

# FULL IMMERSION IN HISTORY

Duration: 4h // Starting point: Merulana Inn // walking tour

## 1 *Santa Maria Maggiore church*

The walking tour starts from Via Merulana with a quick visit to the beautiful Santa Maria Maggiore church, one of the 4 largest churches in Rome dedicated to the Virgin Mary. The entrance is free. From the back of the church head down to Via Cavour and watch to your left: the Colosseum will appear there!

## 2 *Colosseum - the terrace*

Take via dei Serpenti to enjoy a picturesque view of the Colosseum from the top. Head down and be amazed by the "travertino" giant and the beautiful Fori Imperiali.

Entrance to the Colosseum and Fori Imperiali is 16Euros. Keep walking towards Via dei Fori Imperiali.

## 3 *Piazza Venezia // Il Vittoriano*

Walk all the way down to Via dei Fori imperiali: it will lead you to this beautiful square.

Once you arrive there, have a look on the spectacular white building dedicated to Vittorio Emanuele II during the golden age of the Italian Renaissance.

Entrance is for free, panoramic elevators are available.

## 4 *Il Campidoglio*

Just around the corner of Piazza Venezia, raises the Campidoglio, the house of Rome's city council conceived by Michelangelo during the second half of the XVI century. The beautiful square hosts the statue of Marco Aurelio and the Musei Capitolini (entrance fee for the museum is 16 Euros).

## ! *Tips!*

Once you arrive there, do not miss one of the most amazing views on the Roman ruins: on the right-hand side of the square (just behind the Marco Aurelio's statue), take via del Campidoglio go down the road and be amazed by the sight opening to you!

## 5 *Via del Corso*

From Piazza Venezia, keep walking leaving the "Altare della patria" behind you and take the shopping boulevard: welcome to Via del Corso. You can't miss it: follow the crowd! This is an extraordinary shopping destination and it will lead you to Piazza del Popolo, while bringing you to Fontana di Trevi and Piazza di Spagna on the way!

## 6 *Fontana di Trevi*

While walking towards the beautiful shops of Via del Corso, keep an eye on Via delle Muratte. This road will take you straight to Fontana di Trevi. The majestic late baroque fountain owns a legend: turn your back to the fountain, throw a coin into it, and you will get back to Rome once again. Definitely worth trying!

## 7 *Piazza di Spagna*

Get back to Via del Corso. Keep walking straight on since you get to Via dei Condotti. Turn right and while you pass by the most exclusive shops in town (from Burberry to Tiffany, Gucci, Prada and Louis Vuitton) you will approach the most popular stairs in Rome: Piazza di Spagna. Go up to the stairs and fall in love with the atmosphere!

## 8 *Terrazza del Pincio // Villa Borghese*

Once you have reached the top, take Via della Trinità dei Monti and keep walking on the left. This road is slightly uphill and it will take you to the most beautiful panoramic view in Rome: The Pincio terrace.

To get there you need to cross Villa Medici and take the boulevard on your right. Welcome to Villa Borghese!

## 9 *Home sweet home*

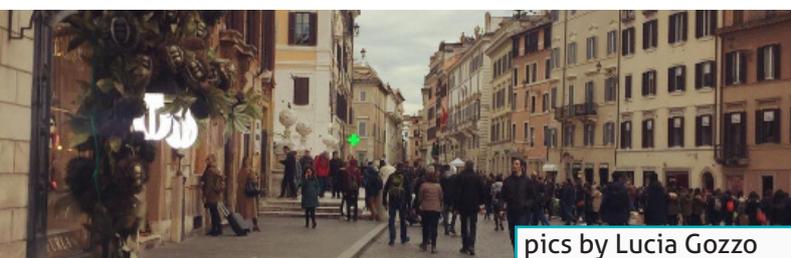
Take your time to chill out and have fun in Villa Borghese. Head down to Piazza del Popolo, take the tube at Flaminio and get off in Termini. Have some rest and get ready for a lovely night out in the Eternal city!



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