Fiumicino and Ciampino Airport (by train and coach): non-stop Leonardo Express departs Termini Station and arrives inside Fiumicino Airport. 31 mins. €14 one-way. Trains also run to and from Trastevere, Ostiense, Tuscolana, and Tiburtina stations, €8 one-way. trenitalia.com

Romeairportbus.com offers non-stop transfer between Rome airports and the city center. Departs from Termini's station every 45/60 minutes and takes about 40 minutes. Operates every day. Buy tickets on board or online, from €6,90 one-way. Free Wi-Fi on board. Operated by Schiaffini Travel.

Car Services
With car sharing you can take and leave the car freely, enter the ZTL and leave the car at the airport.
Main companies: Carsharing Roma. Share Now. Enjoy.

Car Rentals
Avis (Fiumicino) — Tel 0665011531/06419941
Europcar — Tel 800014410/064882854
Hertz — Tel 199112211/064740389
Maggiore (Fiumicino) — Tel 0665010678/064880049.

Bike and scooter rentals
Many Romans choose scooters for their daily driving needs. This can also provide a great way for tourists to get around the city and to save time. It is easy to find parking, it is possible to enter into the limited traffic areas and traffic jams are not a risk. It is necessary to have a license or for minors, a scooter license to rent a 50cc scooter. We recommend renting a bike to visit the historic city center, although you need well-trained legs to tackle the slopes of Rome's hills.
Scooter and bike sharing: you can choose from a wide range of engines and displacements, especially electric. Companies active in Rome: Acciona. Zig Zag. Uber Jump. Helbiz.
Kick sharing companies: Bird. Dott. Lime.

TOURS

RomebySegway
Tel 0677591822. romebysegway.com
Segway is less tiring and eco-friendly. Visit ancient wonders, marvelous churches, and baroque palaces with audio/video guides. Bike tours also available, with a guide or self-guided with a map, programmed SatNav, audio-guide, and helmet-mounted camera.

Savelli Tour Operator
Tel 0668806383.
savellireligious.com. Map B2
A range of guided, skip-the-line tours in English, Italian, Spanish, French, German, Portuguese, Russian, and Japanese. Choose between Tour A, which explores the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica (departing every hour) or Tour B of St. Peter's only (departing every 30 minutes). Meeting point Piazza Pio XII, 1/2.

OPEN BUS TOURS

Big Bus Rome
Tel 064882625. bigbustours.com
View Rome from a double-decker bus with this hop-on/hop-off tour. Catch your ride at any Big Bus location throughout the city and listen to audio commentary as you ride past must-see monuments. When you stop at main sites, you can stay in your seat, join one of the free walking tours, or wander at your own pace—buses will arrive periodically to continue the tour. Classic Ticket: €30,60.

City Sightseeing Rome
Tel 055901938.
city-sightseeing.it
This hop-on/hop-off tour takes you to Rome's most iconic sites via double-decker bus, with audio commentary explaining the sights along the way. Explore each stop at your leisure or rest up on the bus. City They also offer packages including guided tours, public transportation passes, and skip-the-line entrance to the Vatican Museums, Colosseum. Bonus: children four and under ride free. Standard 24hour pass: €25

I Love Rome Panoramic Tour
Tel 06474250. grayline.com/rome
Visit Rome's top sites on this hop-on/hop-off bus tour.
With maps, WiFi, and multi-lingual audio-guides included, you can see the sights of the Eternal City from the comfort of the bus, or get off at any of the nine stops to wander on your own. Book ahead. Single ride: €17

History on rails: the Archeotram



Every European capital has public transportation routes beloved by tourists—like London's Bus 139, Berlin's Bus 200, and Paris's Bus 72—offering scenic rides past iconic landmarks. Now, Rome has introduced its own: the **Archeotram**, a brand-new tram line blending history with sightseeing. Running from Piramide to Porta Maggiore, and passing by the Colosseum, the Circus Maximus, Santa Maria Maggiore, and San Giovanni, the 75-minute tram ride gives passengers a front-row seat to some of the city's most important archaeological and religious sites. For the price of a standard ATAC ticket, tourists can enjoy multilingual audioguides and informative videos while riding in beautifully restored and refurbished 1950s heritage trams. A great way to get a comprehensive introduction to the city's landmarks.


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A ROCK OPERA THAT TRANSCENDS TIME

Jesus Christ Superstar is back at Teatro Sistina

The power of rock music, spirituality as revolution of the soul, the charisma of a character so beloved that he became a myth worldwide: ***Jesus Christ Superstar***, the musical directed by **Massimo Romeo Piparo** in its original English-language version by **Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, comes back to the stage of Teatro Sistina** this Easter, starting on 17 April. And with the holy Jubilee in full swing, this is a very special year for show!

Perfectly combining rock music from the 1970s, musical theater tradition, and a history of universal values, *Jesus Christ Superstar* has become the most beloved rock opera ever. Here are some numbers to describe Massimo Romeo Piparo's English-language production: 31 years of success, more than 1,600 performances, over 2.5 million spectators in Italy and Europe, and 190 artists featured in the various roles: among others, the cast includes Carl Anderson, Barry Dennen, and Yvonne Elliman (starring as Judas, Pilate, and Mary Magdalene respectively in the Universal Pictures movie) and many Italian pop and rock stars. And above all, the one and only Ted Neely, the Jesus from the movie, who has starred in the show between 2014 and 2023.

The spectacular set, which includes a live, on-stage orchestra and has honored Italy on many international stages, is proof of the show's first class quality. This is also confirmed by the many sold-out performances and the countless standing ovations that have characterized this production for all these years. In 2016, the show also received the MusicalWorld Award, one of the most important and coveted international awards for musical theater, which rewarded Massimo Romeo Piparo's work as the best international production in Holland in 2016.

April 17–27. ilsistina.it

ATTRACTIONS

Bioparco
Open daily 9:30am-5pm. Viale del Giardino Zoologico, 20.
Tel 063608211 bioparco.it Map A4
Built in 1911 with gorgeous architecture of the time, Rome's modern zoo is dedicated to protecting the environment and conserving endangered species. The park is made up of several diverse areas where 1,300 animals of 200 different species live in conditions close to their natural habitats. Standard ticket: €19

Luneur Park
Open Sat-Sun 10am–6pm. Via delle Tre Fontane, 100. luneurpark.it
Off Map
This wondrous amusement park is designed specifically for children up to 12 years old and their families. Spanning seven acres, the park is a lush green space filled with magical creatures and a variety of attractions, including carousels, games, playgrounds for toddlers, a 7D cinema, creativity labs, themed areas for adventure and fantasy, and a historic ferris wheel. Standard ticket: €19.

CINEMA

Movies and cinema in English and original language.
For updated schedules and showtimes of language films please consult romereview.com

Casa del Cinema
Open Mon-Fri 9am-6pm. Largo Marcello Mastroianni, 1. Tel 06423601 casadelcinema.it
Map A4
Located inside Villa Borghese, Casa del Cinema is a lively space full of events dedicated to cinema, culture and group gatherings, open and available all year round. It occupies an area of 2,500 sqm and contains three movie theatres with over 220 seats. During the summer it also features a large film arena, hosting exhibitions and festivals devoted to cinema and its protagonists.

CLUBS & DISCOS

Art Cafè
Via del Galoppatoio, 33.
Tel 3406207432. Map B4
The Art Cafè is located between Via Veneto and Villa Borghese, the center of Italian VIP nightlife and celebrities. Among the most popular venues, it hosts the best DJ sets of the Roman and international scene. The peak evenings are Fridays and Saturdays with dancing from 9pm, until late at night.

Jackie' O
Via Boncompagni, 11. Tel 0642885457 jackieoroma.it
Map B4
A nightclub and piano bar with a glorious dolce vita past, always very glam, as evidenced by the Roman jetsetters who frequent it with their fancy cars parked outside. But it's also an elegant restaurant, where guests can taste Mediterranean and international delicacies, listen to some live music at the bar or dance the night away in the busy disco club.

Piper Club
Via Tagliamento, 9. Tel 068555398 piperclub.it
Map A6
Born in 1965, Piper Club is the most famous nightclub in Italy, and still a landmark of the Roman dolce vita. Its top evenings are Friday Lady Flex, a party characterized by HipHop-Reggaeton-RnB-Pop music and its fantastic atmosphere. On Saturday the Babylonia party is considered one of the best for its high-energy sounds.

Room26
Piazza G. Marconi, 31. Tel 3202943332 room26.it Off Map
Conceived to absolutely enhance the Sound element, it takes its name from the "26" latest generation amplifiers, housed in the "Room26", the heart of the project. Internationally renowned DJs alternate every week.

Teatro Centrale
Via Celsa, 6. Tel 0694323897.
Map C4
Located a few steps from Piazza Venezia, Teatro Centrale features events with great creative, cultural and collective energy for people of all ages. At the weekend the theater transforms into a real nightclub, welcoming the night owls of the Roman *movida.* Evenings are full of fun with commercial music, welcoming the best DJs from the national and international scene.

CONCERT VENUES & THEATRES

Auditorium Conciliazione
Via della Conciliazione, 4.
Tel 066832256. Map B2
auditoriumconciliazione.it
Outstanding hall near the Vatican hosting concerts, events, and conferences, known for excellent acoustics and modern design.

The magic of Cirque du Soleil


CDS by Anne-Marie Forker

The fabulous Cirque du Soleil returns to Rome's Grand Chapiteau in Tor di Quinto with its mesmerizing show *Alegría – In a New Light*, a timeless classic reimagined to captivate new generations of spectators. Set in a kingdom that has lost its king, *Alegría* tells the story of the power struggle between the old order and the youth, who are fighting in the name of hope and renewal. On one side are the aristocrats and their false king, a jester who claims the throne and wants to maintain the current order; on the other, a new human movement rises from the streets to challenge the authority of the existing regime.
Until April 13. cirquedusoleil.com

LEISURE & NIGHTLIFE

Apr 4: Homage to Ennio Morricone-Oscar music. **Apr 5:** *Night Fever. A tribute to the Bee Gees.*

Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia
Viale de Coubertin, 30. Tel 0680241281. santacecilia.it Off Map
A renowned, prestigious music institution, offering concerts with important international orchestras, education, and research in classical music. **Apr 3–5:** Ottavio Dantone (conductor), Adriana Ferreira (flute) and Silvia Podrecca (harp) with the Santa Cecilia Orchestra perform Mozart's Serenade no. 6 K 239 and Concerto for Flute and Harp K 299; Vask's Musica Serena; and Mozart's Simphony no. 38 "Prague" K 504. **Apr 7:** pianist Igor Levit performs Bach's Chromatic Fantasia and Fugue BWV 903; Brahms' Ballades op. 10; and Beethoven's Symphony no. 7 op. 92 (trasc. Franz Liszt). **Apr 11–12/14:** Daniel Harding (conductor) and the Santa Cecilia Orchestra, Chorus and Voci Bianche perform Scenes from Goethe's *Faust*. **Apr 16:** Utopia Orchestra conducted by Teodor Currentzis, Alexandre Kantorow (piano) and Regula Mühlemann (soprano) perform Brahms' Piano Concerto no. 2; and Mahler's Symphony no. 4. **Apr 17–19:** Daniel Harding (conductor), Joshua Bell (violin) with the Santa Cecilia Orchestra perform Mahler's *The Symphonies*. Mahler's Blumine; Dvořák's Violin Concerto and Mahler's Simphony no. 1 "Titan". **Apr 28–30:** Tomáš Netopil (conductor), Bruce Liu (piano) with the Santa Cecilia Orchestra perform Brahms' Five Hungarian Dances; Chopin's Piano Concerto no. 2; and Dvořák's Symphony no. 9 "From the New World".

Auditorium Parco della Musica Ennio Morricone
Viale de Coubertin, 30. Tel 0680241281. auditorium.com Off Map
A huge complex hosting concerts and cultural events, from dance to classic, jazz and rock, including visual art, featuring modern architecture and exceptional acoustic design. **Apr 1:** Danilo Pérez, John Patitucci & Brian Blade–Legacy of Wayne Shorter Special Guest Ravi Coltrane (Jazz). **Apr 2:** Around Zabriskie Point (Pop/Rock). **Apr 5:** PMCE–"Wild Cloud's Ornaments" with the American Academy (Contemporary). **Apr 5:** Ermal Meta (Pop/Rock). **Apr 5:** Enzo Avitabile & Peppe Servillo–"DUET". (Jazz). **Apr 6:** Ron (Pop/Rock). **Apr 14:** Arooj Aftab (World). **Apr 16:** *Primavera Unplugged 2025* (Pop/Rock). **Apr 23:** Kamasi Washington (Jazz). **Apr 24:** Roberto Cacciapaglia. **Apr 25:** David Garrett (Pop/Rock). **Apr 30:** Davide "Boosta" Dileo (Pop/Rock).

Casa del Jazz
Viale di Porta Ardeatina, 55. Tel 0680241281. casadeljazz.com Map E4
A vibrant venue dedicated to jazz music, offering concerts, shows, workshops, and a rich cultural experience in a 20th century location equipped with an outdoor space.

Church of Saint Paul Within the Walls
Via Nazionale, 16a.
operainroma.com Map C5
The Opera in Roma Orchestra, featuring accomplished soloists, performs at the American Episcopal Church in Rome. **Apr 5, 12, 19, 26:** homage to Luciano Pavarotti with The Three Tenors *"Nessun Dorma"* performing famous Neapolitan songs and opera pieces from *La Traviata, Rigoletto, Tosca,* and more, accompanied by an instrument ensemble and classical dancers **Apr 7, 14, 21, 28:** Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* performed by the Baroque Orchestra in Rome together with talented soloist.

Istituzione Universitaria dei Concerti
Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5. concertiiuc.it Map C6
A chamber music institution organizing concerts at the official venue of La Sapienza University, offering a rich program of classical performances. **Apr 5:** Avi Avital (mandolin) & Brooklyn Rider Quartet in concert. **Apr 8:** Lucas Jussen & Arthur Jussen (piano) perform Mendelssohn Schubert, Ravel and Stravinsky. **Apr 12:** Pablo Sáinz-Villegas (guitar) performs Bach, Giuliani, Coll, Turina, Rodrigo and Domeniconi. **Apr 15:** Piano duo Canino-Ballista performs Mozart, Schubert, Stravinsky and Milhaud.

Oratorio del Gonfalone
Via del Gonfalone, 32a.
Tel 066875952.
oratoriogonfalone.eu
Map C2
Originally a 16th-century oratory, it hosts classical music concerts and cultural events. The space is celebrated for its acoustics and stunning artistic interior, embellished with precious frescoes. **Apr 3:** Stendhal qartet performs Voyage à Paris "Hommage a Edith Piaf". **Apr 10:** The Gonfalone Chamber Orchestra conducted by Romolo Balzani performs Alessandro and Domenico Scarlatti. **Apr 16:** The Gonfalone Chamber Orchestra conducted by Romolo Balzani performs Mozart's *Requiem K. 626*.
Apr 24: Federico Maddaluno (mandolin) performs Bach, Abt Munier, Bertucci, Fantauzzi, Calace and Domeniconi.

Palazzetto dello Sport
Piazzale Pier Luigi Nervi, 1.
Tel 199128800.
palazzodellosportroma.it Off Map
A multi-purpose sports arena designed by architect Pier Luigi Nervi, characterized by its distinctive ribbed concrete roof which gives it a unique appearance. The venue has hosted various sporting events and concerts over the years and remains an iconic piece of modernist architecture in the urban landscape.

Sala Casella
Via Flaminia, 118. Tel 063201752. filarmonicaromana.org Off Map
Small concert hall of the Roman Philarmonic Academy. Known for its excellent acoustics, it hosts classical music performances, including solo recitals and chamber music events. **Apr 12:** Denis Yudin (clarinet) and Umberto Ruboni (piano) interpret Verdi, Poulenc, Saint-Saëns, Debussy, Olenchik and Kovács.

Stadio Olimpico
Via del Foro Italico. ticketone.it
Off Map
A huge stadium serving as the home venue for both A.S. Roma and S.S. Lazio soccer clubs. With a capacity exceeding 70,000 seats, it stands as one of Italy's largest and most popular sport arenas.

Teatro Argentina
Largo di Torre Argentina, 52. Tel 06684000311. teatrodiroma.net
Map C3
Historic institution hosting opera and theatrical performances organized by the Roman Philarmonic Academy. **Apr 10:** Rosa Feola (soprano) and Fabio Centanni (piano) interpret Piccinni, Rossini, Liszt, Ponchielli and Pinsuti.

Teatro Brancaccio
Via Merulana, 244. Tel 0680687231. teatrobrancaccio.it Map C5
A prominent theater located in the Esquilino neighborhood, showcasing a variety of cultural performances, from classic dramas to ballets, comedies and musicals. **Apr 10–13:** *Anastasia. The Musical.*

Teatro Costanzi
Piazza Beniamino Gigli, 1.
Tel 06481601. operaroma.it Map C5
Teatro dell'Opera di Roma official opera house, renowned for its grand performances and refined architectural elegance. **Apr 3–9** (except 7): Pëtr Il'ič Čajkovskij's *Onegin* (Ballet). **Apr 23–29** (except 25 and 28): Michele Mariotti (conductor) and Calixto Bieito (director) perform Giacomo Puccini's *Suor Angelica* and Luigi Dallapiccola's *Il Prigioniero* (Opera). **Apr 28:** Ignazio Maria Schifani (conductor) and the Orchestra Nazionale Barocca dei Conservatori perform Alessandro Scarlatti's *La Gloria di Primavera* (Concert).

Teatro Nazionale
Via del Viminale, 51. Tel 06481601. operaroma.it Map C5
The secondary seat of the Teatro dell'Opera di Roma, showcasing a range of performances, from drama to ballets.

Teatro Olimpico
Piazza Gentile da Fabriano, 17.
Tel 063265991. teatroolimpico.it
Off Map.
Primary hub for the Roman Philharmonic Academy, presenting talented musicians and groundbreaking performances. **Until Apr 13:** Momix. **Apr 23:** *The Beatbox–The Beatles Legend.* **Apr 27–28:** LIVEPLAY-Coldplay Experience. **Apr 29:** I Musicanti Ensamble. Homage to Pino Daniele.

Teatro Sistina
Via Sistina, 129. Tel 064200711.
ilsistina.it Map B4
An iconic theater in Rome, blending neoclassical and Art Deco styles, hosting diverse performances including musicals, operas, plays and comedy shows, enriching the city's cultural tapestry. **From Apr 17:** *Jesus Christ Superstar.*

PUBS & BARS

Abbey Theatre
Open Sun–Thu 11am–2am, and Fri-Sat until 3am. Via Governo Vecchio, 51/53. Tel 066861341.
abbey-rome.com Map C3
A dynamic Irish pub near Piazza Navona, known for its authentic atmosphere, wide selection of tap and bottled beers, Irish whiskeys and hearty pub fare. It features multiple screens for sports viewing, cozy interiors, and a friendly, lively ambiance.

Fonclea
Open daily 6pm–2am. Via Crescenzio, 82a. Tel 066896302
fonclea.it Map B2
Since 1977, Fonclea live music pub and restaurant is a popular venue offering a mix of live music (with cover bands almost every night), food, drinks, and a lively atmosphere. It's always sold out thanks to its great performances.

Mons
Open daily 5pm–2am. Via della Fossa, 16. Tel 066893426.
monscrew.com
Map C3
Renowned for its refined dark-gothic ambiance and eclectic atmosphere, this charming bar invites you to indulge in a dining experience or savor captivating cocktails.

Nag's Head
Open daily 12noon–4am. Via IV Novembre, 138b. Tel 066794620
nagshead.it Map C4
A knight in shining armour welcomes patrons at the door and takes them into the heart of Scotland for cocktails, food, live music and great beers (Gillespie's, Guinness, McFarland, Super Tennent's and more). It is also a sports bar for big game nights.

Scholars' Lounge
Open daily 11am – 3.30am. Via del Plebiscito, 101b. Tel 0669202208
scholarsloungerome.com Map C4
This typical Irish pub serves hot food all day, from a hearty Irish breakfast to homemade Irish stew. The offerings feature 22 beers on tap, including Guinness, Kilkenny, Murphy's, and Magners and over 250 whiskies. The pub showcases every major sporting event and hosts weekly live music, karaoke, and student nights.

Tragedy and anguish: two operas in one show



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The Teatro dell'Opera di Roma presents an exceptional evening that brings together two masterpieces of 20th-century opera: *Suor Angelica* by Giacomo Puccini and *Il prigioniero* (the Prisoner) by Luigi Dallapiccola.
Under the guidance of conductor Michele Mariotti and stage director Calixto Bieito, these works delve into two very different yet deeply intertwined stories. *Suor Angelica* (interpreted by soprano Corinne Winters, pictured left) is a heart-wrenching one-act opera by Puccini that tells the tragic story of a young aristocratic woman who, after falling from grace through a sin of love, is forced to take religious vows as a nun. As she spends her days in sorrowful solitude, her deep yearning for the child she was forced to abandon leads her on a poignant journey toward emotional and spiritual peace.
In contrast, Dallapiccola's *Il prigioniero* (interpreted by baritone Mattia Olivieri), a harrowing opera in a prologue and one act, takes place in a grim Spanish prison during the 15th century. In this dark, oppressive world, themes of suffering, hope, and the starkness of human existence unfold, leaving a powerful emotional impact on the audience. *April 23–May 2. operaroma.it*

MUSEUMS & ART GALLERIES



Caravaggio, I Bari© Kimbell Art Museum, Fort Worth, Texas

CARAVAGGIO 2025

The exhibition we've all been waiting for

Famous for his chiaroscuro and tenebrism techniques, his dramatic power, and his religious and mythological themes, Caravaggio was undeniably one of the most talented artists of the Baroque era. His artistic brilliance, however, was overshadowed by his tumultuous personal life, saturated with impulsive decisions and unpredictable actions that got him in trouble more than once. This month, Palazzo Barberini will be presenting **Caravaggio 2025**, one of the most important and ambitious exhibitions ever dedicated to the great painter to this day. In addition to numerous of the artist's most famous paintings, the exhibition will showcase some of his lesser-known yet equally significant works, also walking visitors through a timeline of his life.

One of the main focuses of the exhibition are Caravaggio's innovations in the artistic, religious, and social landscape of his time. Oustanding works on display include *Ecce Homo*, from the Prado Museum in Madrid; *Saint Catherine* from the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum in Madrid; *Martha and Mary Magdalene* from the Detroit Institute of Arts; *Saint John the Baptist* from the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City; *Saint Francis in Ecstasy* from the Wadsworth Atheneum; and the *Cardsharps* from the Kimbell Art Museum in Fort Worth. One of the most important paintings on show is the *Martyrdom of Saint Ursula*, the last painting by Caravaggio.

A particularly interesting portion of the exhibition explores the *Portrait of Maffeo Barberini* as a great example of how Caravaggio came to be considered the precursor of the modern portrait.

Until July 6. barberinicorsini.org

TOP SIGHTS

Altare della Patria (Vittoriano)
Open daily, 9:30am–7:30pm. Piazza Venezia. Elevator €7. Museum €5. vive.cultura.gov.it
Map C4
This monument (also an important exhibition site) features stairways, columns, fountains, and an equestrian sculpture of King Vittorio Emanuele II. The structure is imposing, preserving the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier with an eternal flame, built under the statue of Goddess Roma. **Until Apr 25:** ***Guglielmo Marconi. Seeing the invisible.*** Exhibition also hosted in Palazzo Venezia.

Appia Antica
The Appia Antica, known as the Regina Viarum (the queen of all roads), was strategically one of the most important Roman roads. It connected Rome to Brindisi, and still today on its first section near Rome, it boasts the remains of the Tomb of Cecilia Metella, the Circus of Maxentius, the catacombs, and the basilica of St. Sebastian Outside the Walls. Off Map

Ara Pacis
Open daily, 9:30am–7:30pm. Lungotevere in Augusta. Tel 0682059127. €14.50 arapacis.it
Map B3
The impressive altar devoted to peace by emperor Augustus in 9 BC is housed in Richard Meier's museum, the seat of noteworthy exhibitions. **Until Aug 31:** *Franco Fontana. Retrospective.*

Baths of Caracalla
Open Tue–Sun, 9am–6:30pm. Via delle Terme di Caracalla, 52. €13.
Map E4/5
Built between 212-216 AD by emperor Caracalla, the *termae* were grand public baths featuring hot, warm, and cold rooms, elaborate mosaics, gardens, and gymnasiums, symbolizing Roman engineering prowess and social leisure culture. Nowadays, during the summer months this huge complex hosts ballets and opera shows.

Bocca della Verità (Mouth of Truth)
Open daily 9:30am–5:45pm. Piazza della Bocca della Verità, 18. Photo fee required: €2.
Map D3/4
This famous stone mask (maybe an ancient drain cover) is located on the portico wall of Santa Maria in Cosmedin church. According to legend, anyone who lies when putting their hand in the mouth will have it bitten off.

Castel Sant'Angelo
Open daily 9am–7:30pm. Lungotevere Castello, 50. €15. Tel 066819111 castelsantangelo.com Map B2
Begun by emperor Hadrian as his own mausoleum, then later converted into a formidable fortress, a prison, and a papal residence, it now plays host to various exhibitions. It is connected to the Vatican by the Passetto, a passageway used as a secret escape for the popes. **Until Aug 31:** *The Art of the Popes. From Perugino to Barocci.*

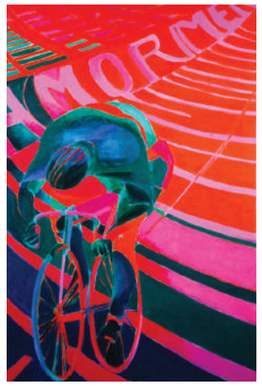
Catacombs
Opening hours and prices vary. catacombe.roma.it
The Christian catacombs, formed from miles of underground burial tunnels, are very important to the history of Christian Art, as they preserve the great majority of frescoes, sculptures, and artifacts from before 400 AD.

Circus Maximus
Via del Circo Massimo. Map D4
The Circus Maximus is an ancient Roman chariot racing stadium and even today a mass entertainment venue located between the Aventine and Palatine hills. It was the first and largest stadium in ancient Rome and its later Empire. Measuring 21m in length and 118m in width, it can accommodate over 150k spectators.

Colosseum
Open daily, 8:30am–5:30pm. Piazza del Colosseo. €25. Map D4/5
The most iconic monument of Ancient Rome and the largest amphitheater in the world, with seating for 50k. It was used for blood sports such as gladiatorial and wild animal battles, *naumachie* (mock naval battles), and public executions.

Pantheon
Open daily, 8:30am–7:30pm, Sun until 6pm. Piazza della Rotonda. €5.
Map C3
Built by general Marcus Agrippa in 27 BC, it was reconstructed by Hadrian in 117–125 AD as a temple

All the things we know



Titina Maselli, Ciclista, 1995, acrilico su tela, cm 195x130, Roma, Sovrintendenza Capitolina

This month, the Casino dei Principi at Villa Torlonia and the MLAC at La Sapienza will be presenting a comprehensive overview of the work of Roman artist **Titina Maselli** (1924–2005). From the Roman School to Futurism with some elements of Pop Art, Maselli's work embraces numerous artistic movements with great independence and visual freedom, without however ever fully focusing on any particular one. The exhibition, which is split between the two venues, unfolds along the major themes that were dear to the painter: portraits and self-portraits, sports, urban landscapes, still lifes made from discarded materials, and theater. *Vanity Fair* once described her as "the painter of all the things that are known but not sufficiently noticed." At the Casino dei Principi, visitors will be able to admire her works from the 1940s and 1950s, while the Museo Laboratorio di Arte Contemporanea at La Sapienza presents a selection of her large-scale works from the 1960s onwards, along with previously unseen documents showcasing her work as a costume and stage designer for theater.

Until April 21. museivillatorlonia.it

devoted to the most important Roman deities. Later transformed into a Christian church (Santa Maria ad Martyres), it stands out as the city's best-preserved monument from the Roman era.

Piazza Barberini
One of the most elegant piazzas of the city center, and the gateway to Via Veneto, this square is embellished with Bernini's famous Fountain of the Triton situated diagonally across from the fine Fountain of the Bees, erected in honor of the aristocratic Barberini family. Map B4

Piazza Colonna
This monumental piazza owes its name to the triumphal column of Marcus Aurelius, featuring an elaborated spiral relief. It was built in honor of the emperor to celebrate his victory over the Marcomanni. Its north side is taken up by Palazzo Chigi, seat of the Italian government. Map C3

Piazza del Popolo
This airy neo-classical, oval-shaped square is centered around an Egyptian obelisk brought to Rome by Augustus and includes among its attractions the church of Santa Maria del Popolo, which features two masterpieces by Caravaggio and important works by Pinturicchio. Map B3

Piazza Navona
This Roman baroque jewel is dominated by Bernini's Fountain of the Four Rivers, with an Egyptian obelisk and a sculpture of the four river gods. Two other superb fountains adorn the piazza: the Fountain of the Moor and the Fountain of Neptune, with tritons, dolphins, and aquatic creatures. Map C3

Quirinal Palace
Open Tue, Wed, Fri Sat, Sun, 9:30am–4pm (last entry 2:30am). Piazza del Quirinale. €2,50. Tel 0642012191. quirinale.it Map C4
The immense palace of the Italian president, once the residence of popes and kings, is open to visitors by appointment. See Cappella Paolina, Sala dei Corazzieri, and works by Borromini, Reni, da Cortona, and more.

Roman Forum/Palatine Hill
Open daily 8:30am-7:15pm (last entry 6:15pm) €18. colosseo.it
The very heart of the Eternal City, including the Arch of Titus, the Temple of Saturn, the House of the Vestal Virgins, the House of Augustus, the Arch of Septimius Severus, and more. A 1st-century ramp that leads from the Roman Forum up the Palatine Hill is now open to the public. Map C/D4

Spanish Steps
Piazza di Spagna.
The most celebrated staircase in the world, with its winding steps, is more beautiful than ever after renovations. Ascend the stairs to enjoy a breathtaking view of the city. At the base is the boat-shaped Fountain of the Barcaccia designed by Pietro Bernini. Map B4

St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican
Open daily 7am–7pm. Free
Museum: open Mon–Thu 8am–7pm (last entry 5pm), Fri-Sat 8am-8pm (last entry 6pm), Sun 9am-2pm (last entry 12:30pm). Viale del Vaticano. €34. Free last Sun of each month. museivaticani.va Map B1/2
The world's largest church, overlooked by Michelangelo's impressive dome, displays inestimable artworks, such as Michelangelo's Pietà and the sumptuous bronze Baldacchino by Bernini. The Vatican houses the most important museum of Rome, with an extraordinary collection of Egyptian, Etruscan, Roman, Renaissance, and Baroque art treasures. The Sistine Chapel's frescoes are considered one of the greatest artistic masterpieces ever conceived in human history.


St. Peter's Basilica

Trajan's Markets
A great hemicycle forms part of Trajan's Markets, a huge commercial space and administrative complex now the seat of a museum, cultural events and art installations. In the vicinity you can admire Trajan's column, an amazing work of sculpture, whose spiral reliefs celebrate the triumph of the legionaries over the Dacians.
Map C4

Trevi Fountain
Piazza di Trevi. Map C4
The Rome's fountain *par excellence* built by Nicola Salvi in 1762, is dominated by the imposing statue of Neptune and dynamic aquatic sculptures, celebrating the triumph of waters. Don't forget to toss a coin into its basins, made famous by Federico Fellini's classic movie La Dolce Vita, to ensure your return to Rome.

ART GALLERIES

Gagosian
Open Tue-Sat 10:30am-7pm.
Via Francesco Crispi, 16. Tel 0642086498 gagosian.com
Map B4
Founded by Larry Gagosian, one of the most important figures in the art field, Gagosian is a global gallery specializing in modern and contemporary art with exhibition spaces across the world. Gagosian is at the forefront of the digital marketplace with innovative online viewing rooms, which are timed to coincide with major art fairs, that include highly desirable works by today's leading artists (like Cy Twombly, Damien Hirst, Derrick Adams, Richard Serra and many more), transparent pricing, historical scholarship, and insightful market analysis. **Until May 17:** Richard Avedon. *Italian Days.*

Galleria Mucciaccia
Mon-Sat 10am-7:30pm. Largo della Fontanella Borghese, 89. Tel 0669923801.
mucciaccia.com Map B3
Founded by Massimiliano Mucciaccia, this dynamic gallery can be found in Rome, London, Cortina d'Ampezzo and Singapore. The gallery's vision is to explore the works of artists and sculptors who sought new approaches to art, with a particular attention to the XX and XXI centuries. The gallery is defined by its exhibition program featuring leading modern and contemporary Italian and international artists such as Robert Rauschenberg, Giorgio De Chirico, Mimmo Paladino, David Lachapelle, Henry Moore, and other outstanding names from the art scene. **Until April 18:** Jan Fabre.

Lorcan O'Neill
Open Tue-Sat 11am-7pm. Vicolo dei Catinari, 3. Tel 0668892980.
lorcanoneill.com Map C3
British art dealer Lorcan O'Neill launched this gallery in 2003 to deepen attention towards Italy's contemporary state of the arts. As one of Rome's most eclectic and authoritative galleries, it promotes a wide array of works, including paintings, photography, sculptures, and installations. O'Neill has featured prominent contemporary artists such as Anselm Kiefer, Sam Taylor-Johnson, Martin Creed, and Tracey Emin. The gallery also focuses on big Italian talents like Luigi Ontani, Francesco Clemente, and Pietro Ruffo. **All month**: Gianni Politi. New works.

MUSEUMS

Baths of Diocletian
Open Tue–Sun 9am–7:30pm. Via Enrico da Nicola, 79.
Tel 06684851. €13 museonazionaleromano.beniculturali.it
Map B5
Located in the huge bath complex, it displays sections of epigraphy, prehistory, large public and funerary monuments, including impressive sculptures and bas-reliefs. **Until May 4:** Tony Cragg. *Endless forms most beautiful.*

Capitoline Museums
Open daily 9:30am–7:30pm. Piazza del Campidoglio, 1.
Tel 0639967800. €16.
museicapitolini.org Map C4


The Roman Forum

The oldest public museum in the world, located opposite Michelangelo's piazza del Campidoglio, boasting a rich collection including important Roman antiquities and masterpieces by Caravaggio, Tintoretto, Bernini, Pietro da Cortona, Titian and many more. **Until May 18:** *The Farnese in 16th-century Rome. Origins and fortune of a collection.* **Until Apr 30:** *I Colori dell'Antico. The Santarelli marbles at the Capitoline Museums.*

Centrale Montemartini
Open Tue–Sun 9am–7pm. Viale Ostiense, 106. Tel 065748030. €10
centralemontemartini.org Map E3
This extraordinary museum uniquely blends classical Roman sculptures, mosaics, and sarcophagi (mostly from the Capitoline Museums) with industrial machinery, housed in a converted power plant, showcasing the intersection of ancient art and modern technology.

Galleria Borghese
Open Tue–Sun 8:30am–7:30pm.
Piazzale Scipione Borghese, 5. Tel 0632810. (Reservation obligatory). €13 galleriaborghese.beniculturali.it Map A4
Set within the elegant Villa Borghese and its beautiful gardens, the Galleria Borghese, a stunning compendium of beauty, boasts an exceptional collection of Renaissance and Baroque art, including masterpieces by Bernini, Canova, Caravaggio, Correggio, Titian and Raphael. .

Galleria Colonna
Open Fri-Sat 9:15am-1:15pm. Via della Pilotta, 17.
Tel 066784350. €15/25.
galleriacolonna.it Map C4
An amazing six-room gallery featuring immense frescoed ceilings and noteworthy works by Baroque masters like Sebastiano Ricci, Annibale Carracci, Titian, Pinturicchio, Guercino, Bronzino, and more.

Galleria Doria Pamphilj
Open daily 9am–7pm. Via del Corso, 305. Tel 066797323. €13.
doriapamphilj.it Map C4
This aristocratic mansion houses an extensive private art collection, with works by Caravaggio, Velázquez, and Raphael, magnifically displayed within the sumptuous rooms of the historic Pamphilj family's palace.

House of Goethe
Open Tue–Sun 10am–6pm. Via del Corso, 18. Tel 0632650412. €6
casadigoethe.it Map B3
The house where German poet J.W.Goethe lived with painter Hans Tischbein is a cultural treasure trove, filled with diaries, letters, and art. It also hosts concerts and various events, celebrating their legacy. **Until Aug 31:** Ingeborg Bachmann. *I only exist when I write.*

Museo del Corso - Polo Museale
Palazzo Cipolla. Via del Corso, 320.
Palazzo Sciarra Colonna. Via Minghetti, 22. Tel 0622877077.
museodelcorso.com Map C4
Inaugurated in 1999, the Museo del Corso has evolved into a true museum hub. It ideally connects the historic Palazzo Sciarra Colonna—unique for its exhibition and archival spaces, as well as the richness of its 18th-century interiors designed by Luigi Vanvitelli—with the exhibition spaces of Palazzo Cipolla. **Until June 29:** *Picasso the Foreigner.*

Museo Ninfeo
Open Sat-Sun (entry upon reservation only: 10am, 10:30, 11, 11:30, 12pm, 4pm). Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II, 78. €10/13. museoninfeo.it Map C6
The Museo Ninfeo showcases the structures and artifacts from the Horti Lamiani, a luxurious garden-residence built between the 1st century BC and the 4th century AD. Many emperors lived here, enhancing its refinement over time. The museum tour focuses on the remains of a large piazza with a nymphaeum, displaying its original decorations, as well as objects, ceramic fragments, marbles, bones of domestic and wild animals, shells, and plants that once adorned its lush gardens.

Museum of Rome at Palazzo Braschi
Open Tue–Sun 10am–7pm. Piazza San Pantaleo, 10. Tel 0667108346. €11. museodiroma.it Map C3
A stunning Neoclassical palace housing the Museo di Roma. It features extensive art and historical exhibits, offering insights into the city's rich cultural heritage, with special focus on the arts of 18th and 19th centuries. **Until May 4:** *Painter Rome. Female artists at work between the 16th and 19th centuries.*

Museum of Rome in Trastevere
Open Tue–Sun 10am–8pm. Piazza Sant'Egidio 1b. €12. Tel 065816563. museodiromaintrastevere.it Map D2
Once a convent, now an exciting museum showcasing Rome's local history and culture through folk art, photographs, and multimedia exhibits, as well as highlighting the daily lives and traditions of Roman citizens. **Until May 6:** Nicola Sansone. *Photography as freedom.* **Until June 1:** *The oak of Tasso.*

Museums of Villa Torlonia
Open Tue–Sun 9am–7pm. Via Nomentana, 70. Tel 060608. €12 museivilladorlonia.it Map A-
In the greenery of the eponymous park, three museums (Casino Nobile, Casino dei Principi, and Casina delle Civette) host a variety of works from ancient artifacts, decorative arts and period furnishings **Until Apr 6:** Niki Berlinguer. *La Signora degli Arazzi.* **Until Apr 21:** Titina Maselli.

National Gallery of Ancient Art (Palazzo Barberini)
Open Tue–Sun 8:30am–7pm. Via delle Quattro Fontane, 13. Tel 064824184. €12. barberinicorsini.org Map B4
The largest part of the national art collection, preserved in a huge Baroque palace that houses masterpieces by Bernini, Caravaggio, Holbein, Sodoma, and Raphael, including his famous Fornarina (Baker's Daughter). **Until July 6:** Caravaggio 2025.

National Gallery of Ancient Art (Palazzo Corsini)
Open Wed–Mon 8:30am–7pm. Via della Lungara, 10. Tel 066874845. €13 barberinicorsini.org Map C2
Former noble residence of the Corsini family, the museum, decorated with frescoes and *trompe l'oeil,* is home to part of the national art collection, including memorable works by Caravaggio (Narcissus), Van Dyck, Carracci, Guido Reni, Fra Angelico, and others.

National Roman Museum
The National Roman Museum hosts collections pertaining to the city's history and culture in ancient times. Currently, the museum is divided into four exhibition sites: Baths of Diocletian (*see page 59*), Palazzo Massimo, Palazzo Altemps, and Crypta Balbi (temporarily closed for restoration). museonazionaleromano.beniculturali.it

Palazzo Massimo
Open Tue–Sun 9am–7:45pm. Piazza Sant'Apollinare, 46. Tel 06684851. €13 museonazionaleromano.beniculturali.it Map C3
This important museum features sections of ancient art (imperial statues, mosaics, sarcophagus, numismatic and jewelry collection).

Palazzo Altemps
Open Tue–Sun 9am–7:45pm. Piazza Sant'Apollinare, 46. Tel 06684851. €13 museonazionaleromano.beniculturali.it Map C3
Housed in a 15th-century palace, the museum hosts ancient art treasures such as the famous Ludovisi throne, and Renaissance gems from Roman families' private collections.

Palazzo Venezia National Museum
Open Tue–Sun 8:30am–7:30pm. Piazza di San Marco, 49. Tel 0669994284. vive.cultura.gov.it €12 Map C4
An outstanding museum displaying a rich collection of Medieval and Renaissance art, including sculptures, canvas and decorative arts, housed in a historic palace with fascinating architecture and beautifully landscaped gardens.

Villa Farnesina
Open Mon-Sat 9am–2pm (last entry 1:15pm), and second Sunday of the month 9am-5pm (last entry 4:15pm). Via della Lungara, 230. Tel 0668027268. €12 villafarnesina.it Map C2
A magnificent Renaissance villa renowned for its exquisite frescoes by Raphael and other artists, featuring lush gardens and the opulent lifestyle of its original owner, banker Agostino Chigi. **Until May 3:** Gianfranco Baruchello. *Mondi Possibili.*

Villa Giulia National Etruscan Museum
Open Tue–Sun 9am–8pm. Piazzale di Villa Giulia, 9. Tel 063226571. €12 villagiulia.beniculturali.it Map A3
Near Villa Borghese, this important museum exhibits an extensive collection of Etruscan artifacts, including pottery, sculptures, and jewelry, offering deep insights into ancient Etruscan civilization.

EXHIBITION SPACES

Chiostro del Bramante
Open Mon–Fri 10am–8pm; Sat and Sun until 9pm. Via della Pace. Tel 0668809098. €15 and €18 Sat, Sun and holidays. chiostrodelbramante.it Map C3
Designed by Donato Bramante, a Renaissance architectural gem, featuring the elegant cloister of Santa Maria della Pace's church and beautiful frescoes. It hosts contemporary art exhibitions, mixing historical charm with modern creativity. **Until Sept 14:** *FLOWERS. From the Renaissance to AI.*

GNAM (National Gallery of Moderrn Art)
Open Tue-Sun 9am-7pm. Viale delle Belle Arti, 131. Tel 06322981. €10. lagallerianazionale.com Map A4
Set within a grand neoclassical building, the GNAM features an extensive collection of 19th and 20th-century art, including works by artists such as Canova, Modigliani, Klimt, and Van Gogh. **Extended to Apr 27:** The Time of Futurism.

Palazzo Bonaparte
Open daily 9am–8pm. Piazza Venezia, 5. Tel 068715111. €15 mostrepalazzobonaparte.it Map C4
This elegant space overlooking piazza Venezia is located within the residence of Napoleon's mother, decorated with sumptuous 17th century ceiling frescoes and mosaic floors. **Until June 2:** *Munch. The Inner Scream.*

Rome's Gallery of Modern Art
Open Tue–Sun 10am–6:30pm. Via Francesco Crispi, 24.
Tel 060608. €9 galleriaartemodernaroma.it Map B4
This fascinating location (an ex convent) hosts an important collection of works by 19th and 20th century Italian artists such as Balla, Mafai, Capogrossi, Scipione, Manzù, and Turcato. **Until Sept 14**: *Venanzio Crocetti's dance student. The return.*

MACRO
Open Tue–Sun 10am–8pm. Via Nizza, 138. Tel 0667107900. Free. museomacro.org
Map A5
Housed in a former brewery, this vibrant cultural hub (acronym of Museum of Contemporary Art of Rome) showcases dynamic art exhibitions, installations, and performances. It highlights avant-garde architecture, interactive displays, with a focus on cutting-edge artistic expression. **Until Apr 21:** National Academy of Chinese Painting.

MAXXI
Open Tue–Sun 11am–7pm (Sat until 10pm). Via Guido Reni, 4a. Tel 064824184. €12 maxxi.art
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Acronym of Museum of XII century Art, conceived by great architect Zaha Hadid, this large space hosts remarkable exhibitions highlighting the most innovative trends in the art scene. **Until Apr 20:** *Guido Guidi. Col tempo, 1956-2024.* **Until Apr 20:** *Joyn! A Journey through the world of Nutella®.* **Until Oct 26, 2026:** *The Large Glass.* **Until Oct 10, 2026:** Alberto Garutti. *Temporali* (installation).

Palazzo delle Esposizioni
Open Tue–Sun 10am–8pm. Via Nazionale, 194. Tel 0639967500. €12,50. palazzoesposizioni.it
Map A5
A versatile cultural center hosting art shows, film screenings, photo exhibitions and educational events. Its grand 19th century building provides a stunning backdrop for exploring the world of contemporary arts.

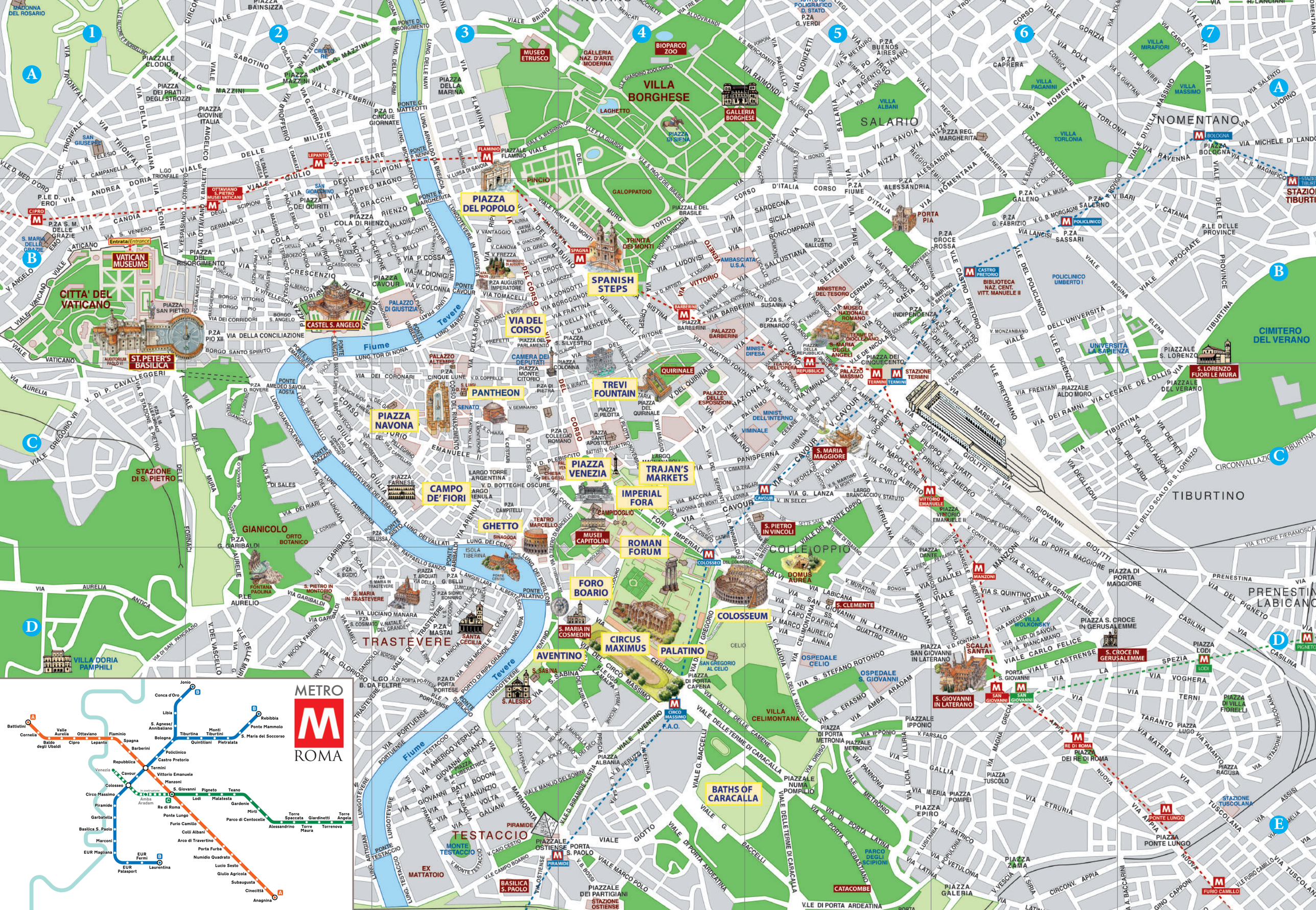
Scuderie del Quirinale
Open daily 10am–8pm; Fri, Sat, until 10:30pm. Via XXIV Maggio, 16.
Tel 0634467500. €20
scuderiequirinale.it Map C4
A prominent exhibition space housed in a historic building originally constructed as the stables for the Quirinal Palace. It hosts high-profile art exhibitions, featuring works from major international museums and private collections.

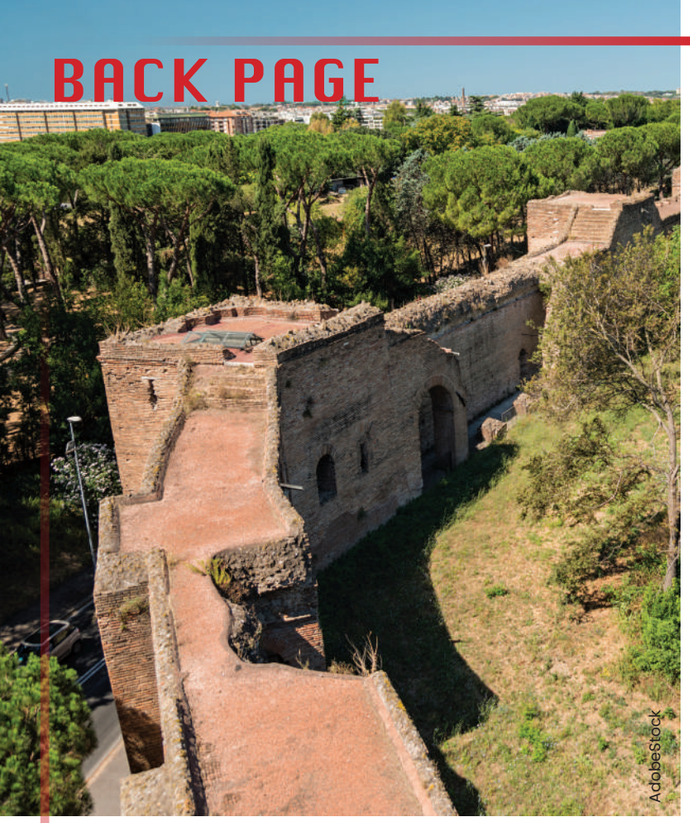

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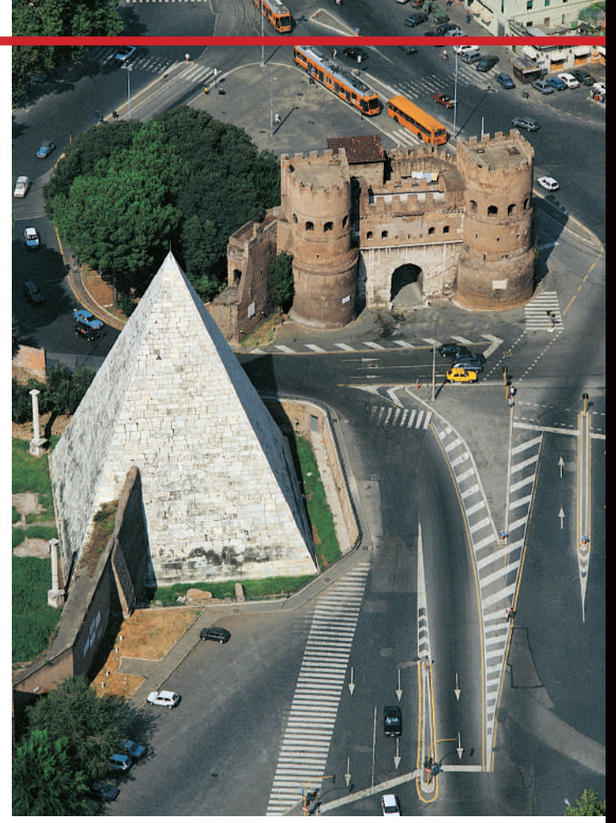
When Frida Kahlo met Nickolas Muray



A new exhibition at Rome's Museo Storico della Fanteria offers a unique, intimate look at Mexico's most prolific and well-known female artist Frida Kahlo through the lens of her friend and lover, photographer Nickolas Muray. From 1937 to 1946, their relationship produced a series of powerful images that reveal not only Muray's expertise as a portrait photographer and early pioneer of color photography but also his deep personal connection to the artist.
The exhibition, **Frida Kahlo through the lens of Nickolas Muray** includes around 60 photographs—both black-and-white and in color—capturing Kahlo in various settings, from intimate solo portraits to moments shared with friends and Muray himself. These images provide a rare glimpse into her private world, highlighting her fascination with Mexican heritage, her creative spirit, and the people she held dear.
The exhibition also features original letters exchanged between Kahlo and Muray during their relationship, as well as rare video footage of the two together, hand-crafted Mexican garments, jewelry, and accessories, alongside a special collection of stamps that commemorate key moments in Kahlo's life and legacy. *Until July 20. navigaresrl.com*


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ROME'S ANCIENT GUARDIANS

The storied history of the Aurelian Walls

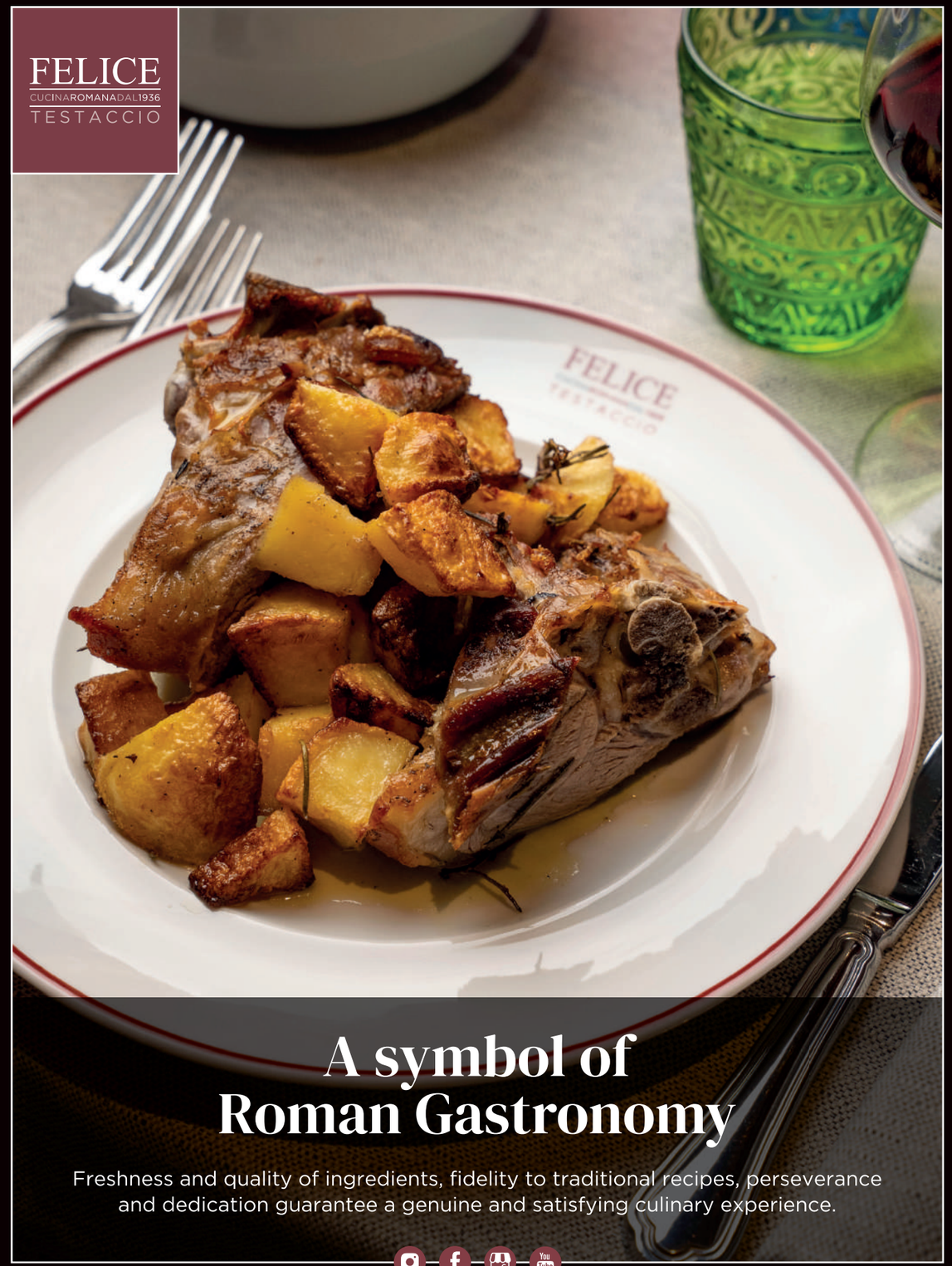
The Aurelian Walls, built between 270 and 275 AD under Emperor Aurelian, span nearly 12 miles and represent a key feat of Roman engineering and defense. Constructed in response to growing threats from barbarian invasions, the walls were a symbol of Rome's declining imperial power, signaling that even the Eternal City required protection. At first, the walls stood 10 to 13 feet tall, with a deep moat adding an extra 20 feet. They incorporated elements from earlier structures like aqueducts and the Pyramid of Cestius, blending practicality with grandeur.

The Aurelian Walls were reinforced over time, with successive emperors raising their height and adding battlements for defense. These battlements allowed soldiers to defend the city using missile weapons, while the walls themselves were nearly impenetrable. However, the gates, though secured with heavy iron, remained vulnerable. In 410 AD, the walls were breached during the Sack of Rome by the Visigoths, but this was due to internal betrayal, not a failure of the walls.

For over a millennium, the walls largely stood intact. Their final breach occurred in 1870, at Porta Pia. This event marked the end of Rome's status as a defended city, and the Aurelian Walls, after 1,600 years, ceased to serve their original purpose. Today, the Aurelian Walls remain one of the most striking reminders of Rome's ancient might. Although weathered by the passage of time, they still stand tall and proud, a visible testament to the city's ability to endure and adapt. As Rome celebrates its 2778th birthday, the walls continue to evoke awe, a silent witness to the cycles of rise and fall that have shaped the Eternal City. Learn more at the Museo delle Mura (Porta Metronia). *museodellemura.it*



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