

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION FOR YOUR VISIT TO ROME.

ROME AIRPORTS AND TRANSPORTATION TO THE BOTANICAL GARDEN

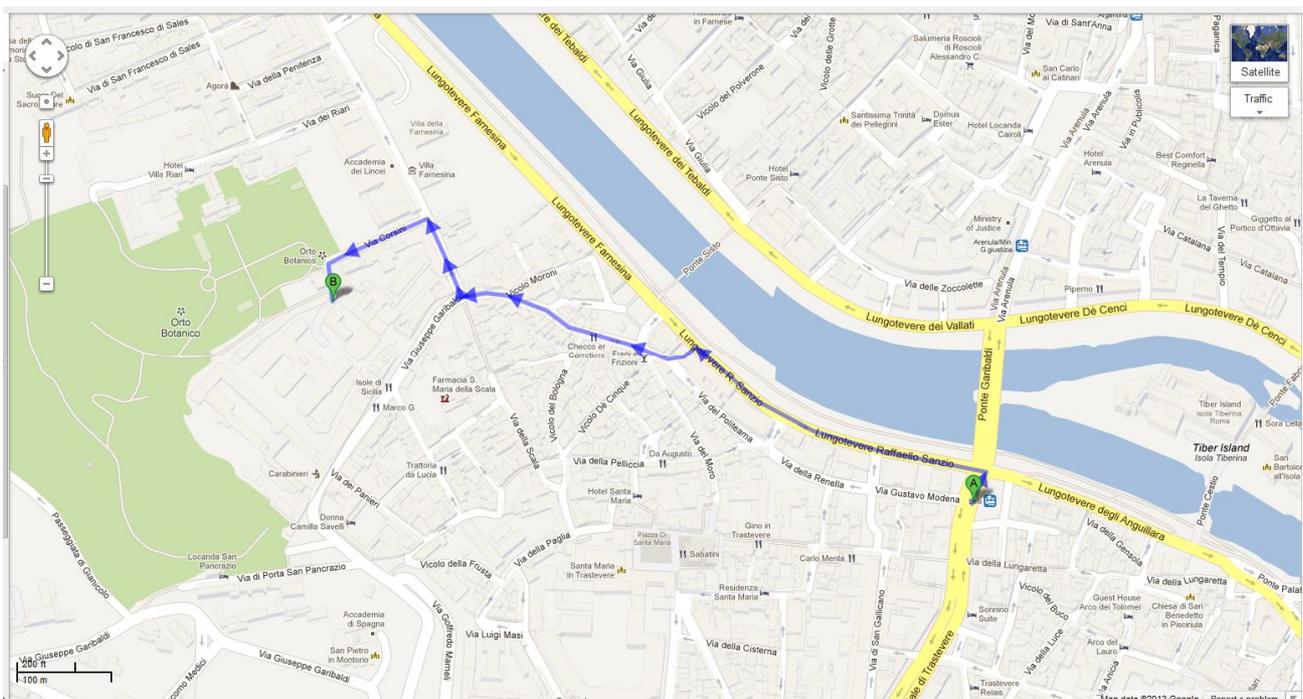
The two main airports in Rome are Fiumicino airport (sometimes called Leonardo da Vinci airport, 36 km west of Rome) and Ciampino airport (16 km southeast of Rome, used primarily for charter flights from within Europe).

If you're arriving at **Fiumicino (FCO) Airport** take the local train to **Trastevere** (train towards Orte or Fara Sabina and get off at the 'Trastevere' stop) - do **not** take the Leonardo Express direct to Roma Termini (Rome's principal railway station). Then take the tram line number 8 and get off at "Gioacchino Belli" stop.

If you're arriving in **Ciampino Airport**, take the **Terravision Shuttle** (http://www.terravision.eu/rome_ciampino.html; tickets one way: €4 - tickets round trip: €8) to Termini Station (the main train and subway station). From Termini take the **bus line H** and get off at "Gioacchino Belli" stop.

Once arrived at Piazza Gioacchino Belli, you can continue by feet (walking distance 11 minutes, 900 mt)

1. Head northeast on Piazza Belli Giuseppe Gioachino toward Ponte Garibaldi
2. Turn left onto Lungotevere Raffaello Sanzio
3. Turn left onto Piazza Trilussa
4. Continue onto Via Benedetta
5. Continue onto Via di Santa Dorotea
6. Turn right onto Via della Scala
7. Continue onto Via di Porta Settimiana
8. Continue onto Via della Lungara
9. Turn left onto Via Corsini
10. Continue onto Largo Cristina di Svezia



VENUE

Botanical Garden

Lying between the Janiculum hill and the Tiber, with its 12 hectares of parkland and around 2,000 square metres of greenhouses, Rome's botanic gardens are among the most important in Italy, not only for scientific reasons but also for the methods used to cultivate the plants and the settings which have been recreated to help give visitors an idea of their original natural environments. The botanic gardens also include specially-designed facilities to welcome disabled visitors: a special path has been laid out and two battery-powered chairs are on hand for hill climbs. Furthermore a "Garden of Scents" for the blind has been opened, providing information about the plants in braille.

Trastevere

The area of Trastevere is ideal for a walk through narrow streets, squares and colours that still maintain an authentically Roman character and offers a pleasant contrast with the solemn splendour seen at the Vatican. In antiquity Trastevere – "beyond the Tiber" – was the first district established on the right bank of the Tiber and was inhabited by artisans, fishermen, merchants and communities of foreigners, connected with the activities of the nearby port. The historic centre is at your feet. Crossing the Tevere you are at the Pantheon, with Piazza Navona and Campo de' Fiori; on to the Campidoglio, to the Foro Romano, to the Coliseum, to Fontana di Trevi and then Trinità dei Monti, to the most famous roads for shopping; coming down from the other side of the hill of the Gianicolo, you are at San Pietro. All attainable destinations on foot, for those who love to walk and enjoy Rome in the best way, or with the bus that stops close to home.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN ROME

Tickets for public transport should be purchased in advance and are available from underground stations, tobacco shops and newspaper kiosks. The drivers do not sell any tickets.

Tickets cost 1,50 Euro, and may be used once for underground transport and unlimited bus travel within the ticket validation time of 100 minutes. Tickets are validated upon entering bus/tram or at the point of entrance to the Metro. There are also day tickets valid for a whole day on the entire bus and metro network.

Buses and tram

The public buses in Rome are managed by ATAC "Azienda per i Trasporti Autoferrotranviari del Comune di Roma" and offer service throughout the city. Both buses and trams have electronic displays in the front indicating the number of the route and where they are heading. Access onto buses is both from the rear or front doors. Tickets should be purchased in advance and immediately validated in one of the machines placed on the bus or tram. Bus/tram stops can easily be distinguished by a yellow or white metal post.

For further information on public transportation in Rome (including the routes and schedules of buses and trams), please call: (+39) 06.57.003 or consult the Web site <http://www.atac.roma.it/page.asp?p=52>

Underground (Metro)

There are two underground lines in Rome called Line A and Line B. The stops are marked by a red metal disk showing a white "M" sign. The Termini Station is the only Metro station where the two lines intersect. Tickets must be purchased before boarding. The metro runs approximately every 7-10 minutes, from 5:30am until 11.30pm every day (until 0:30am on Saturdays).



Taxi

Taxis licensed by Rome City Council are white and have a sign bearing the word “TAXI” on their roofs. The symbol of Rome City Council is clearly visible on the front doors and the license inside the back left. Other vehicles may well be driven by unauthorized persons and the fare could therefore be a great deal higher.

When possible, it is advisable to go to a taxi rank or call for one by telephone. A taxi may be booked for airports, railway stations and hospital via Radiotaxi. As explained below, a further cost is added when calling via Radiotaxi.

The Rome City Council number to telephone for a taxi is 060609. An automatic answering machine (in Italian only) asks the street where you are so that the nearest taxi rank may be contacted.

CLIMATE

The temperature is usually mild the whole year round with heat rising during the months of July and August. Even during the winter the temperature is pleasant: there are only few really cold days and they are mainly concentrated between December and January (the temperature however rarely drops below zero). Rainfalls, seldom heavy, are concentrated in the months of November and February. The best time to visit the city is in spring and autumn when the temperature is mild and the days, thanks do Daylight Saving Time, are longer.

| Roma Centro | MESI | | | | | | | | | | | | STAGIONI | | | | ANNO |
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| T. max. media (°C) | 11,1 | 12,5 | 15,3 | 18,6 | 23,2 | 27,5 | 30,5 | 30,1 | 26,6 | 21,2 | 15,8 | 12,2 | 11,9 | 19 | 29,4 | 21,2 | 20,4 |
| T. max. media (°C) | 4,0 | 4,7 | 6,9 | 9,4 | 13,1 | 16,7 | 19,2 | 19,1 | 16,6 | 12,5 | 8,4 | 5,3 | 4,7 | 9,8 | 18,3 | 12,5 | 11,3 |

USEFUL AND EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- General Emergencies 113
- Carabinieri 112
- Fire Services 115
- Medical Emergencies 118
- Ambulance (Red Cross) 06-5510
- Central Police Station 06-4686

THEFT OF IDENTITY PAPERS

The theft or loss of a document must be reported to the nearest Carabinieri or police station to where the robbery or loss occurred. In the case of a passport, the owner's Consulate or Embassy in Italy should be contacted.

THEFT OF BANK OR CREDIT CARD

The card should be immediately blocked by telephoning:

- Bancomat: tel. 800822056
- American Express: tel. 0672282
- Diner's Club: tel. 800864064
- Cartasì Mastercard Visa: tel. 800151616
- Cariplo Cartamoneta (Mastercard Visa): tel. 800825099
- Bank Americard (Mastercard Visa): tel. 800821001

USEFUL LINKS

Public transportation of Rome - official site

<http://www.atac.roma.it/>

TrenItalia - official site for the Italian railways. Timetables and ticket information for trains going to Fiumicino Airport and city trains

<http://www.trenitalia.com/>

Rome Airports - official site, useful information on Fiumicino and Ciampino

<http://www.adr.it/fiumicino>

Tourism in Rome

<http://www.turismoroma.it/?lang=en>