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#### QuickStart Guide

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



Need to Know Tips for a smooth trip



**Neighbourhoods** What's where

# **Explore** Rome

The best things to see and do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood



**Top Sights**Make the most of your visit



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**Local Life**The insider's city

## The Best of Rome

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



**Best Walks**See the city on foot



Rome's Best...
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Menu

Find each listing quickly on maps



#### **Lonely Planet's** Rome

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides 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 writers 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.

It's your guarantee of a really great experience.

#### **Our Promise**

You can trust our travel information because Lonely Planet writers visit the places we write about, each and every edition. We never accept freebies for positive coverage, so you can rely on us to tell it like it is.

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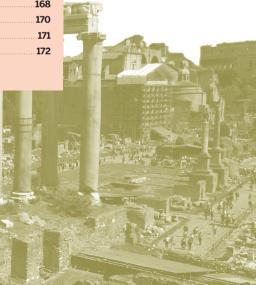
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# Welcome to Rome

A heady mix of haunting ruins, awe-inspiring art and vibrant street life, Italy's hot-blooded capital is one of the world's most romantic and enticing cities. A trip to Rome is as much about lapping up the *dolce vita* lifestyle as gorging on art and culture, while the city's ancient icons recall its golden age as *caput mundi* (capital of the world). Visit once and you'll be hooked for life.

### Rome Top Sights



#### **Colosseum** (p24) Rome's awe-inspiring ancient amphitheatre.

#### Villa Borghese (p146) Sensational sculptures and Renaissance masterpieces.

