

2-DAY TRAVEL GUIDE

2 Day Rome Itinerary: Colosseum, Vatican & Trevi Fountain

A 2 day Rome itinerary for a first visit, with the Pantheon, ancient Rome and the fountains on day one, then Vatican City and Trastevere on day two.



AT A GLANCE

01*Day One***Ancient Rome**

Arrive in Rome / Pantheon / Colosseum

02*Day Two***Vatican City & Trastevere**

Barnum / Vatican Museum / St. Peter Square

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Day One: Ancient Rome

Today we're starting in the historic center at the Pantheon, then heading to the Colosseum and walking through the Forum and Palatine Hill. From there we're continuing to the Altar of the Fatherland, Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps before dinner at Osteria da Fortunata.



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Arrive in Rome

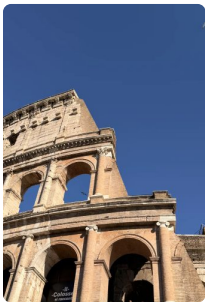
We came into Rome by train from Florence which was about 1 hour 35 minutes. We bought Italo tickets online. Finding stations and finding your train platform is especially simple with Italo....

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Pantheon

The Pantheon is one of the most well-preserved ancient Roman temples in the world. It's known for its perfectly symmetrical shape - 43 meters in height and in width. The only light comes...

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Colosseum

The Colosseum is Rome's enormous ancient amphitheater, and a standard visit includes the 1st and 2nd levels and the Colosseum Museum. You can upgrade to see the arena floor or the...

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Roman Forum and Palatine Hill

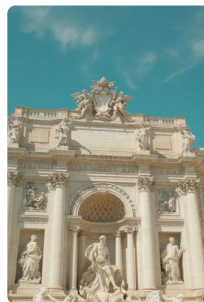
The Roman Forum is the sprawling field of ruins at the heart of ancient Rome, where public life unfolded for more than a thousand years. From there, you'll...

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Altar of the Fatherland

The Altar of the Fatherland is an ENORMOUS white marble monument in the center of Rome, built for Italy's first king, Vittorio Emanuele II. It has held the country's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier since 1921, and the guard there...



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Trevi Fountain (Fontana di Trevi)

The Trevi Fountain marks the end of the ancient Aqua Virgo aqueduct, with the god Oceanus riding a shell-shaped chariot through a dramatic cascade of...

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Spanish Steps

The Spanish Steps are a grand Baroque staircase that climbs from Piazza di Spagna toward the Pincio, with a lovely view waiting at the top. I walked all the way up, and the view over the piazza was well worth pausing for once...



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Osteria da Fortunata

Osteria da Fortunata is a traditional Roman osteria on Piazza della Rotonda, right beside the Pantheon. You can actually watch them make fresh pasta from scratch every morning! The family recipes date back to 1921, and many of...

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Day Two: Vatican City & Trastevere

Today we're starting near Campo de' Fiori with cornetti at Barnum, then crossing the river for the Vatican Museums, St Peter's Square and the basilica with the dome climb. After a schiacciata on the walk back, we're ending with an evening in Trastevere before the airport train.



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Barnum

Barnum is a coffee and breakfast spot on Via del Pellegrino, a block off Campo de' Fiori. The coffee comes from selected plantations, and the counter beside it carries house-made sweets and fresh juice. The cornetti are what...



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Vatican Museum

The Vatican Museums are one long route through the papal collections, and it finishes inside the Sistine Chapel. You pass room after room of painted ceilings and walls that you could literally stair at...

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St. Peter Square

St. Peter's Square is the huge oval plaza in front of St. Peter's Basilica, wrapped by two semicircular colonnades built from 284 columns that carry 140 statues over three meters tall. Bernini laid it out...

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St. Peter's Basilica and dome climb

St. Peter's Basilica is the enormous church at the heart of Vatican City, and visiting it really feels like two experiences in one. First, you can explore the basilica...

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All'Antico Vinaio

All'Antico Vinaio is a popular sandwich counter just two minutes from the Pantheon, where they bake fresh schiacciata every day and fill it right in front of you. The shop started in Florence and has since grown into one...



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Trastevere

Trastevere is the lively neighborhood across the Tiber, with a maze of narrow alleys and small piazzas full of trattorias and taverns serving classic Roman food. I recommend joining a food tour so a...

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Airport Train at Roma Termini

The Leonardo Express is Trenitalia's direct train from Roma Termini, the city's main station, to Fiumicino Airport. It runs nonstop, so once you board with your...

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