

BENVENUTI A ROMA!

Rome is one of our all time favorite cities in Italy! Here's a list of some of our favorite spots to hit in this historic city...

RESTAURANTS:

- **'Gusto**, Piazza Augusto Imperatore, 9: Good spot for dinner but even better for the lunch buffet! €10 for all you can eat of the very impressive buffet.
- **Il Gabriello**, Via Vittoria, 51: tucked down some stairs off the street so it's hidden from tourists. Subtle dress code but it's worth it. Great quiet dinner spot, just get a reservation first because it's small.
- **Old Bear**, Via dei Gigli d'Oro, 3: a little more touristy but it's a reliable and cheaper spot.
- **Donkey Punch**, Via della Scala, 33: Across the river in the Trastevere neighborhood. Really fun sandwiches, all named after classic rock bands.
- **Roscioli Salumeria con Cucina**, Via dei Giubbonari, 21/22: very good! Better to get a reservation here for lunch or dinner, it's a very popular spot.
- **Trattoria da Giggetto al Portico d'Ottavia**, Via del Portico d'Ottavia, 21/a-22: One of my favorites! In the Jewish Ghetto, their specialty is fried artichoke (carciofi alla giudia) and stuffed zucchini blossoms (fiori di zucca), both amazing.
- **Hostaria Dino e Tony**, Via Leone IV, 60: a little out of the way, past the Vatican but a very good lunch spot! Fills up with locals so it gets noisy but very fun.
- **Gallobrillo**, Viale delle Milizie, 116: also out of the way but a good lunch spot if you're in that area.
- **Mercato Centrale**, Roma Termini, Via Giovanni Giolitti, 36: Along the outside of the Roma Termini train station, a very fun food court type spot. Lots of good options that let you do take away (a portare via) for a quick meal on the trains.

GELATO:

- **Gelateria del Teatro**, Via dei Coronari, 65/66: really good gelato with unique flavor combos!
- **Grom** (all over): it's a gelato chain throughout Italy so it's a reliable spot when you're not sure where to go

COFFEE:

- **Sant'Eustachio**, Piazza di S. Eustachio, 82: my favorite cappuccino in Italy! They brew each cup with sugar in it already so it's perfect. Crazy lines at times but worth it. Pay first at the register on the right then belly up to the counter

SITES:

- **Il Gesu** (Chiesa del Gesu), Via degli Astalli, 16: one of my favorite churches. It has an incredible trompe l'oeil ceiling where you can't tell what's sculpted or painted. There's also a cool thing every day at 16:30, a painting descends in the transept on the left revealing a sculpture of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It's a pretty neat spectacle ([more info here](#)).

- **Largo di Torre Argentina:** Lots of buses stop here. Close to where Julius Caesar was killed but also home to lots of cats that cruise around the ruins.
- **San Luigi dei Francesi,** Piazza di S. Luigi de' Francesi: Close to the Pantheon, nice little church but the main site is the Contarelli chapel at the front left which has three amazing Caravaggio paintings.
- **Villa Borghese:** A huge park with the Borghese Gallery in the center. Great to escape the crowds and grab some shade on a hot day and people watch. The Borghese Gallery is also incredible, home of my favorite Bernini sculpture, Apollo and Daphne.
- **Santa Maria del Popolo,** Piazza del Popolo, 12: Unassuming church from the outside but has works from Raphael, Caravaggio and Bernini!