

USEFUL INFORMATION

Tourist Information Centers

Tourist Information Centers operated by the Rome Tourist Agency are located at Leonardo da Vinci airport (Arrivals Terminal C) and at the main Railroad Station (Stazione Termini, Platform 24 and Piazza dei Cinquecento).

The City of Rome has set up tourist office kiosks at many locations in the city to provide local information of interest to the tourist as he/she travels about the city. Among the many locations there are kiosks in Via del Corso, Via Nazionale, Castel S. Angelo - Lungotevere Vaticano, Via Minghetti - Fontana di Trevi, Via dei Fori Imperiali - Piazza del Tempio della Pace, Piazza delle Cinque Lune - Piazza Navona, Piazza Sonnino in Trastevere, Piazza San Giovanni, Santa Maria Maggiore and the Vatican.

A Tourist Hotline, 06-06-06, operates 24 hours a day and can provide helpful information. The website for Tourist Information for Rome and its surroundings is www.turismoroma.it

Getting to and from Rome

By plane

Fiumicino "Leonardo da Vinci" airport is connected to Rome city centre by train:

Fiumicino-Termini station, fare € 11,00, 30 minutes trip, every 30 minutes. Tickets are available at ticket-offices, machines and newsagents at the airport and the station.

From Fiumicino airport is also available a train to Orte or Fara Sabina which will stop in Rome. It is not a very quick trip, but it is very cheap and it goes to Tiburtina station. Fare € 5,00, 45 minutes trip to Tiburtina station, every 15 or 30 minutes.

Ciampino airport "G.B. Pastine" is the second airport in Rome, used by charter flights, private jets and low cost airlines.

From there to Rome city centre it is possible to catch a Cotral bus, available every half an hour at €1,03, and then from Anagnina station the underground line A to the centre of Rome at € 1,50.

Airports by night

- Fiumicino: from 11.30 pm to 5 am there is a night bus from Fiumicino to Termini station and Tiburtina station. Cost: € 3,60, directly on the bus € 5,00.
Fiumicino timetable: 1.15am-2.15am-3.30am-5am
Tiburtina timetable: 0.30am-1.15am-2.30am-3.45am
Between the two stations there is a connecting bus, 40N.
- Ciampino: after 11pm there are no connections from Ciampino to the underground. Only taxi services are available.

For more info: www.adr.it

By train

Trains run from both the central Railroad Station, Stazione Termini, and the Tiburtina Station to all the major cities in Italy and throughout Europe. The high speed trains ("Freccia Rossa" and "Freccia Argento" operated by Trenitalia and "Italo" operated by NTV) are the fastest. Following those in descending order of speed are the Eurostar trains, the Intercity trains and the slowest, the local

trains. For the High Speed and Eurostar trains you must buy a ticket and reserve a seat before boarding.

Tickets may be purchased at the stations (although there can be very long lines); at most travel agencies at no extra fee; or on-line at the [trenitalia web site](#) or [Italo web site](#). If you use the on-line ticketing you will have to register and pay with a credit card. Your tickets will be waiting for you on the train. Tickets may also be purchased from abroad by calling the Italian call center at 0039-06-684-75475. From the USA the complete dialing number is: 011-39-06-684-75475.

Public Transportation

Rome has an extensive integrated public transportation system, which includes buses, subways, trams and a suburban train network.

Subways

There are two subway lines, A and B.

The A line runs east to west from Battistini to Anagnina and stops at many tourist sites such as the Vatican, Piazza di Spagna, Piazza Barberini and Piazza del Popolo, Termini Station, St. John's Basilica.

The **B Line** runs northeast to southwest from Rebibbia to Laurentina. It stops at sites such as the Colosseum, Circo Massimo, and St. Paul's Basilica. It connects the three main railroad stations: Stazione Tiburtina, Stazione Termini and Stazione Ostiense.

Both lines run from Sunday to Thursday from 5.30 a.m. to 11.30 p.m., and until 1.30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Both lines intersect at Stazione Termini.

Special tourist services

Roma Pass: the Municipality of Rome instituted the Roma Pass Program. This Pass costs 30 euros and is valid for three days including the day it is validated. It entitles the holder to a full access to the public transportation system, to the free admission to the first two museums and/or archaeological sites visited and to obtain reduced tickets and discounts to many other museums and sites (after the first 2 free admissions) as well as to exhibitions, musical events, theatrical and dance performances and other tourist services.

The Roma Pass comes with a Kit that includes the public transportation ticket, a map of the city illustrating the location of Tourist Information Centers, Underground stations, museums and sites of interest including addresses, phone numbers, hours of operation and directions.

Also included in the Kit is the Roma Pass Guide, the complete list of museums & sites of interest that have joined the initiative and the Roma News, the program of events and tourist services that are eligible for discounts.

Roma Pass can be purchased from all museums and sites that have joined the Program and from Tourist Information Centers in the Municipality of Rome.

The **110 Open Tourist Bus:** begins at the Stazione Termini (the main Railroad Station) and goes to all the major historical and artistic sights of the city giving passengers a unique, spectacular view of the city as it passes close by the main archaeological sites and monuments such as the Colosseum, Bocca della Verità, Trevi Fountain, St. Peters & Ara Pacis. It allows you to hop on/off at any of the stops. It operates between 8:30 am and 7:00 pm. The ticket can be purchased on the bus, costs 20 euros (18 euros for those over 65) and is valid for 48 hours.

The **Archeobus** travels through the center of Rome and then along the Park of Via Appia Antica. It operates between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm. The ticket can be purchased on the bus, costs 12 euros and is valid for 48 hours.

Purchase tickets for both buses and there is a special reduced rate ticket for 25 euros. Both of these tour lines offer discount tickets to many Rome museums.

Bus

There are buses to almost everywhere in greater Rome. The ATAC local buses serve the city center and most nearby suburbs. The city buses are an excellent way around Rome especially to places not served by the subway lines. The Express Lines cover longer distances and make fewer stops but run frequently. Another bus service, COTRAL, serves the outer suburbs and outlying regional areas but run less frequently.

From 12 am (midnight) until 6 am there are special Night Lines which cover different areas of the city and run approximately every 20 minutes.

Fares

There is a single fare structure and ticketing system allowing you to travel on buses, trams, trains and the metro with the same ticket.

There are five types of tickets for the buses and subways:

1. BIT - Integrated Single Ticket: costs 1,50 euro and can be used on all buses, subways and trams in Rome. This ticket allows 100 minutes of travel after the initial validation on the buses and trams and only for 1 ride on the subway or 1 ride on an urban train or on trains to Ostia or Sacrofano.
2. BIG - Integrated Daily Ticket: costs 6 euros and is a good deal if you're planning a lot of sightseeing. The day pass can be used for unlimited rides until midnight on the day on which the ticket is validated. It is accepted on ATAC buses and trams, the subway, COTRAL buses, urban trains and regional trains in the city limits.
3. BTI - Integrated Touristic Ticket: costs 16,50 euros and allows use of all buses, subways, city trains, regional trains and trams in Rome for 3 days including the day of validation.
4. CIS - Integrated Weekly Pass: costs 24 euros and can be used for 7 days. It is basically a weekly version of the BIG ticket above. It permits unlimited travel on all Roman buses and subways, city trains and regional trains, in the city limits.

For more information visit [Metrebus web site](#)

Taxis

Taxis are quite expensive in Rome. The easiest way to get a taxi is to find the nearest taxi stand. In the center city they can be found at the main squares or piazzas such as Piazza Venezia, Piazza Argentina, Piazza San Silvestro, Piazza Barberini, Stazione Termini, etc. During the rush hour (4pm-8pm), as in all cities, it can be difficult to find a taxi. Taxis can be radio paged but remember that you'll pay for the time it takes to get to you not just from the time you enter the cab. There is a fixed (flat rate) fee for taxis going between the city (defined as inside the Aurelian Walls) and the two airports, Fiumicino and Ciampino. **The fixed fee to & from Fiumicino is 48 euros and to & from Ciampino is 30 euros.**

The main radio-taxi network telephone numbers are: 063570; 064994; 066645; and 065551.

Licensed taxis are all white and have a taxi sign on the roof of the car as well as their license number inside the car. In every official taxi there is a card that explains - in English - the extra charges for luggage, late-night travel, Sunday and holiday travel, and airport journeys. Always

make sure the meter is switched on. Be careful of unlicensed and illegal taxi drivers who approach you at the train station or the airport. They will often ask for additional fees at the end of the trip.

Climate

Rome is known for having comfortable weather throughout the year. Generally, the best months for traveling in Italy are April through October although July and August can be very hot. During the Spring months the weather is generally mild with average minimum temperatures between 47 & 56 F. (8 to 13 C.) and average maximum temperatures between 63 & 71 F. (17 to 21 C). There is some rain usually in the form of short showers. The weather in July and August can be very hot (between 83 and 99 F. (28 to 37 C). A mild wind blowing down from the hills, the Ponentino, helps refresh the summer evenings.

In August, especially during the last 2 weeks (known as Ferragosto), a high percentage of Romans (and all Italians) take their vacation closing many shops and restaurants. During August, Rome is a city full of tourists but with a limited number of establishments open.

From November to February the weather can get cold but it is very unusual for it to go below freezing. It very rarely snows in Rome and cloudy and rainy days never last more than 1-2 days.

Foreign consulates in Roma

<http://www.guideurope.eu/web/en/roma/ambasciate.html>