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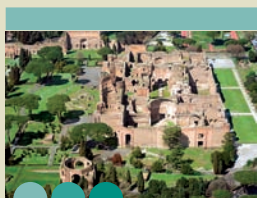
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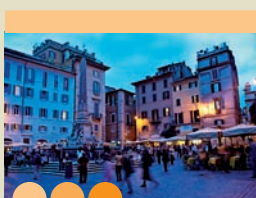
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## Ancient Rome (p47)

No other city has such an evocative ancient heart.

**Don't Miss:** Colosseum, Palatino, Roman Forum



## Centro Storico (p69)

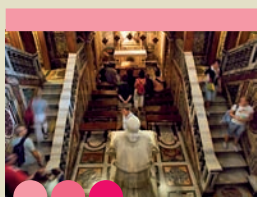
The city's tangled historic centre is packed with incredible sights.

**Don't Miss:** Pantheon



## Tridente, Trevi & the Quirinale (p99)

Glamorous, debonair and touristy – this is Rome's designer-clad soul.



## Monti, Esquilino & San Lorenzo (p121)

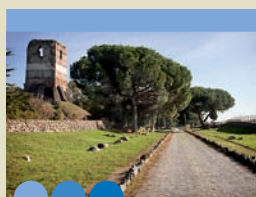
Busy areas, speckled by glittering churches and some cool restaurants.



## San Giovanni to Testaccio (p141)

Monumental basilicas, towering ruins, traditional trattorias and thumping nightlife.

**Don't Miss:** Basilica di San Giovanni in Laterano



## Southern Rome (p155)

Encompassing the beautiful, historic Appian Way and ancient catacombs.



**Trastevere & Gianicolo (p167)**

Enchantingly pretty, with tangled lanes, ochre palazzi and a boho vibe.



**Vatican City, Borgo & Prati (p183)**

Home to a stunning wealth of artistic treasures.

**Don't Miss:** Vatican Museums, St Peter's Basilica



**Villa Borghese & Northern Rome (p203)**

Encompasses the glorious park of Villa Borghese and the city's cultural hub.

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# Welcome to Rome

Rome is a seductive, thrilling city, created through the alchemy of history, genius and the hot Mediterranean sun.

With an artistic heritage dating back to Etruscan times, the city is packed with masterpieces, particularly from the ancient, Renaissance and baroque

eras. Throughout history, Rome has played a starring role in the major upheavals of Western art and the results are there for all to see – amazing classical carvings, stunning Renaissance frescoes and breathtaking baroque statuary. Walk around the centre and, even without trying, you'll come across works by the greats of the artistic pantheon – sculptures by Michelangelo, paintings by Caravaggio, frescoes by Raphael and fountains by Bernini. In Rome, art is not locked away from view, it's all around you.

Once *caput mundi* (capital of the world), the glittering hub of the vast Roman Empire, Rome was the seat of papal power for centuries. The legacies of its past are embodied in awe-inspiring buildings such as the Roman Forum, the Pantheon and the Vatican, which contemporary Romans navigate with an uncanny air of nonchalant cool. Rome was a city that counted, and this is writ large on its historic streets – the Colosseum evokes glorious imperial days, the Circo Massimo conjures up images of wild chariot races, Castel Sant'Angelo testifies to violent dramas and St Peter's Basilica stands as a monument to artistic genius and papal ambition.

But Rome is as much about lapping up the lifestyle as it is about gorging on art and historic sights. And there's no better way of getting into the spirit of things than by eating and drinking well. Food and wine are as important to Roman social life as those other pillars: family and football, and the hundreds of pizzerias, trattorias, restaurants and gelaterie in the city buzz and bubble over with life. Whether it gets to you through its art, its architecture, its pasta or its vibrant sense of life, Rome is a city that encourages devotion.

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Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi and Chiesa di Sant'Agnese in Agone, Piazza Navona (p79)

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