



Emperors' Footsteps

Follow in the footsteps of an ancient Roman on this whistle-stop tour of the city's most famous ruins.

Start Colosseum
Distance 1.5km
Duration Four hours



4 The Michelangelo-designed **Piazza del Campidoglio**, one of Rome's most beautiful piazzas, sits atop the Campidoglio (Capitoline Hill), one of the seven hills on which Rome was founded.

5 Flanking Piazza del Campidoglio are two stately *palazzi* (mansions) that together house the **Capitoline Museums**. These, the world's oldest public museums, boast an important picture gallery and a superb collection of classical sculpture.

6 No emperor ever walked the massive mountain of white marble that is **Vittoriano**, but it's worth stopping off to take the panoramic lift to the top, from where you can see the whole of Rome beneath you.

3 In imperial times, the **Roman Forum** was the empire's nerve centre, a teeming hive of law courts, temples, piazzas and shops.

Classic Photo The Colosseum



1 More than any other monument of the ancient city, it's the **Colosseum** that symbolises the power and glory of ancient Rome.

Take a break... Hidden away in the Capitoline Museums but accessible by its own entrance, the **Terrazza Caffarelli** (☎06 6919 0564; ☎9.30am-7pm) is a convenient spot for a coffee with magical views.

2 The **Palatino** was ancient Rome's most sought-after neighbourhood, site of the emperor's palace and home to the cream of imperial society.

