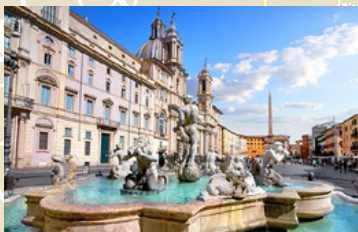




Centro Storico Piazas

Rome's *centro storico* boasts some of the city's most celebrated piazzas, and several lovely but lesser-known squares. Each has its own character, but together they encapsulate much of the city's beauty, history and drama.

Start Piazza Colonna
Distance 1.5km
Duration 3½ hours

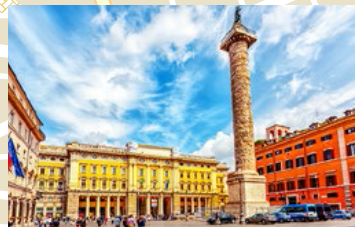


5 **Piazza Navona** is Rome's great showpiece square, where you can compare the two giants of Roman baroque – Gian Lorenzo Bernini and Francesco Borromini.

Classic Photo Piazza della Rotonda with the Pantheon in the background.



4 It's a short walk along Via del Seminario to Piazza della Rotonda, where the **Pantheon** needs no introduction.



1 **Piazza Colonna** is dominated by the 30m-high Colonna di Marco Aurelio and flanked by Palazzo Chigi, the official residence of the Italian prime minister.



2 Follow Via dei Bergamaschi to **Piazza di Pietra**, a refined space overlooked by the 2nd-century Tempio di Adriano.

3 Continue down Via de' Burro to **Piazza di Sant'Ignazio Loyola**, a small piazza with a church boasting celebrated *trompe l'oeil* frescoes.



6 On the other side of Corso Vittorio Emanuele II, **Campo de' Fiori** hosts a noisy market and boisterous drinking scene.

7 Just beyond the Campo, the more sober **Piazza Farnese** is overshadowed by the austere facade of the Renaissance **Palazzo Farnese**.

Take a break... Those in the know head to **Forno Roscioli** for some of Rome's best pizza by the slice.

