

Rome — Day Layover




Disembark Civitavecchia AM · 6:45 PM flight to Malaga · ~8 hrs in Rome

LAST TRAIN HOME

- **Metro A/B:** first 5:30 AM; last Sun-Thu 11:30 PM, **Fri/Sat until 1:30 AM.**
- **Bus notturno** N1 (subs Metro A) + N2 (subs Metro B): midnight-5:30 AM, ~every 30 min.
- Not relevant our day — we leave Termini 5 PM for Leonardo Express to FCO. Backup if delayed: **fixed €50 taxi to FCO**, Wizz bag drop closes 6:05 PM.

★ KNOWN FOR

3,000 years of empire in 6 hours

-  Colosseum + Pantheon + Forum — the original Western civilization
-  Cacio e pepe + carbonara + supplì — Roman cuisine is the original Italian
-  Vatican + Sistine Chapel — center of the Catholic world (skip this trip)

6:30 AM

Breakfast + final pack on ship

Eat early. Tag main luggage NIGHT BEFORE so it travels with you on the shuttle.

7:15 AM

Self-assist disembark — walk-off with bags

Skip the porter queue. Head to Largo della Pace Cruise Welcome Center inside the port.

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7:45 AM

Tour meet — Big Bus shuttle to Rome ↗ **BOOKED · Edward Kaufman**

Meet at Largo della Pace Cruise Welcome Center. Bags ride on the bus.

Be at meet point by 7:30 AM

— they will leave on time. [Open in Maps](#)

~9:30 AM

Arrive Rome — Piazza dei Tribunali (near Vatican) ↗

~1h45m drive. 10 min walk to Big Bus Stop 6 (Vatican / Castel Sant'Angelo). NO Termini train — shuttle drops you straight in Rome. [Open in Maps](#)

9:40 AM

Drop bags — Stow Your Bags near Castel Sant'Angelo ↗ **~€8/bag**

Storage between St. Peter's and Castel Sant'Angelo, 5 min from drop. Book in advance at stowyourbags.com.

No walking around Rome with bags all day.

Pick up after Roscioli. [Open in Maps](#)

10:00 AM

Board HoHo at Stop 6 (Vatican) — ride the loop ↗

Stay on → Stop 7 Spanish Steps → Stop 8 Trevi (hop off 20 min, toss a coin) → re-board → Stop 3 Colosseum (view from bus or quick hop off) → Stop 5 Piazza Venezia, hop off. Buses every 15-20 min; full loop ~90 min unbroken. [Open in Maps](#)

~11:45 AM

Campo de' Fiori market — pre-Roscioli walk-through ↗ **\$**

Sat Jun 13 = market day, 7 AM-2 PM. ⚠ Winds down hard by 1 PM — hit it before Roscioli (3 min walk from the restaurant).

Walk the central historic stalls (ignore the souvenir outer ring). [Open in Maps](#) **MORE +**

12:30 PM

Roscioli **BOOKED** ↗ **\$\$**

Cacio e pepe, supplì, carbonara. Conf

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. €20pp late fee. Call +39 06 687 5287 if running >5 min late. [Open in Maps](#)

Plan B: if Roscioli falls through, scan the "Before You Go" list at the bottom for a nearby substitute in the same category — or open Apple Maps and search nearby.

2:00 PM

Post-lunch wander — Navona → Pantheon → Sant'Ignazio ↗

Trevi already hit on the HoHo. Slow walk Campo → Piazza Navona → Pantheon → Sant'Ignazio (perspective ceiling, 4 min from Pantheon, free). [Open in Maps](#)

3:30 PM

Giolitti gelato + slow walk back toward Castel Sant'Angelo ↗ **\$**

Famous gelato near Pantheon, then 15 min walk west toward bag pickup. Or grab a taxi (€8).

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4:15 PM

Pick up bags — Stow Your Bags Castel Sant'Angelo ↗

Pre-paid claim. Cab queue right outside. [Open in Maps](#)

4:30 PM

Taxi → FCO direct ↗ (€55 flat)

~35-40 min from Castel Sant'Angelo to FCO. Fixed-rate taxi €55 (more reliable than fighting Termini for the Leonardo Express with bags). Backup: cab to Termini (€10) + Leonardo Express (€14/pp, 35 min).

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6:45 PM

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Wizz Air. Arrive Malaga 9:35 PM. [Open in Maps](#)

BEFORE YOU GO

- **✓ Big Bus shuttle BOOKED** — Edward Kaufman. Meet 7:45 AM at Largo della Pace Cruise Welcome Center inside Civitavecchia port. Be there by 7:30. Bags ride on the bus.
- **Tag main luggage NIGHT BEFORE** with the cabin self-assist tag so you can walk-off at 7:15 — no porter waiting.
- **Roscioli** is the anchor. Booked: conf BYYRXAWA, €20pp late fee. Call +39 06 687 5287 if running >5 min late.
- **Book Stow Your Bags** at Castel Sant'Angelo for Jun 13 — stowyourbags.com · ~€8/bag.
- **Skip the Colosseum** — view from the HoHo bus is enough; no time to queue.
- **FCO pickup target: 5:15 PM at the airport.** Wizz Air bag-drop closes 6:05 PM. €55 fixed-rate taxi Castel Sant'Angelo → FCO; allow 40 min Sat afternoon traffic.
- **🔍 Dani hidden gems (slot in only if Roscioli runs short — 8 hrs is tight):**
 - **Museo Hendrik Christian Andersen ↗** — Via Pasquale Stanislao Mancini 20, north of the Centro Storico (15 min cab). A megalomaniacal Danish-American sculptor built his own villa-museum filled with 200 monumental nude statues meant for a never-built "world city of art." Free, Tue-Sun 9:30 AM-7:30 PM. **Almost no tourists ever come.** Single-room weirdness, exactly the Dani lens. Skippable for this 8-hr trip but flagged for a return visit.
 - **Bocca della Verità ↗** — Piazza della Bocca della Verità 18, in the portico of Santa Maria in Cosmedin church. The carved marble face that bites liars' hands off (Audrey Hepburn / Gregory Peck moment). Walk-up free, the line moves in 10 min, daily 9:30-6. On the path between Forum + Trastevere. Photo + walk away.
 - **Antico Caffè Greco ↗** — Via dei Condotti 86 (heart of the luxury shopping street). The oldest café in Rome (1760) — Casanova, Byron, Keats, Wagner, Goya all sat in these velvet booths. €15 cappuccino at a marble table is the play, not the standing-bar €1.50. Antique paintings + busts everywhere. Daily 9 AM-9 PM. 4 min walk from Trevi.
 - **Marvis toothpaste flagship + Profumum Roma ↗** — Via di Ripetta 248. Italy's cult Florence-made toothpaste brand (jasmine + ginger + amarelli liquorice flavors, €8 a tube) in its purple Art-Nouveau-styled flagship. Then 2 doors down: Profumum Roma, niche perfumer (€220 EDPs in heavy crystal bottles) — even smelling the testers is the experience.
 - **Tridente Vintage ↗** — Via del Governo Vecchio strip — Maga Morgana (#27), Le Gallinelle, Vintage Galleria — 1980s YSL/Pucci/Versace on a quiet pedestrian street between Navona + the river. Mon-Sat 11-8.
- **📍 Eater Rome — Best Restaurants in Rome:** <https://www.eater.com/maps/best-restaurants-rome-italy> — bookmark for late-night "where should we eat" decisions.