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Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



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are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city. Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Rome.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

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Welcome to Rome

An epic, monumental city, Italy's hot-blooded capital gets under your skin fast. Even on a short break, you'll be bowled over by its awe-inspiring art and iconic ruins, baroque piazzas and vibrant street life. Cafes and neighbourhood trattorias hum with activity, while chic boutiques showcase the latest fashions and bars buzz into the small hours. Visit once and you'll be hooked for life.



Colosseum (p24)

Rome's most iconic monument, the Colosseum is an electrifying sight. An architectural tour de force, it has been drawing the crowds since it first staged gladiatorial combat in the 1st century AD.

