



Vatican City



Lazio

Rome dominates the region of Lazio offering visitors history, culture and beauty in abundance. Full of monuments to ancient glories and reminders of hundreds of years of civilization, Rome is timeless and eternal.



The landscape of Lazio varies from the rolling, green, wooded hills in the north to the scenic mountainous slopes of the south. The best beaches lie in the **Parco Nazionale del Circeo** between Terracina and Gaeta near to the neighbouring region of Campania. Additionally, the lakes of **Bracciano**, **Vico** and **Bolsena** are perfect for swimming during the hot summer months and serve as the best alternatives to the less attractive coastal areas of Lazio's northern region.

Ideally placed in the very heart of the region and, indeed the country, is **Rome**, the capital and centre of government, separating the north from the south. The sights to see are many, including the magnificent Colosseum, the Pantheon, St Peter's Square and Basilica, Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel, the Spanish Steps, the Trevi Fountain and the animated Piazza Navona. There is so much to do that the longest stay is always too short.

All roads lead to Rome, as does the main railway system, which makes day trips from the capital an easy option. Within easy reach is Hadrian's Villa in **Tivoli** (40km east) and the well-preserved Roman site at **Ostia Antica** (26km southwest), a former ancient port. Further afield, and accessible by car, are the notable Benedictine monasteries of **Subiaco** and **Montecassino**.

Two international airports serve the region. Fiumicino (Leonardo Da Vinci airport) is on the southwest coast connected by rail to the centre of Rome which receives scheduled airlines and Ciampino, which is used by charter airlines, located 16km southeast of Rome. A bus links Ciampino to the centre of Rome.



The Forum, Rome



Hotel Quattro Fontane, Rome

- Airport: 35km Rome Fiumicino ■ 3-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast ■ Air-conditioning

Hotel Quattro Fontane, centrally located near the shops and restaurants of Via Veneto (200m), the Spanish Steps (400m) and the Trevi Fountain (400m), is a modern, comfortable base from which to explore the delights of Rome. The building itself dates from the late 1800's and has been nicely renovated to offer guests a quiet, understated location in the heart of this bustling city.

Accommodation: 36 air-conditioned rooms including standard rooms, triple rooms, quadruple rooms and junior suites ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath or shower), hairdryer, satellite TV, telephone, minibar, safe deposit box and internet connection (payable locally) ■ Some rooms have a balcony and views of the Vatican city ■ Junior suites are on two levels and will accommodate an extra bed for an adult or child (twin bedroom upstairs and sofa bed downstairs).

Amenities/Leisure: Buffet breakfast ■ Bar ■ Internet connection available at reception (payable locally) ■ Lounge ■ Lift.

Note: An accommodation tax of 2 Euros per person per night (max.10 nights) is payable locally.

Guideline price £ per person - 3 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room and flights to Rome Fiumicino with British Airways. Single room supplement on request. Private transfers can be arranged at a supplement.

Hotel Quattro Fontane	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£459	£478	£366	£478

Please refer to page 9 for details of pricing structure or telephone us for a quotation.



Hotel Victoria, Rome

- Airport: 35km Rome Fiumicino ■ 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast ■ Air-conditioning

The Victoria, built in 1899, has been renovated and transformed into a traditional styled Roman hotel. Retaining its historical style, this elegant property is located in the heart of Rome opposite the Villa Borghese Park and within easy walking distance of many of the main sites of Rome including the Via Veneto and the Piazza di Spagna (Spanish Steps). After a day's sightseeing, guests can return to the hotel for an evening cocktail on the roof terrace and enjoy the panoramic views over the Aurelian walls and the Villa Borghese Gardens. The restaurant offers regional cuisine with a good choice of wines to complement any dish.

Accommodation: 113 air-conditioned rooms including single rooms, standard rooms and superior rooms ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath or shower), hairdryer, telephone, satellite and pay TV, safe deposit box and minibar.

Amenities/Leisure: Buffet breakfast ■ Bar ■ Restaurant ■ Lounge with internet access ■ Large roof garden with bar (open in the summer months) serving snacks and cocktails ■ Two lifts.

Note: An accommodation tax of 3 Euros per person per night (max.10 nights) is payable locally.

Guideline price £ per person - 3 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room and flights to Rome Fiumicino with British Airways. Single room supplement on request. Private transfers can be arranged at a supplement.

Hotel Victoria	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£491	£494	£435	£494

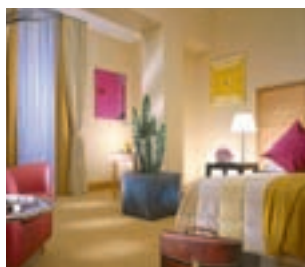
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Trevi Fountain, Rome



The Vatican, Rome



Hotel Capo d'Africa, Rome

- Airport: 35km Rome Fiumicino
- 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Air-conditioning



The Capo d'Africa is situated on a quiet street opposite the monastery Quattro Coronati and close to the magnificent Colosseum and Roman Forum. Housed within a 19th century town house, this beautiful hotel opened in 2002 and has been decorated throughout using a contemporary design. The rooftop breakfast room with its fabulous mural centrepiece and stunning views over Imperial Rome is a prime example. The comfortable 'Centrum' bar, decorated in subtle creams and plum colours, is the ideal place to relax and unwind after a days sightseeing. This is a charming hotel that cannot fail to impress.

Accommodation: 65 air-conditioned rooms including standard rooms, deluxe rooms, triple rooms and a studio suite ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath and shower), satellite and Pay TV, internet connection (payable locally), radio, minibar and safe deposit box ■ The studio suite is located on the top floor and has a private terrace with views over the roof-tops of Rome to the Colosseum ■ Some rooms interconnect ■ Some rooms will accommodate an extra bed for an adult or child.

Amenities/Leisure: Roof-top terrace with breakfast room (buffet breakfast). An à la carte menu service is available to guests ■ 'Centrum' Bar ■ Lift ■ Small fitness centre ■ Internet access.

Note: An accommodation tax of 3 Euros per person per night (max.10 nights) is payable locally.

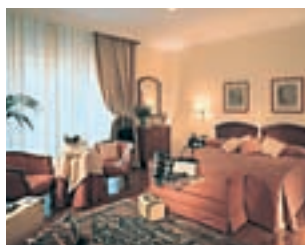
Guideline price £ per person - 3 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room and flights to Rome Fiumicino with British Airways. Single room supplement on request. Private transfers can be arranged at a supplement.

Hotel Capo d'Africa	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£504	£519	£452	£519

Special Offers: Couples celebrating their honeymoon receive a complimentary bottle of Spumante in their room on arrival.

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Hotel Imperiale, Rome

- Airport: 35km Rome Fiumicino
- 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Air-conditioning



This character hotel is located on the famous Via Veneto close to the Spanish Steps and central shopping area around Via Roma. The Imperiale, representative of one of the original grand hotels built in 1895, offers a comfortable and relaxed sojourn in elegant and refined surroundings. A large selection of cold and hot buffet food is served in the magnificent 'Sala Liberty' breakfast room, which still reflects the glorious past of a bygone era. An excellent choice for a short city break within easy walking distance of many of the major sites.

Accommodation: 96 air-conditioned rooms including single rooms, standard rooms, triple rooms, superior rooms, junior suites and suites ■ All rooms have a bathroom (bath or shower), hairdryer, telephone, satellite TV, safe deposit box and minibar ■ The superior rooms and junior suites will take an extra bed for a child (fold-up bed) ■ The suites which have a separate living room area will accommodate 1 adult or 2 children (sofa beds).

Amenities/Leisure: Buffet breakfast ■ Café bar ■ Two restaurants (à la carte), one of which 'Il Gabezzo' is located in a glass enclosure along the Via Veneto ■ Various reading rooms and lounges ■ Lift.

Note: An accommodation tax of 3 Euros per person per night (max.10 nights) is payable locally.

Guideline price £ per person - 3 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room and flights to Rome Fiumicino with British Airways. Single room supplement on request. Private transfers can be arranged at a supplement.

Hotel Imperiale	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£596	£600	£531	£600

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Piazza Venezia, Rome



Trevi Fountain, Rome



Albergo Sole al Pantheon, Rome

- Airport: 35km Rome Fiumicino ■ 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast ■ Air-conditioning

Officially recognised as the oldest hotel in Rome, this charming, recently renovated property has been in business since 1467. The Albergo Sole is well located opposite the 2000 year old Pantheon and just a few metres from the enchanting Piazza Navona. Tastefully decorated in keeping with the history of this magnificent building and full of original features, this property is truly a unique and friendly place to stay.

Accommodation: 33 air-conditioned rooms including single rooms, standard rooms, standard rooms with a view over the Pantheon or Piazza della Rotonda, junior suites (2 with views over the Pantheon) and suites ■ All the rooms have a bathroom (Jacuzzi or shower), hairdryer, satellite and Pay TV, minibar, safe deposit box, complimentary internet connection and telephone ■ The suites are located in an annexe c.10m from the hotel ■ All the suites will accommodate one or two extra beds.

Amenities/Leisure: Buffet breakfast ■ First floor garden patio where breakfast is served in the summer months (weather permitting) ■ Bar ■ Lift.

Note: An accommodation tax of 3 Euros per person per night (max.10 nights) is payable locally.

Guideline price £ per person - 3 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room and flights to Rome Fiumicino with British Airways. Single room supplement on request. Private transfers can be arranged at a supplement.

Albergo Sole Al Pantheon	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£669	£673	£514	£573

Special Offers: Couples celebrating their honeymoon or anniversary receive a complimentary bottle of Spumante or a fruit basket in their room on arrival ■ Stay 4 nights pay 3 nights between 02Jan-28Feb11.

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Hotel St George, Rome

- Airport: 35km Rome Fiumicino ■ 5-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast ■ Air-conditioning

This 5-star luxury hotel is located on Via Giulia in the historic centre of Rome, close to the city's main monuments and within walking distance of Castel St Angelo and Piazza Navona. Formerly a palace which was left unfinished by Bramante during the 15th century, the newly renovated Hotel St George offers comfortable luxury accommodation that tastefully combines the old with the new.

Accommodation: 64 air-conditioned rooms including superior rooms, deluxe rooms and junior suites ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath or shower), hairdryer, telephone, satellite TV, internet connection (payable locally, but free of charge in deluxe rooms and junior suites only), safe deposit box and minibar ■ The deluxe rooms and junior suites have a queen or king size bed ■ The junior suites which have a separate living room with sofa bed will accommodate an extra bed for an adult or child.

Amenities/Leisure: Buffet breakfast ■ 'I Sofà di Via Giulia' à la carte restaurant ■ Wine Bar ■ Roof-top lounge bar with terrace (open during the summer months) ■ Cigar lounge ■ WIFI internet connection available in public areas (payable locally) ■ Spa with Roman bath, sauna, Turkish bath, Jacuzzi, treatment rooms and fitness room ■ Inner garden and terrace ■ Library.

Note: An accommodation tax of 3 Euros per person per night (max.10 nights) is payable locally.

Guideline price £ per person - 3 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Superior room and flights to Rome Fiumicino with British Airways. Single room supplement on request. Private transfers can be arranged at a supplement.

Hotel St George	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£647	£689	£662	£689

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Vatican City

Rome

The eternal city, Rome is a living museum which displays the greatest collection of Classical antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces, Baroque churches and Roman archaeological sites in the world. At every turn, world-famous attractions and works of art by Bernini, Caravaggio and Michelangelo are visible.

The other side of Rome is one of a cosmopolitan metropolis; frantic and exciting. It is a city that never sleeps; a paradise for shopaholics and a gastronomic delight. The city is also an inspiration for artists and a real-life film set.

Films

Thousands of films have been shot on location in Rome including Fellini's '8 1/2', William Wyler's 'Roman holiday' and Negulesco's 'Three Coins in a Fountain'. Recently, 'Angels and Demons' featuring Tom Hanks and 'Eat, Pray and Love' with Julia Roberts have used the city as a backdrop.

The historic centre

Bordered by the River Tiber to the west, the centre of Rome has a high concentration of historical sites, shops and attractions to suit all interests. This is the home of Piazza Navona; the Pantheon; the Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps; as well as Via Condotti – Rome's exclusive shopping street.

Tradition says if you throw a coin over your shoulder with your back towards the Trevi Fountain you will be assured a return to Rome. Once you have been to Rome you will want to return time and time again, so our advice is to follow this tradition – we have!

For a wonderful view over the sprawling city towards St Peter's and the Vatican, we propose a climb to Piazza dei Monti at the top of the Spanish Steps.

On a hot day, or in fact on any day, hide from the elements in the Pantheon, the best preserved monument of ancient Rome. Its cool interior adorned with pediments and tombs and dominated by the historic dome - wider than St Peter's – is a spectacular sight and best of all, it is free to visit.

The Colosseum and Roman Forum

For history buffs a visit to the Colosseum and the Roman Forum is a must. It is impossible not to marvel at these structures and imagine what it was like to walk in the footsteps of Julius Caesar, Augustus, Marc Anthony or Marcus Aurelius.

Throughout the world, the image of Colosseum is synonymous with the Roman Empire and regarded as one of the greatest architectural achievements of its time (and possibly of all time). To truly appreciate the magnificence of the imposing Colosseum, inaugurated in AD 80, and to learn about the politics of the amphitheatre and the gladiatorial contests, races and mock naval battles hosted here, a guided tour is recommended.

A gentle stroll around the remains of the Roman Forum, the religious, political and commercial centre of Ancient Rome, is like stepping back in time. There is a wealth of museums, containing sculptures and art treasures excavated from the site; and the remains of a Roman civilisation - temples, villas, parliament houses and a chariot racing circuit. For a view over the Forum, then a climb up Capitoline Hill is a must.

The Vatican

The Vatican is located on the west bank of the Tiber River and, at its heart, stands Bernini's Basilica di San Pietro. The Vatican is the smallest state in the world, the location of the papal residence, home to some of the greatest art treasures and a 'must see' for any visitor to Rome.

The primary attractions are legendary and include the Vatican Gardens, Piazza San Pietro (St Peter's square), the Basilica di San Pietro (St Peter's cathedral), Sistine Chapel and the Vatican Museums. Due to the popularity of these sites, we recommend that visitors pre-book an entrance slot for the Vatican Museum including the Sistine Chapel (open Monday-Saturday, 09:00-16:00 and closed on public and religious holidays). For further information, please visit <http://mv.vatican.va>. A guided tour of the Vatican Museum is also recommended.

Probably the best view of Rome is from the dome of St Peter's cathedral (see page 53 for a picture of this view); and possibly the best view of the Vatican can be enjoyed as you approach the state, along the Via della Conciliazione from Castel Sant'Angelo.

Trastevere

For new and regular visitors to the capital, the district of Trastevere, located to the west of the River Tiber south of the Vatican city, offers a welcome escape from the hustle and bustle. The neighbourhood is where Romans live, socialise and eat (a meal here is cheaper than on the eastern-side of the Tiber). This is 'real' Rome.

Excursions in Rome

The following excursions can be pre-booked for clients staying in Rome. Private excursions can be tailored to suit individual requirements and interests on request.

Private excursions:	Price (per person)*
4-hour city tour by private car inclusive of English speaking driver	£76
6-hour city tour by private car inclusive of English speaking driver	£103
8-hour city tour by private car inclusive of English speaking driver	£130
3-hour private walking tour with English speaking guide	£103
6-hour private walking tour with English speaking guide	£121

* Based on 2 passengers travelling. Reduced rates apply for larger parties. Single supplement on request.

Guides are highly recommended for all those wishing to gain more than just a superficial impression of their destination. The expert guides are enthusiastic, extremely knowledgeable and provide fascinating insights into the past and present of their home town or archaeological site. The excursions listed below are public tours.

Regular excursions:	Price (per person)*
3-hour tour of Monumental Rome incl. the Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Piazza Navona and St Peter's Basilica (07:45 daily)	£33
3-hour tour of Ancient Rome incl. The Roman Forum, The Coliseum, The Capitol and St Paul's outside the walls (15:00 daily)	£44
3-hour tour of Artistic Rome incl. the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel (08:30 daily, excl. Sunday's and Catholic holidays)	£49
4-hour tour to Tivoli incl. Hadrian's Villa and Villa d'Este (15:00 April to September – daily, excl. Mondays / 08:30 in October – daily, excluding Mondays / 08:30 in November and March – daily, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday)	£55

Tailor-made holidays in Lazio

All transportation links lead to Rome, and the city is an ideal destination from which to start or finish a longer tour of Italy.

We have outlined two itineraries below, but remember that these are merely suggestions and can be modified to suit individual requirements. Please feel free to construct your own itinerary from our featured properties and telephone us for a quotation. It is even possible to combine Lazio with Umbria, Campania, Puglia and beyond.

Lazio and Umbria - 7 nights

Using direct scheduled flights from London to Rome including 4 days car hire (airport to airport).

Nights	Accommodation	Location
3	Hotel Capo D'Africa	Rome (p 53)
4	Hotel Borgobrufa Spa Resort	Torgiano (p 45)

Lazio and Campania - 10 nights

Train travel is one of the easiest and most economical ways of travelling within Italy especially between the major cities. The following itinerary incorporates Rome and Positano on the Amalfi Coast.

Using direct scheduled flights from London to Rome/ returning from Naples, and including rail transfers from Rome to Naples and private taxi transfers between Naples and Positano.

Nights	Accommodation	Location
3	Hotel St George	Rome (p 54)
7	Hotel Poseidon	Positano (p 64)