

Tridente, Trevi & the Quirinale

PIAZZA DEL POPOLO & AROUND | PIAZZA DI SPAGNA & AROUND | PIAZZA DI TREVI, QUIRINALE HILL & AROUND | PIAZZA BARBERINI & AROUND

Neighbourhood Top Five

1 Spanish Steps (p98)

People-watching, selfie-snapping and daydreaming with a view down the glittering backbone of the Tridente shopping district, Via dei Condotti.

2 Basilica di Santa Maria del Popolo (p99) Gazing at Caravaggio masterpieces in

this unsung artistic treasure trove.

3 Villa Medici (p103)

Taking a guided tour of the formal gardens and astounding views ensnaring this magnificent villa.

4 Palazzo Barberini

(p105) Revelling in architectural treasures, a glut of masterpieces and the

breathtaking Cortona ceiling in this sumptuous baroque *palazzo* (mansion).

5 Shopping (p112) Browsing for ethical fashion, artisanal perfume, personalised marble plaques and dozens of other unique souvenirs on and around Via dei Condotti.



For more detail of this area see Map p300 ➔

Explore: Tridente, Trevi & the Quirinale

Tridente is Rome's most glamorous district, full of designer boutiques, fashionable bars and swish hotels. However, it's not just about shopping, dining and drinking. The area also contains the vast neoclassical showpiece, Piazza del Popolo (p101); the wonderfully frivolous Spanish Steps (p98); the grandiose Villa Medici (p103); the controversial Museo dell'Ara Pacis (p101); artists' street Via Margutta (p115); and several masterpiece-packed churches. To see all the sights here, factoring in some window-shopping, would take a day, and it's all easily walked – a short walk from the Centro Storico or Piazza Venezia – and easily accessed from the Spagna and Flaminio metro stations.

Alongside Tridente, the Roman hill of Quirinale is home to the extraordinary Trevi Fountain (p100) and the imposing Palazzo del Quirinale (p103), as well as important churches by the twin masters of Roman baroque, Bernini and Borromini. Other artistic hot spots in the area include the lavish Galleria Colonna (p102) and the fabulous Palazzo Barberini (p105) – to see all this at leisure you'll need several days. Busy during the day, both Tridente and the Quirinale are sleepy after dark.

Local Life

➔ **Ambling** Imagine yourself in *Roman Holiday* along the cobbled Via Margutta (p115), a car-free street studded with art galleries, and just a stone's throw from the Spanish Steps.

➔ **Escape the Trevi Fountain crowds** Find yourself wonderfully alone, admiring amphorae containing papal innards in Chiesa di Santissimi Vincenzo e Anastasio (p104) or fabulously feminine frescoes beneath art nouveau glass at Galleria Sciarra (p104).

➔ **Cheap eats** Follow the savvy student crowd to Pastificio (p107) for a pot of perfectly cooked pasta standing up, followed by a portion of equally perfect tiramisu to take away from famous Pompei (p107).

Getting There & Away

➔ **Metro** The Trevi and Quirinale areas are closest to the Barberini metro stop, while Spagna and Flaminio stations are perfectly placed for Tridente. All three stops are on line A.

➔ **Bus** Numerous buses run down to Piazza Barberini or along Via Veneto; many stop at the southern end of Via del Corso and on Via del Tritone, ideal for a foray into Tridente.

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Plan your itinerary in advance to accommodate differing opening hours: Gallerie Colonna is only open Saturday morning, for example; during art exhibitions Scuderie al Quirinale has late-night opening (until 10.30pm) on Friday and Saturday; and many local churches close for two or three hours over lunch so are best visited in the morning or late afternoon.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Imàgo (p109)
- ➔ Colline Emiliane (p110)
- ➔ Fiaschetteria Beltramme (p107)
- ➔ Pastificio (p107)
- ➔ Hostaria Romana (p109)
- ➔ Il Margutta (p106)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Zuma Bar (p111)
- ➔ Stravinskij Bar (p111)
- ➔ Il Palazzetto (p111)
- ➔ Antico Caffè Greco (p111)
- ➔ Pepy's Bar (p112)
- ➔ Caffè Ciampini (p112)

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Best Churches

- ➔ Basilica di Santa Maria del Popolo (p99)
- ➔ Chiesa di Sant'Andrea al Quirinale (p103)
- ➔ Chiesa di San Carlino alle Quattro Fontane (p104)
- ➔ Chiesa di Santa Maria della Vittoria (p105)
- ➔ Chiesa di Santissimi Vincenzo e Anastasio (p104)

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