

## **ROME INFO**

I have info for you regarding Airports, Accommodations, Transportation, and Tours in Rome. Please note any pricing and availability is subject to change.

### **Flights**

Flight prices are still a bit high...and vary based on which day you want to travel.

It will take you 1 full day to travel and it is never a good idea to fly in morning of the cruise, especially since you have a long distance from the airport to get to the cruise port (see below).

I advise arriving 2-3 days before the cruise (so arrive Sep 3th or 4th) or longer of course if you want more time to explore Rome, or even do day trips outside Rome. 2-3 days helps with any potential flight delays, baggage delays, and jet lag.

### **Getting to Rome from Airport**

#### ***Train***

It is about 35 mins direct from Fiumicino Airport (Rome's Airport) to Roma Termini station in centre of Rome. Trains depart 3-7 times an hour and you will need to book your tickets yourself at the train station. Tickets are \$21-55CAD per person one way.

#### ***Bus***

It is about 50 mins direct from Fiumicino Airport (Rome's Airport) to Roma Termini Giolitti station in centre of Rome. Buses depart 2-4 times per hour. Prices start at \$3CAD per person one way.

#### ***Taxis***

It is about 45 mins direct from Fiumicino Airport (Rome's Airport) to centre of Rome. Prices start at \$100CAD one way.

### **Getting to Cruise Port from Rome**

Please note the cruise ship port is not in Rome, it is in Civitavecchia, which is about 1-2.5 hours away, depending on mode of transportation you choose and your location in Rome.

#### ***Train***

It is 1-1.5 hours direct from Roma Termini station in centre of Rome. Trains depart 2-3 times an hour and you will need to pre-book your tickets yourself at the train station. Best to do this a few days in advance when you arrive in Rome if possible. There is a direct train and prices will range from \$9-\$65CAD per person one way. Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable.

You would of course repeat the process returning from the Port, but you most likely will purchase ticket when you get to the train station that day after disembarking the ship. The prices are the same back to Roma Termini. There may be a bit of a wait depending on how many people are taking the train, but is usually not too bad.

You will have to get a shuttle/cab or walk to/from train to ship. The walk is about a kilometer, so 20-30 minutes. Shuttles are a couple of Euros each way. There was a free shuttle at one point but not sure if that is running regularly post-Covid. Cabs will be a bit more but are usually readily available.

#### ***Private Shuttle Services***

Private car starts at 150 Euros per person one way, shared transfers from \$80 Euros per person one way. Depending on the shuttle service, you would have to pre-pay in full (non-refundable) or you would have to pay a deposit but the balance in CASH (in Euros) at end of each transfer. I can provide you with shuttle service companies – some I can book for you, others you would have to book yourself.

### ***Shuttle Buses with Norwegian***

You meet the shuttle at the Airport. Shuttle will take 1.5-2 hours to get to Port, but will drop you right at the Cruise Centre. Cost is \$75USD per person one way. I will have to book this transfer for you with Norwegian.

### **Accommodations**

There are of course many different types of accommodations. I will focus on traditional hotels here as Italy is evolving with their rules on Airbnb/VRBO accommodations and in some cities, putting restrictions in place due to over tourism.

As everyone will be staying for varying lengths pre-/post-cruise in Rome, I'll give you the current published price of my favourite picks as per the night before the cruise starts (Sep 5<sup>th</sup>).

Most of my picks are close to the Roma Termini train station for obvious reasons...see above. And the station is fairly central in Rome to most main attractions. And Rome has a fabulous train system and the roads are quite busy, so trains are the best way to get around if you do need to venture somewhere where it is too long to walk.

All prices are double occupancy. All are refundable rates. Prices and availability can change. These are the best priced rooms....so there are other room types which will cost more. I can price those if wanted.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Price (Est in CAD)</b>	<b>Room Type</b>
Best Western Plus Hotel Universo – near Train Station (~5min walk)	\$287	Economy Double
Unahotels Deco Roma – near Train Station (~5min walk)	\$327	Classic Double
Manin Suites – near Train Station (~5min walk)	\$255	Economy Double
Best Western Premier Hotel Royal Santina – near Train Station (~4min walk)	\$276	Economy Double
Hotel Diana Roof Garden – near Train Station (~6min walk)	\$380	1 King
Mercure Roma Centro Termini – near Train Station (~11min walk)	\$422	Stand Double/2 Twin
Hotel Triviho – near Train Station (~15min walk)	\$547	Superior Double
Republic Hotel – near Train Station (~6min walk)	\$310	Basic Double
The Guardian Hotel – near Train Station (~12min walk)	\$356	Basic Double
Hotel Trevi – near Trevi Fountain (~25min walk from Station)	\$425	Standard Double

Please note that in general hotel rooms in Europe are MUCH smaller than in North America. You may also find 2 twin beds side by side to make a Double or Queen (which is what you will find on cruise ships as well). It is very rare that you will find rooms that can accommodate more than 2 adults (there are some rooms where they will allow up to 2 kids).

I've found them before myself, but as I and my parents can attest from our extensive travels in Europe, they are very few and far between...and 2 rooms are generally the same price or close enough to a room that can accommodate 4 adults, so best to pick 2 rooms.

I can of course look at other options for you further away from the train station.

And there isn't much in Civitavecchia, but some may choose to travel day before the cruise and stay overnight there. There aren't really large hotels here, mostly B&B and smaller Inns. I can price options for you if you wish.

### **Tours**

The main attractions you want to purchase a tour for are: The Vatican (St. Peter's Basilica and/or Sistine Chapel) and The Coliseum. While you can just go to these attractions and wait in a very long line to purchase tickets and then wait again to get in, it is advisable to book a tour that includes your tickets and a skip-the-line pass. Now, even with the pass, you will still be waiting in a line, but it will be a lot shorter.

There are many attractions you can visit on your own of course and there are several "free" walking tours (always tip your guide...that's their main form of pay). And there are also Hop-On Hop-Off Bus tours as well...also a good way to see

the City, especially parts you may not have gotten to see otherwise. We tend to hop-on and stay on until we get back to where we started.

In order to get the best group pricing, I'll need to know numbers who want to book....some tours may be non-refundable.

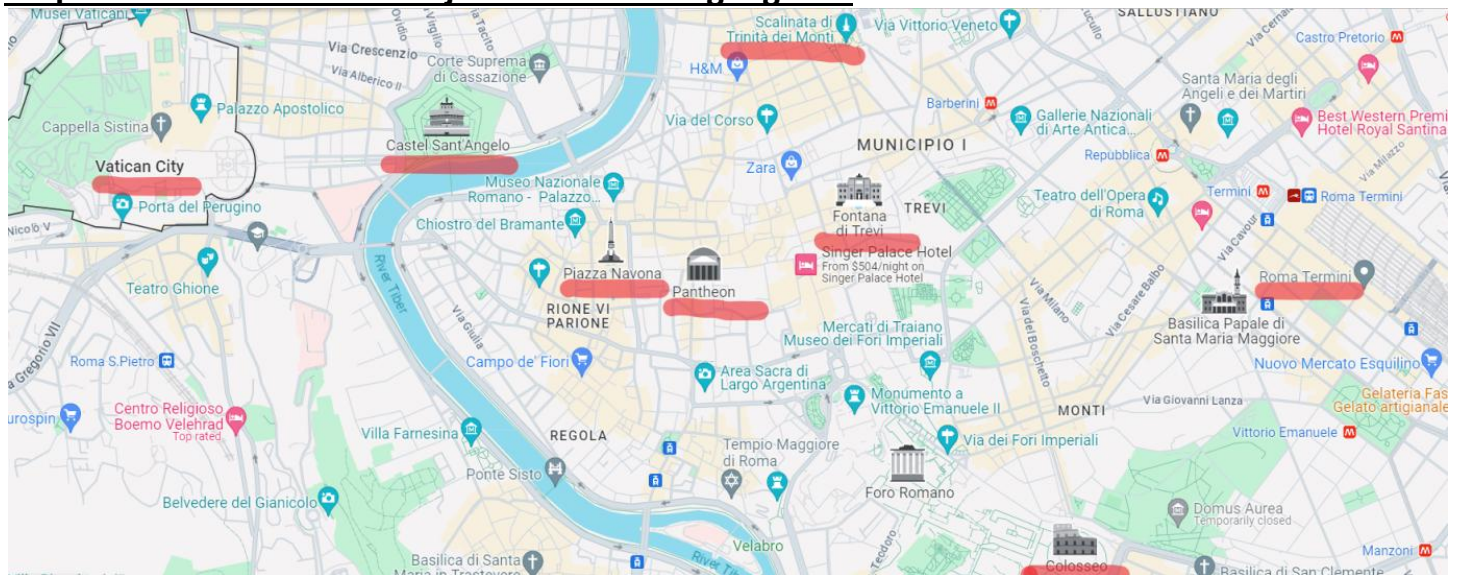
So, please let me know if you are interested in one or both of the following:

- Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel & St. Peter's Basilica Guided Tour
- Colosseum, Roman Forum & Palatine Hill Guided Tour

Each of the tours will be 2-4 hours each. Most likely will not be able to do both in 1 day.

Some have asked about attending Mass at St. Peter's. There are no tickets for masses. You are required to line up 1-3 hours (or maybe longer) before the scheduled mass time and you still may not be granted entry. You can find more info here: <https://www.st-peters-basilica-tickets.com/mass/>

### Map of Rome with some Major Attractions highlighted



Walking and Train Distances (as per Google Maps – times may vary for yourself) from Roma Termini (Train Station)

Location	Walking Time	Train Time
Colosseum	23 mins	3 min + 3 min walk
Trevi Fountain	25 mins	2 min + 9 min walk
Pantheon	33 mins	4 min + 15 min walk
Piazza Navona	38 mins	4 min + 18 min walk
Castel Sant'Angela	48 mins	7 min + 18 min walk
Vatican City	59 mins	9 min + 10 min walk
Spanish Steps	33 mins	4 min + 1 min walk

Other Walking Distances (as per Google Maps – times may vary for yourself)

Location 1	Location 2	Walking Time
Trevi Fountain	Pantheon	8 mins
Pantheon	Piazza Navona	4 mins
Piazza Navona	Castel Sant'Angela	10 mins
Castel Sant'Angela	Vatican City	14 mins