

Rome in 48 Hours — Complete 2-Day Itinerary for First-Time Visitors

Short stay in Rome? Discover how to see the Eternal City's must-see, hidden gems, and local favorites — all within 48 hours! Perfect for walkers, history lovers, and culture enthusiasts.



Day 1 — Ancient Wonders & Iconic Rome

Morning: Colosseum, Roman Forum & Palatine Hill

Start your adventure at the Colosseum — one of the most impressive landmarks in the world. Book our tour: [Colosseum, Roman Forum & Palatine Hill](#)

Walk through the Roman Forum, explore Palatine Hill, and climb Capitoline Hill for breathtaking panoramic views.

Grab a quick espresso near Piazza Venezia ☕

Lunch: Head to the Monti district for a traditional trattoria. Try cacio e pepe or carbonara with local wine 🍷.

Afternoon: Join our City Tour (multiple time slots): [Reserve Your City Tour](#)

Highlights include, Piazza Barberini, Sant' Ignazio Church, Temple of Hadrian, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon (outside), Piazza Navona.

Stop for a gelato at a classic Roman gelateria 🍦

Evening: Dine in Campo de' Fiori or Trastevere. Take a romantic walk along the Tiber River at sunset 🌇

Day 2 — Vatican, Art & Hidden Corners

Morning: Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel

[Join our Vatican Tour](#) with multiple time slots. Book ahead to skip the lines. Explore masterpieces with a passionate local guide.

Visit St. Peter's Basilica — free entry, arrive early for shorter lines.

Climb the dome for unforgettable city views 🕊️

Lunch: Relax in Borgo Pio or Prati — quieter than the Vatican crowds and full of local favorites 🍝

Afternoon: Explore Castel Sant'Angelo and cross the Bridge of Angels

Continue to Campo Marzio, Spanish Steps, and Trevi Fountain. Toss a coin over your shoulder for good luck ✨

Evening: End your 48 hours with sunset at Pincio Terrace in Villa Borghese

Enjoy an aperitivo 🍹 as the golden skyline fades over Rome ❤️

Essential Tips for 48 Hours in Rome



Book Colosseum & Vatican tickets online in advance



Walk everywhere — Rome is best explored on foot



Use metro or bus only for longer distances (Metro A/B or bus 64)



Take your time — meals are meant to be enjoyed slowly



Carry some cash for gelato, coffee, or small tips

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