

THE ULTIMATE BUCKET LIST OF THINGS TO DO IN

ROME



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Welcome to "The Ultimate Bucket List of Things to Do in Rome for 2024!" I'm Lora, an avid traveler and culinary enthusiast who has been exploring the nooks and crannies of Italy for over forty years. Living a vibrant life between sunny Florida and the rustic charm of Italy, I have garnered a wealth of experiences and stories from my travels. This eBook is your personal guide to experiencing Rome like a local, infused with my passion for Italian culture and cuisine.

Dive into a journey where ancient history and modern vibrancy intersect. From the awe-inspiring Colosseum to the hidden gems tucked away in cobblestone alleys, I'll take you through a curated selection of must-visit sites and lesser-known locales. Each chapter is a treasure trove of tips, anecdotes, and insights, ensuring your Roman holiday is both memorable and unique.

This eBook is more than just a travel guide; it's a gateway to immersing yourself in the Roman way of life. Whether you're a first-time visitor or a seasoned Rome enthusiast, there's something new and exciting for everyone. So pack your bags, bring your appetite for adventure, and prepare to embark on an unforgettable journey through Rome with me as your guide. Let's make your 2024 Roman holiday the trip of a lifetime!

Buon viaggio!

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It's important to understand that your experience may differ from ours. Travel, especially to a place as rich and diverse as Rome, Italy is deeply personal and subjective. We encourage you to approach these suggestions and your travels with an open mind, and for you to be ready to explore and create your own unique memories. While we strive to provide helpful and accurate advice, we cannot guarantee that your experience will mirror ours. Embrace the adventure and discover Italy through your own lens!

Please note that this guide contains affiliate links. Each link has been carefully selected based on a combination of personal experience and genuine reviews from real people. Our recommendations are meant to serve as a starting point for your journey, offering suggestions and insights derived from our own travels and opinions.

In concluding, we emphasize our commitment to delivering precise and reliable information. However, it's crucial to conduct your own research and due diligence. Remember, traveling to a culturally rich and varied destination like Italy is inherently a personal and subjective journey.

ALL YOU NEED FOR ITALY

At Savoring Italy, we've also put together a comprehensive list of essential services to make your trip to Rome, Italy smooth and enjoyable. Whether you need a cozy place to stay or are figuring out local transportation, our checklist includes reliable and well-tested companies.

[CHASE SAPPHIRE](#)

Credit Card: Crucial for making bookings and payments, typically used for initial travel expenses.

[WISE TRAVEL CARD](#)

International Money Transfer: Handy for financial preparations before your trip.

[WORLD NOMADS INSURANCE](#) - Travel Insurance
Important for securing travel insurance, usually before making other travel arrangements.

[AIRALO](#) - Cellphone

Essential for communication, to be set up either before or soon after arrival.

[BOOKING](#) and [HOSTEL WORLD](#)

Vital for securing accommodation, often one of the first tasks for travelers.

[TRIPADVISOR](#)

Useful for fine-tuning hotel choices, and for planning dining and activities.

[GET YOUR GUIDE](#)

Ideal for booking specific tours and activities.

[OMIO, TRAINLINE](#), and [RAIL EUROPE](#)

These services help with planning train, bus, and flight journeys for intercity or national travel.

[DISCOVER CARS](#) and [RENTAL CARS](#)

For those who prefer self-driven travel options within Italy.

[KIWI TAXI](#) and [GET TRANSFER](#)

Useful for arranging transfers to and from airports or between cities.

[RADICAL STORAGE](#)

Convenient for storing luggage or backpacks during short stays or layovers.

[PRIORITY PASS](#)

Offers access to VIP lounges at airports for a more comfortable travel experience.

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ROME ON FOOT: EXCITING WALKING TOUR EXPERIENCES



Fast Track Entry: Explore the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica.

Avoid wasting more time waiting to enter the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel than you do exploring them.

With the **Vatican Museums Skip-the-Line Tour**, you can save valuable time by skipping the entrance lines alongside your tour group.

Dedicate your precious time to appreciating the incredible artwork indoors and gain a comprehensive understanding of the renowned chapel's history from your guide as you explore.

Additionally, you have the option to **upgrade to a smaller, more intimate tour group**, limited to only 10 individuals.

BOOK NOW

Unveiling the Depths: Colosseum Underground, Arena, and Forum Guided Tour

Discover hidden facets of the **Colosseum** typically inaccessible to the public with this exclusive behind-the-scenes tour.

This experience not only includes **skip-the-line access**, saving you precious hours of waiting, but also provides you with **insightful commentary** from our expert guide via a headset, ensuring clear and engaging narration.

Choose from various options for intimate, small group guided tours.

BOOK NOW

Uncover Ancient Rome: Skip-the-Line Guided Tour of Colosseum, Palatine Hill, and Roman Forum

Embark on a guided tour that unveils the most prominent **historical sites of ancient Rome**, all while enjoying the convenience of **skip-the-line** privileges. Gain swift entry to the Colosseum through premium access tickets and, accompanied by a knowledgeable guide, delve into the amphitheater's rich history.

Listen to captivating tales of intense gladiator combat and the architectural marvels of this ancient edifice. Conclude your journey with a visit to Palatine Hill and the Roman Forum, completing your comprehensive exploration of these iconic landmarks.

BOOK NOW

Gladiator's Gateway: VIP Tour of the Colosseum with Arena Floor

Experience the Colosseum from the perspective of gladiators with this unique tour, granting you access through the **Gladiator Gate**. By avoiding the typically lengthy queues that wind around the ancient amphitheater, you can simply step inside and directly onto the arena floor.

Traverse the very ground where intense gladiatorial contests once unfolded, all while immersing yourself in the stadium's rich history.

Following your Colosseum exploration, venture to **Palatine Hill** and the **Roman Forum** to explore their captivating ruins.

BOOK NOW

Borghese Gallery Fast-Track: 2-Hour Entry Tickets

When your time in the Eternal City is constrained, the last thing you wish to do on your vacation is waste it waiting in queues.

Maximize your moments of enjoyment by opting for **skip-the-line** access to the **Borghese Gallery**. This not only reduces your waiting time but also allows you to dedicate more of your visit to marveling at magnificent artworks.

You can even enhance your experience by choosing to include a **specialized art history guide** if you wish.

BOOK NOW

Rome's Colosseum Under the Stars: Guided Night Tour

Explore Rome's magnificent **Colosseum** without the hassle of navigating through crowded spaces. This guided tour offers exclusive after-hours access, allowing you to appreciate the underground tunnels, chambers, and the dramatic arena floor of this ancient Roman amphitheater.

Skip-the-line entry ensures you save valuable time, while your tour coordinator provides insights into the history and architecture of this iconic landmark. The tour concludes with an opportunity for **independent exploration** at your own pace.

BOOK NOW





Vatican in the Morning: Small Group (Up to 6) or Private Tour

Explore the **Sistine Chapel** before regular opening hours with a skip-the-line **early morning Vatican** tour in a small, intimate group. This experience not only allows you to make the most of your vacation time but also lets you escape the daytime crowds.

You'll have the unique opportunity to appreciate Michelangelo's frescoes in the Sistine Chapel before it welcomes the public.

An **expert guide** will accompany you, leading you through the Vatican Museums' highlights, the chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica.

BOOK NOW

Rome's Original Ghost Tour: Uncover Haunted Secrets

Experience spine-tingling and exhilarating moments in the Eternal City by participating in this **eerie walking tour across Rome**.

As night descends, follow your guide through dimly lit alleys, desolate plazas, and ominous bridges while you absorb gripping narratives of executions and homicides spanning centuries.

Employ your **divining rods** to detect spectral traces of ancient emperors, heretics, and witches who are believed to continue haunting the city to this day.

BOOK NOW

Roman Catacombs Express: Small Group Tour with Transportation

Make the most of your busy Rome itinerary by adding a swift tour of the captivating **catacombs**.

Utilize **convenient transportation** to and from the city center, with a guide ready to greet you. Explore the intricate network of underground burial chambers in the **Domitilla catacomb** and the subterranean **Basilica of Nereus and Achilleus** efficiently, completing the experience in under two hours before returning to downtown Rome.

BOOK NOW

Rome Catacombs and Capuchin Crypts: Small-Group Tour featuring Transfers

Conveniently positioned in close proximity to Barberini Station, the **Capuchin Crypts** rank among Rome's well-loved religious landmarks, whereas the **Catacombs of Saint Domitilla** lie just beyond the city limits.

This tour offers you the opportunity to explore both ancient burial sites and the **Via Appia Antica** within a short span, all without worrying about transportation logistics. Join a small group and an art historian guide who will provide insightful historical context to some of Rome's most intriguing and unique attractions.

BOOK NOW



Nero's Golden House Refurbishment: Guided Site Tour

Explore the archaeological restoration of **Nero's Golden House**, also known as the Domus Aurea. This restoration process incorporates advanced technologies and will complement the guided tour of the Domus Aurea's premises.

The ultimate outcome promises to offer a genuine journey through time, creating a unique cognitive and emotional experience—a groundbreaking innovation in the application of new technologies to cultural heritage.

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ROME'S ICONIC SIGHTS AND LANDMARKS



Trevi Fountain

The **Trevi Fountain**, located in Rome, Italy, is one of the most iconic and magnificent fountains in the world.

Constructed in 1762, it stands as a masterpiece of **Baroque art**, showcasing dramatic sculptures and intricate details. The central figure of the fountain is **Neptune**, the god of the sea, depicted riding a chariot in the shape of a shell, pulled by two sea horses, each guided by a Triton.

The Trevi Fountain is not just a tourist attraction but also a cultural symbol; legend has it that throwing a coin over your shoulder into the fountain ensures a return to Rome.

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Piazza Navona

Piazza Navona, located in the heart of Rome, Italy, is one of the city's most famous and vibrant public squares. This picturesque plaza, established during the 1st century AD on the site of the Stadium of Domitian, is renowned for its stunning Baroque architecture and art.

The square's standout feature is the trio of ornate fountains, among which the central Fountain of the Four Rivers, designed by Gian Lorenzo Bernini in 1651, is the most celebrated. This fountain features a majestic obelisk and sculptures representing the four major rivers of the continents known at the time — Nile, Ganges, Danube, and Rio de la Plata.

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Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore

The **Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore** is one of the city's four major basilicas and a celebrated piece of Christian architecture. Renowned for its stunning blend of ancient and Renaissance styles, the church stands out with its striking façade and towering bell tower.

Inside, visitors are captivated by the intricate mosaics that date back to the **5th century**, depicting various biblical scenes with exquisite artistry. The basilica also houses the famous Sistine Chapel, not to be confused with its namesake in Vatican City, which showcases a magnificent coffered ceiling and the burial site of several popes.

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Roman Forum

The **Roman Forum**, located in the heart of Rome, Italy, is a sprawling complex of ancient ruins that once served as the epicenter of Roman public life. This site, rich in history and archaeological significance, was the nucleus of political, religious, and social activity in ancient Rome.

Today, it stands as a powerful testament to the grandeur of the Roman Empire, offering a window into the past with its remnants of temples, arches, and government buildings. Key highlights include the **Temple of Saturn**, the **Arch of Titus**, and the **House of the Vestal Virgins**.

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Villa Borghese

Villa Borghese is a vast and picturesque public park in Rome, Italy, known for its beautiful landscapes and rich cultural heritage.

Originally a private estate belonging to the Borghese family, the park spans approximately **80 hectares** and is a delightful mix of gardens, museums, and attractions.

At its heart is the **Galleria Borghese**, a museum housing an impressive collection of art, including masterpieces by Bernini, Caravaggio, and Titian. The park's expansive gardens are designed in the English style, offering a serene escape with shaded walkways, scenic ponds, and diverse flora.

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ΑΣΚΛΗΠΙΩΙ ΣΩΤΗΡΙ

Centro Storico

Centro Storico, the historic center of Rome, Italy, is a labyrinth of narrow streets, bustling piazzas, and remarkable architecture that echoes the city's rich history and cultural legacy. This area, designated as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, encapsulates the essence of Rome's ancient grandeur and Renaissance beauty.

It's home to some of the world's most famous landmarks, including the **Pantheon**, the **Trevi Fountain**, and **Piazza Navona**, each offering a unique glimpse into different eras of Roman history.

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Spanish Steps

The Spanish Steps are a renowned architectural and cultural landmark. Consisting of 135 steps, this monumental stairway dates back to the early 18th century and connects the **Piazza di Spagna** at the base with the **Piazza Trinità dei Monti**, crowned by the Trinità dei Monti church at the top.

The Steps are known for their elegant design, forming a mix of curves, straight flights, vistas, and terraces, which come together in a harmonious Baroque structure. They are often adorned with vibrant flowers, adding to their picturesque charm. The area around the Spanish Steps has been a meeting place for artists, poets, and writers throughout history, and it continues to be a popular gathering spot for Romans and tourists alike.

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Piazza Venezia

Piazza Venezia is a grand, bustling square known for its monumental significance and striking architecture. Dominated by the imposing **Vittorio Emanuele II Monument**, also known as Altare della Patria (Altar of the Fatherland), the square is a hub of Roman traffic and a key intersection where several major roads converge.

This monument, with its grand staircases, columns, and statues, was built in honor of the first king of a unified Italy, **Vittorio Emanuele II**. The square also features the Palazzo Venezia, a former papal residence and now a museum, known for its Renaissance architecture. Piazza Venezia's location at the end of the Via del Corso, a major shopping street, makes it a popular starting point for tours of the city.

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FOOD & WINE TOURS



3 in 1 Cooking Class Piazza Navona: Fettuccine Ravioli and Tiramisu

Take a break from sightseeing and delve into Italy's beloved cuisine with this pasta and tiramisù cooking class in the heart of Rome.

Roll up your sleeves and learn how to roll and fill fresh pasta like a pro plus pick up techniques for assembling a flawless tiramisù in a restaurant kitchen right on Piazza Navona.

End by feasting on the dishes you've prepared, served with wine, limoncello, and coffee.

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Tuscany Guided Day Trip from Rome with Lunch & Wine Tasting

If you have time for just one side trip from Rome, make it Tuscany. Leave the transportation and logistics to someone else on this guided exploration of the Val d'Orcia region.

You can simply relax and enjoy a walking tour of Montepulciano, a stop at Sant'Antimo Abbey, along with free time to stroll and shop in UNESCO-listed Pienza.

Fuel up with an included 3-course lunch and wine tasting.

BOOK NOW

Rome Twilight Trastevere Food Tour with Eating Europe

The pioneering Food Tour of Trastevere! For 10 years now they have been giving VIP access to the hottest and most unique food venues in the neighborhood.

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Fettuccine Pasta and Tiramisu Dessert Making in the heart of Rome

Don't just dine out during your next trip to Rome—instead, learn how to make several Italian classics with this hands-on, beginner-friendly cooking class.

Pick between morning and afternoon class times, and be sure to come hungry: with your chef's individual guidance, learn how to prepare your own fettuccine, as well as tiramisu for dessert.

At the end of class, sit down to enjoy your handmade meal, plus wine.

BOOK NOW

The Roman Food Tour in Trastevere with Free-Flowing Fine Wine

Dive into the flavors of Italy on a food tour that includes a dynamic array of tastings at local-favorite eateries throughout Rome's Trastevere neighborhood.

Following a guide enables you to take in the surroundings without worrying about navigation or where to go next.

Plus, in addition to navigating the streets, your guide also helps you navigate the potentially confusing menu options so you can learn to order what you want.

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Small-Group Rome Food Tour: Trastevere Campo Fiori Jewish Ghetto

This small-group food walking tour of Rome ensures you taste the best the city has to offer, without any guesswork.

Let a guide reveal the best food spots in Trastevere, Campo de' Fiori, and the Jewish Quarter.

Stray from the beaten track and sample staples like fried artichokes, gelato, cured salami, and pizza bianca (white pizza).

A small group limited to 12 maintains an intimate atmosphere.

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SPECIALTY TOURS & MUSEUMS



Palazzo Colonna - Galleria Colonna

Right in the center of Rome, close to Piazza Venezia, **Palazzo Colonna** is one of the greatest Barocco Palaces of the eternal city. The impressive Colonna's Collections of paintings, sculptures and furniture from the 14th to the 18th century are unique and part of the roman history.

The Colonna Gallery is open to the public every Saturday morning from 9 am to 1,15 pm (last entrance) from Via della Pilotta 17. All other days, including Saturday afternoon, private visits by appointment.

Free guided tour (every Saturday): - in Italian at 10.00 And 11.00 Am - in French at 10.30 Am - in English at 12 am Private visits on request are available every day of the year. We also recommend a visit to the stunning Princess Isabelle Apartment with its incredible Van Wittel and Flemish Collections and the Pinturicchio frescoes.

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Museo Ebraico di Roma

The **Museo Ebraico di Roma**, or the Jewish Museum of Rome, is a cultural and historical gem that resides within the complex of the Great Synagogue of Rome. This museum offers a poignant and comprehensive chronicle of the Jewish presence in Rome, which dates back more than two millennia, making it among the oldest Jewish communities in the world.

The museum's collections are a testament to the rich Jewish heritage and its enduring influence on the city's culture, featuring a wide array of artifacts, including religious textiles, ancient marble carvings, and documents that survived the devastation of World War II.

Visitors can explore the vivid tapestry of Roman Jewish life, their traditions, struggles, and contributions through interactive displays and thoughtfully curated exhibits.

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Museo Leonardo Da Vinci Experience

The exhibition is one of its kind in the world, with a collection of 50 previously unseen machines, which are finally allowed to touch and try and certified reproductions of the 23 most famous paintings of the Tuscan Genius.

From The Last Supper to Mona Lisa, the recognized masterpieces have been reproduced full scale according to the typical procedures of the Renaissance workshops and using the same materials (of 500 years ago!) Leonardo used. The visit includes an audio guide too.

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