

Rome: the global city of Italy

With ornate sculptures, wonderful castles, grand romantic rubble, millennium-old churches, opulent statue and graceful mainspring, Rome has an excessively affluent cosmopolitan atmosphere and a rich historical heritage making it Europe's one of the most famous, most visited, and beautiful as well as influential capitals. These days, Rome is seen as a purchasing heaven and there is a considerable growth in nightlife backdrop. Since Rome has seen the foundation of Italy's some of the earliest clothing and jewelry establishments, it is being witnessed among the prevailing tastes of the world.

Rome is absolutely classified as 'Global City' because of so many things to do and sights to see.

What to Do and See

Monuments and Churches

Catholic Church named **St Peter's basilica** is known for its huge size, which is a centerpiece of the universe and is known for its Renaissance splendor including the Sistine. It is advisable to pre-book your entry here or else you will have to spend hours waiting in the queue. If someone is of more religious belief they can visit fourth century Catholic Church named "**Santa Maria della Vittoria** " and "**Ecumenical Mother Church**". Bernini's one of the most famous sculptures housed in a Baroque named "The Ecstasy of St Teresa". Another monument, worth visiting is the **San Giovanni in Laterano**.

Colosseum constructed in 1st century AD is a statue of antique engineering and holds the blueprint for the construction of stadium.

Trevi Fountain located in Tiny Piazza is another attraction where visitors drop coins in the water to make a wish for a speedy return to Rome.

Must See Sights of Rome

Ancient Rome: The major area to explore is colossal which is a link between piazza Venezia and Colosseum. It was formed between the years 1924 to 1932 on request of Mussolini that required destruction of large areas. A grand parade is held every year on 2nd June in the moment of Italian National Holiday. Roman Forum comes to the right while the market and Trajan's forum come to the left while heading to Colosseum.

Catholic Rome: Rome has near about 900 churches, half of which is worth visiting.

St. Paul is well known as the founder of church along with St. Peter in Rome. Meeting of early Christians marked the beginning of churches in Rome which was

usually where private citizens lived. By the end of 4th century Rome already had 4 significant churches also known as basilicas. In one way or the other the 4 basilicas constitute the important churches of Rome namely San Giovanni, St. Paul (outside the walls), Santa Maria Maggiore and St. Peter's.

All believers who visit Rome are presumed to visit these 4 churches, along with the sanctuary of Divine Love, Santa Croce in Jerusalem, and the San Lorenzo fuori.

The Seven Hills of Rome: Seven Hills of Rome is little difficult to identify for a modern visitor as buildings were constructed on top of each other which made buildings tall and hills less pronounced. Location of seven hills was outside the walls of the city.

The Pantheon which was originally a temple to Pagan Panoply has monarchs and greats from the tremendous artist including Raphael is a must see. Another one is **Castle Sant Angelo**, located near St Peter's on the river Tiber, built centuries ago under the leadership of Emperor Hadrian

The **Romanian theatre** is best appreciated in Centro Storico Square for its inhabitants and its marvelous structure. The ancient race track site is occupied by Bernini sculptures like Home Toyet and Piazza Navona.

When to Visit Rome

The highest footfall of tourist in Rome is from June till August. The average temperature ranges from 27 degree Celsius to 33 degrees. Summer time is considered ideal for eating gelato, sightseeing and consuming food at an outdoor café. However if you are planning your vacations in high season, you should expect huge crowds along with long interval in the queue at almost all of the attractions.

How to Reach Rome

Rome has a well establishment of connectivity with each and every part of the World. Tourist can reach Rome by air as well as by train from leading European cities. It has 5 international airports out of which 2 are non-functional currently and 3 are working. Ciampino and Rome Fiumicino airport are the operational airports and are located in the outskirts of the city nearly 45 minutes from the centre.

Traveler's Tips – Do's and Don'ts

- Don't buy an ice cream cone without checking the price of the same, as you may be astonished when you will be debited for almost 5 times the price of the normal cone.

- Don't ride on illegal or unmarked taxis, as they charge too much than the normal or the authorized ones. Prefer riding on a metered or an authorized taxi, which are usually painted in white.
- Get your Euros withdrawn from the nearest ATM, and try not to entertain the money exchangers on the street as they ask for almost 10% of the commission. In case of non-availability of ATM, search for a legitimate money changer shop. They are plenty in number in every part of Rome.
- Just like any other place in the world, there are a lot of pick pockets in Rome, so beware with your personal belongings and keep them safe.