

PRE-TRAVEL GUIDE



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

PACKING FOR ROME

You will be able to check in one suitcase. Measure the length, the width, and the depth. Add those three numbers together. The total should not exceed 62 inches. Your suitcase should weigh no more than 50 pounds. You can also have one carry-on bag ie. a rucksack or handbag.

Temperatures in Rome in December/January have an average low of 39°F and average high of 55°F.

Layers of clothing are the best way to keep warm and keep using items of clothing in different ways.

- ★ Four vests, t-shirts, sweaters.
- ★ Two pairs of jeans, girls, may prefer leggings/ tights if wearing dresses
- ★ One pair of smarter trousers / one skirt or dress (for NYE dinner/ final night dinner)
- ★ Pyjamas
- ★ Five pairs of socks
- ★ Warm, water proof coat
- ★ Hat, scarf, gloves
- ★ Two or three pairs of comfortable walking shoes – **there is a lot of walking on ancient cobbled streets!**
- ★ Sunglasses

- ★ Washbag – toothbrush, toothpaste (most products ie. shampoo, conditioner, soap provided in the hotel). Washcloth not provided.
- ★ Mini first aid bag – band aids, paracetamol, tissues.
- ★ Adaptor (Italy 2-round pronged plug sockets)
- ★ Phone charger
- ★ Kindle/ books for the flight and longer coach journeys
- ★ Small bag with a zip for sightseeing.
- ★ Passport wallet for passport, cash, cards and any other documents.

PLEASE NOTE

Big back packs and bags are not allowed in most main attractions like the Colosseum and Vatican. Smaller bags and purses are fine. You will also need to pass through airport style security.

Remember shoulders must be covered in all churches in Rome and especially St Peters Basilica!



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AIRPORTS

The night before you travel make sure to get a good nights sleep and to eat a light meal.

Don't forget to bring your passport to the airport and make sure you also have a copy of it on you.

Leave plenty of time to get to the airport for your flight so that you are not rushing. Arriving around 2-3 hours before your flight is a good idea.

You will not need a ticket as you are booked on e-tickets and your seat will have been pre allocated. You will need to check in your

suitcase at the check-in desk.

Remember to put your washbag liquids in a clear plastic bag to go through security. Each item cannot contain more than 100ml of liquid.

The journey time will be between 7 – 16 hours and all transatlantic flights are overnight.

You will be given dinner on the plane and breakfast.

Music, TV and movies are all free

on board but it is a good idea to bring your own headset.


On the plane try and get some rest, relax and drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.

Before you get off the plane remember to set your watch to Rome time. Your phone will probably have reset to Rome time already once you turn it back on!

ARRIVAL IN TO ROME

Make sure you have filled out your immigration form before you arrive in Rome, you will be given these on the plane.

You will then pass through customs before picking up your luggage.

Once you have your luggage please make your way through customs in to the arrivals hall. We will have a dedicated 'meet and greet' team in each terminal who will be holding a large sign with the Rome logo –  – and your group name.

You will be taken to your waiting coaches and transferred to your hotel.

Your tour assistant will be on hand to meet you at your hotel and help with your check-in process. Please note that check in time is not until 3.00pm, but we will endeavor to have your rooms ready before that time.

Group leader, please note:

If you have any hold ups in the baggage area, for instance if someone needs to make a claim for lost or damaged luggage, please send the majority of your passengers through and instruct them to wait for you on the coaches.

If you are on more than one flight, then each schedule will be treated as an individual group and will be met and transferred to your hotel when you are ready.

Your tour assistant will remain in the hotel and will work closely with the front office to arrange your rooming, and will greet you on arrival.



AIRPORT TRANSFERS

For all airport transfers we will provide sufficient seats and storage space (based on one suitcase and one carry on piece per person plus your smaller instruments) for the number of passengers on each flight. We will provide coaches for each flight arrival, you will not have to wait for other flights to arrive.

Please note that we do not include transfers for any 'land only' passengers.

PASSPORTS

We would suggest that individuals do not carry their passport around with them during the Rome programme. Our advice would be to keep them securely in the hotel safes provided.

However we would suggest that the group leader has a photocopy of the passport of everyone in the group on them during the tour programme. A number of attractions can occasionally request to see these, especially at the Vatican and Colosseum and photocopies are perfect for this purpose.

SPENDING MONEY IN ROME

Credit cards, especially Visa and Mastercard, are accepted everywhere in Italy. Amex and Diners Club can also be used but not in as many places.

We recommend pre-paid Visa or Mastercard (check they can be used in Rome), either cards that are throw away once the credit is used, or cards can be topped up mid tour if necessary!

We also recommend bringing your bank cards that can be used in ATM machines (bancomats) so you can withdraw € Euros. You will find them all over the city. Make sure your bank knows you will be withdrawing cash in Rome, and make sure you are aware of the bank charges.

We advise you to bring some cash with you either €'s or US\$ but not too much, you will not need money for anything other than souvenirs and spending money for additional snacks and drinks.

You will find banks and exchange bureau's everywhere that will exchange \$ to €. The hotel will also exchange \$ to €, although the rate might be slightly worse than the bank. Most have a limit of €200 per day, they need to see your passport, and you must be over the age of 16.



PHONES & ELECTRICAL DEVICES

Standard WiFi is free to use in your hotel rooms and the communal spaces in the hotel. WiFi is also available in most places in and around Rome.

Smartphones and tablets will all work fine in Italy. For phone services please just remember that you will need an overseas plan/ bundles of data from your service provider.

Remember that Italy use a 2 round pin plug and so you will need an adaptor to plug in your phone and devices.

Remember the electrical current is 220V in Italy. To avoid bringing transformers all hotels will have hairdryers and we recommend buying hair straighteners in Italy unless you have ones that are dual voltage. These can be purchased cheaply at convenience stores in Italy.

Rome Audio Tours

We've had some brilliant audio guided walking tours and tracks made for you to enjoy during your time in Rome and for you to listen to as you go around the Colosseum and Roman Forum, the Sistine Chapel and St Peter's Basilica, through the medieval district of Trastevere in the centre of Rome AND MORE!

Make sure to download these walks and tracks before travelling to Rome so that you can start listening to them straight away when you arrive!



To download:-

Go to the Rome parade website www.romeparade.com

Click on the login button on the upper right hand side of the homepage.

Type in the password 'BuonAnno24'

Then, click on the download button for whichever tour you wish to download.

The audio file, when downloaded, will appear in the 'downloads' folder, on your phone. This can be found in the Files app, on iPhone, or the My Files app (or equivalent), on Android devices so that you will be able to listen to them when you are in Rome!



10 THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE VISITING ROME!

1. Espresso is the king of coffee
2. Water in all the fountains is drinkable
3. Comfortable shoes are essential on the cobbled streets
4. Carrying a scarf to throw over your shoulders in a church is a good idea.
5. Watch you bags and purses, keep them zipped and don't carry valuables.
6. Italians drive on the right like in the USA - look before crossing roads
7. Fresh gelato is amazing, eat lots!
8. Know a few essential words like grazie and buongiorno!
9. Carry your hotel details with you.
10. Some shops and stores may close for siesta from 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

Most of all enjoy spending time and experiencing life in another culture - have a fantastic time! See you in Roma.

