

# Tridente, Trevi & the Quirinale

PIAZZA DI SPAGNA & THE SPANISH STEPS | PIAZZA DEL POPOLO & AROUND | TREVI TO THE QUIRINALE | WEST OF VIA DEL CORSO | PIAZZA BARBERINI & VIA VENETO

## Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 People watching, chattering, photo-snapping and dreaming on the **Spanish Steps** (p105), with a view down the glittering backbone of the Tridente district, designer-store-lined Via Condotti.
- 2 Gazing in wonder at the Caravaggio masterpieces in **Chiesa di Santa Maria del Popolo** (p106).
- 3 Visiting the **Trevi Fountain** (p108) late in the evening, when the crowds have ebbed away.
- 4 Hearing a concert in the Cortona-designed chapel after a Sunday visit to the **Palazzo del Quirinale** (p110).
- 5 Seeing **Palazzo Barberini's** (p110) architectural treasures, and feasting your eyes on the gallery's Italian masters.



For more detail of this area, see Map p352 →

## Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Note that local churches are usually locked up for two to three hours over lunch, so if you want to visit the interiors, time your visit for the morning or late afternoon.

### Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Palatium (p117)
- ➔ Nino (p117/)
- ➔ Dal Bolognese (p115)
- ➔ Babette (p115)
- ➔ Colline Emiliane (p120)

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### Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Salotto Locarno (p120)
- ➔ Stravinkij Bar – Hotel de Russie (p121)
- ➔ Canova Tadolini (p121)
- ➔ Ciampini 2 (p121)

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### Best Churches

- ➔ Chiesa di Santa Maria del Popolo (p106)
- ➔ Chiesa di Sant'Andrea al Quirinale (p111)
- ➔ Chiesa di San Carlo alle Quattro Fontane (p111)
- ➔ Chiesa di Santa Maria della Vittoria (p111)

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## 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 splendid vast neoclassical showpiece, Piazza del Popolo, the Spanish Steps, the Museo dell'Ara Pacis, a controversial modern museum designed by US architect Richard Meier, and several masterpiece-packed churches. To see all the sights here, factoring in some window shopping, would take around a day, and it's all easily walkable – a short walk from the Centro Storico or Piazza Venezia – and easily accessible from Spagna and Flaminio Metro stations.

Alongside Tridente, one of Rome's hills, the Quirinale encompasses the extraordinary Trevi Fountain and the imposing presidential Palazzo del Quirinale, as well as important churches by the twin masters of Roman baroque, Gian Lorenzo Bernini and Francesco Borromini. Other artistic hotspots in the area include the lavish Galleria Colonna and the Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Antica – Palazzo Barberini, a fabulous gallery containing works by a who's who of Renaissance and baroque artists – to see all this at leisure you'll need several days. The Trevi and Quirinale's principal gateway is the Barberini Metro stop. Frenetic during the day, both Tridente and the Quirinale are by no means nightlife zones – they're almost snoozily quiet after dark.

## Local Life

- ➔ **Socializing** In laid-back, cobbled and ivy-draped Via Margutta (p118), you can experience the upscale neighbourhood feel of this distinctive district.
- ➔ **Shopping** Commission yourself a handmade bag, a unique lamp or a marble motto from one of the district's artisanal shops.
- ➔ **Coffee** Do as the locals do and grab a caffeine hit propping up the bar at one of the district's iconic cafes.

## Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Metro** The Trevi and Quirinale areas are closest to 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, and many end up at Piazza San Silvestro, ideal for a foray into Tridente.