

# Tridente, Trevi & the Quirinale

PIAZZA DEL POPOLO | WEST OF VIA DEL CORSO | PIAZZA DI SPAGNA | TREVI FOUNTAIN | QUIRINALE | PIAZZA BARBERINI | VIA VENETO

## Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 People watching, photo-snapping and daydreaming on the **Spanish Steps** (p113), with a view down the glittering backbone of the Tridente district, designer-store-lined Via dei Condotti.
- 2 Gazing at the Caravaggio masterpieces in **Chiesa di Santa Maria del Popolo** (p114).
- 3 Visiting the **Trevi Fountain** (p115) 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** (p123).
- 5 Seeing **Palazzo Barberini's** (p124) architectural treasures and wealth of masterpieces.



## 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 (p128)
- ➔ Nino (p129)
- ➔ Babette (p127)
- ➔ Colline Emiliane (p130)
- ➔ Il Gelato (p127)

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### Best Places to Drink

- ➔ La Scena (p130)
- ➔ Stravinkij Bar – Hotel de Russie (p130)
- ➔ Canova Tadolini (p131)
- ➔ Ciampini 2 (p131)

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### Best Churches

- ➔ Chiesa di Santa Maria del Popolo (p114)
- ➔ Chiesa di Sant'Andrea al Quirinale (p122)
- ➔ Chiesa di San Carlo alle Quattro Fontane (p122)
- ➔ Chiesa di Santa Maria della Vittoria (p122)

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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 and vast neoclassical show-piece, 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 half a day to a day, and it's all easily walkable – a short walk from the *centro storico* or Piazza Venezia – and easily accessible from the Spagna and Flaminio metro stations.

Alongside Tridente, the Roman hill of Quirinale is home to 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 hot spots 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.

Busy during the day, both Tridente and the Quirinale are sleepy after dark.

## Local Life

- ➔ **Ambling** Imagine yourself as part of *Roman Holiday* along the laid-back, cobbled and ivy-draped Via Margutta, and enjoy 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 area'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 stop at the southern end of Via del Corso and on Via del Tritone, ideal for a foray into Tridente.