



Walking Tour: Centro Storico Piazzas

Rome's historic centre boasts some of the city's most celebrated piazzas, and several lovely but lesser-known squares. Each has its own character but together they encapsulate much of the city's beauty, history and drama.

Start Piazza Colonna

Distance 1.5km

Duration 2½ to three hours



5 **Piazza Navona** is Rome's great showpiece square, where you can compare the two giants of Roman baroque – Gian Lorenzo Bernini and Francesco Borromini.

Take a Break... Those in the know head to **Forno di Campo de' Fiori** (www.fornocampodefiori.com) for some of Rome's best *pizza bianca* ('white' pizza with olive oil and salt).

Classic Photo Pantheon



4 It's a short walk along Via del Seminario to **Piazza della Rotonda**, where the **Pantheon** needs no introduction.



1 **Piazza Colonna** is dominated by the 30m-high Colonna di Marco Aurelio and flanked by Palazzo Chigi, the official residence of the Italian prime minister.

2 Follow Via dei Bergamaschi to **Piazza di Pietra**, a refined space overlooked by the 2nd-century Tempio di Adriano.

3 Continue down Via de' Burro to **Piazza di Sant'Ignazio Loyola**, a small rococo piazza whose resident church boasts magnificent *troupe l'œil* frescoes.



6 On the other side of Corso Vittorio Emanuele II, **Campo de' Fiori** hosts a noisy market and boisterous drinking scene.

7 Just beyond the Campo, the more sober **Piazza Farnese** is overshadowed by the austere facade of the Renaissance Palazzo Farnese.

