

Dear Clients,

Here are a few suggestions for your time in Rome.

SITES TO BOOK AHEAD:

Borghese Gallery: It sometimes sells out in advance and people are disappointed that they can't get tickets. You can book online at www.galleriaborghese.beniculturali.it

Colosseum: If you want to go to the Colosseum, you can buy the tickets in advance to skip the line. With the Colosseum tickets, you can also enter the Roman Forum/Palatine Hill www.parcocolosseo.it

Vatican: You can book online to avoid long lines at <u>www.thevaticantickets.-com</u>. There is also a breakfast tour that is for very small groups and can be tranquil and lovely.

Domus Aurea: Nero's palace on the hill of Colle Oppio recently reopened to the public. It's worth seeing the whole thing, not just the Raffaello multimedia experience. Tickets can be bought on line at www.coopculture.it

OTHER SITES NOT TO BE MISSED:

- Pantheon
- Trevi Fountain
- Castel Sant'Angelo
- Piazza Navona
- Spanish Steps/Trinità Di Monti

- Campo Dei Fiori
- Santa Maria in Trastevere

RESTAURANTS NEAR THE APARTMENT

(GOOD FOOD & REASONABLE PRICES)

- 1) Hosteria Isidoro (reservation recommended) in Via di San Giovanni in Laterano n. 59 <u>www.hostariaisidoro.com</u> Phone: 06/7008266
- 2) Trattoria Morgana (reservation required) in Via Mecenate n. 21 http://www.trattoriamorgana.com/
- 3) Ristorante Da Michele (reservation recommended) in Via Merulana n. 236 Phone 06/4872672
- 4) La Vecchia Roma (reservation required) in Via Ferruccio n. 12b/c http://www.trattoriavecchiaroma.it/ Phone 06/4467143

CAFFE'S NEAR THE APARTMENT

- 1) Molino in Via Merulana n. 281 https://www.molinoroma.it
- 2) Branca in Via Merulana n. 36 www.wearebranca.com
- 3) Panella in Via Merulana n. 59 https://panellaroma.com/
- 4) Regoli in Via dello Statuto n. 60 www.pasticceriaregoli.com

CHURCHES NEAR THE APARTMENT

- 1) Santa Maria Maggiore. This Basilica along with San Pietro, San Giovanni and San Paolo is one of the most important and magnificent churches in Rome.
- 2) San Pietro in Vincoli. Famous for the breathtaking statue of Moses, one of Michelangelo's masterpieces.
- 3) Santa Prassede. An early medieval church, it houses some of the most beautiful mosaics in Rome including those of the 8th century Chapel of Saint Zeno (inside the church).

4) San Clemente. Many churches in one, San Clemente's history goes from the first to the twelfth century. You can purchase tickets to visit the archeological site: highlights include the underground home of a Roman nobleman and a pre-Christian Mithraic altar where blood sacrifices were made. (Tickets can also be purchased online at www.basilicasan-clemente.com)

RESTAURANTS (RESERVATION REQUIRED)

High End:

- 1) Pierluigi (specializing in fish) www.pierluigi.it
- 2) Terrazza Borromini (spectacular terrace where they have aperitivo hour worth seeing before the sun sets. You can reserve this just for cocktails and then go to dinner somewhere else around Piazza Navona) www.terrazzaborrominiroma.it

Mid-range:

- 1) Renato e Luisa (www.renatoeluisa.it)
- 2) Felice a Testaccio (www.feliceatestaccio.com)
- 3) Antica Trattoria Angelino (<u>www.anticatrattoriaangelino.it</u>)
- 4) Da Teo (<u>www.trattoriadateo.com</u>)

CAFFE'S, BAKERIES AND GELATO

- 1) Sant'Eustachio is famous for its coffee (near San Luigi dei Francesi church) https://caffesanteustachio.com
- 2) La Romana is one of the best gelateria in Rome, see internet for various locations https://www.gelateriaromana.com/
- 3) Fassi is another great gelateria in Rome https://www.gelateriafassi.com

ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

- 1) Villa Borghese is a lovely park and bikes can be rented there to explore.
- 2) Near Villa Borghese is the Rome's zoo, called the Bioparco di Roma.
- 3) The Colosseum is incredible for all ages the underground tour gives even more idea of the context.
- 4) Nero's palace, the Domus Aurea, has recently been restored and that also is fascinating (tickets can be purchased at www.coopculture.it).
- 5) Explora is an interactive museum for kids located at Via Flaminia 82.

Look forward to meeting you in Rome!

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