

20 Twenty Questions

Where will the conversation take you?

ROME



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Technology now enables us to do so much more, but we can't forget
what it is that inspires us to explore.


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away from the screen and truly get under the skin of a place,
seeing it through the eyes of a local.


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Our fifth installment takes you to the beautiful streets of Rome. Experience our own recommendations, whilst starting the conversation and discovering your own favourite hot spots.

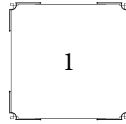
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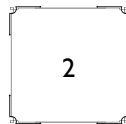
Where's the best place to see the whole city?

West of the Tiber, rising above the Trastevere district south of Vatican City, the best panoramic views of the city can be found on Gianicolo (Janiculum) Hill, sweeping across the Roman rooftops from the beautiful Borghese complex to the curving Colosseum. Ask a passing couple where their favourite bar in Trastevere is, and make your way down.

 Passeggiata del Gianicolo

 Trastevere


 Ottoviano




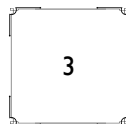
Where's the best place to drink in the views?

The luxurious Grand Hotel de la Minerve is home to the Minerva Roof Garden, an exclusive restaurant that also serves up incredible views. Ask your waiter what that beautiful domed building in the distance is (take your pick; there are several) and plan to make your way there tomorrow.

 Piazza della Minerva 69


 Pigna


 Colosseo




Where's the best place to take a stroll?

The Centro Storico can be surprisingly steep, so take this downhill route: start at Piazza del Popolo, checking out the Villa Borghese before making your way down towards the Spanish Steps. Next, turn towards the Tiber and Piazza Navano with a detour down Via della Pace. Double back on yourself and make a beeline for Trevi Fountain, passing the Pantheon on the way. Ask a fellow fountain-goer where the best place to go for a glass of vino nearby is.

 Piazza del Popolo

 Campo Marzio


 Flaminio




Where's the best place to get pizza?

Pizzorium does the best pizza al taglio (by the slice) around. Owned by Italy's most famous pizzaolo, Gabriele Bonchi (once dubbed the 'Michaelangelo of Pizza'), it is celebrated for its creative, curious toppings and decadently fluffy dough. Ask someone in the queue where they would recommend a dessert, and take another slice for the journey.

 Via della Meloria 43

 Prati


 Cipro


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Where's the best place for a coffee?

One of Europe's oldest cafes, Antico Caffè Greco has been brewing the best coffee for almost three hundred years, with a romantic, Renaissance-style set-up in the centre - think marble tables and opulent artwork. Serious shopping is just around the corner: ask your white-tied waiter where the best boutique is, and head there.

 Via dei Condotti 86

 Campo Marzio


 Spagna

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Where's the best place for a gelato?

Tucked away in the centro storico, Cambio Vita is the place to go for gelato without the tourist trap prices. It's vegan-friendly, all-organic and delicious; the several flavours of pistachio alone will keep you coming back for more. Ask the friendly owner for a shortcut to the Pantheon, and follow his lead.

 Via del Governo Vecchio

 Ponte

 Spagna

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Where's the best museum away from the crowds?

The Capitoline Museums at Centrale Montemartini, once a decommissioned power station, now houses marble as well as machines, and the juxtaposition is quite stunning. The colossal industrial equipment has been polished and now provides a dramatic setting for the Capitoline Museum's massive collection of classical sculpture. Ask a tour guide for a good eating spot along the Tiber, and stroll down.

 Via Ostiense 106

 Garbatella

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Where's the best place to see modern art?

It's not all Renaissance art and Roman statues - modern art too has its place in Rome, and the MAXXI Museum is the contemporary cathedral to find it in - the magnificent building is a piece of artwork in itself. There's a great new-generation gelateria round the back; ask a local what their favourite flavour is, and try that.

 Via Guido Reni 4a




 Flaminio

 Flaminio

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Where's the best place to go shopping?




In Tridente, in the heart of the fashion district, tucked away amongst the high-end boutiques, several traditional artisan leather workshops still ply their trade. You can grab a bespoke wallet, belt or bag at a fraction of the price of the surrounding shops. Ask your designer for the name of their favourite restaurant, then head there for dinner.

-  Via Condotti
-  Marzio
-  Spagna

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Where's the best place for film fans?




Tucked away in the lush green gardens of the Villa Borghese, the Cinema dei Piccolo is a must-visit. One of the world's smallest cinemas, this quaint set-up screens European independent films which you can enjoy from one of the comfy chairs in an intimate atmosphere. Ask a fellow film-goer where the best bit of the gardens is, then go there after the movie.

-  Viale delle Pineta 15, Villa Borghese
-  Campo Marzio
-  Spagna

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Where's the best city centre oasis?




Santa Sabina, a beautiful 5th century basilica atop the Aventine, one of the city's Seven Hills, keeps one of our favourite Roman secrets; a meditative hidden garden and orange grove tucked away behind the church. Surrounded on three sides by the sacristy, the fourth side is completely open to provide panoramic views over the city below. Use this downtime to think about what you want for dinner before making your way back down.

-  Piazza Pietro D'Iliria, 1
-  Ripa
-  Circo Massimo

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Where's the best place to go for a night out?




When in Rome, do as the Romans do and head to Trastevere, a buzzing bohemian district that is as laid-back by day as it is lively by night. There is more than enough to keep you here for a full day, from dawn till dinner and into the early hours – this is the epicentre of Rome's nightlife. Ask a local what their favourite bar is, and grab a drink there.

-  Piazza di Santa Maria
 -  Trastevere
 -  Circo Massimo
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Where's the best place to explore Roman ruins?




Thought to be the oldest shopping centre in the world, the remarkably well-preserved Trajan's Market is well worth a visit. All manner of treasures from the far ends of the Roman Empire were bought and sold amongst its 150 shops in its heyday. Ask someone where their favourite art is found, and head there.

-  Via Quattro Novembre, 94,
-  Campitelli
-  Cavour

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Where's the best place for brunch?




Garbatella is a quaint little cultural district south of the city centre, home to charming cafes and rustic restaurants. T-Bar Ostiense on the outskirts is our pick for brunch, attracting a cool crowd with its modern Mediterranean menu. Enjoy a coffee on the large terrace overlooking the Tiber River, and ask your waiter to share a Garbatella secret with you, then head there.

-  Via Ostiense 182
-  Garbatella
-  Garbatella

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Where's the best place to pick up some local treats?




The Mercato di Testaccio is a true taste of Rome. Recently upgraded indoors to a purpose-built modern structure, it remains a legitimate local hangout. Peruse the family-owned stalls selling delicious seasonal produce, specialist ingredients and regional delicacies. Get directions to the nearest park, and head there to enjoy your purchases as you sit in the sun.

-  Via Aldo Manuzio
-  Testaccio
-  Piramide

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Where's the best place to find some peace and quiet?




The blissfully quiet Basilica di San Clemente is just a few minutes' walk from the bustling Colosseum, and is more peaceful than its famous neighbours. It preserves three levels of history - at the lower level you can even hear water trickling through the ancient aqueduct system. Ask a local where their favourite park is, and head there.

-  Via Labicana 95
-  Monti
-  Colosseo

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Where's the best place for music lovers?




Casa del Jazz, a beautiful 1920s villa, once belonged to a mafia boss and is now one of the finest jazz houses in Europe; the three-story building houses a 150-seater auditorium and hosts garden concerts in the summer months. This is a must-visit for music fans, not just jazz lovers. You're near the food-famous Garbatella district; ask a local for a good eatery, and head there.

-  Viale di Porta Ardeatina 55
-  San Saba
-  Piramide

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Where's the best place for a refreshing swim?




The Grand Hotel Gianicolo boasts a beautiful pool hidden amongst lush tropical gardens, an urban oasis above the hustle and bustle of the city below, and the perfect place to cool off after ascending Gianicolo Hill. Enjoy a cocktail, take in the views, and splash around as the sun sets. Ask the concierge for an insider tip for Trastevere before you head down the hill.

-  Via delle Mura Gianicolensi, 107
-  Trastevere
-  Circo Massimo

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Where's the best place to grab a souvenir?




Tucked away near the Tiber, just north of Piazza Navona, the Mercato della Stampe is a treasure trove of old prints, vintage books and other authentic artefacts. Book-lovers and art history buffs in particular will appreciate the ephemera, but we recommend anyone visit to browse the collection – you might turn up something very interesting. Ask one of the dealers where their favourite coffee shop is, and head there.

-  Via Borghese
-  Campo Marzio
-  Spagna

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Where's the best place for traditional Roman food?

Serving some of the best rustic Roman food around, Flavio Al Velavevodetto's traditional menu is also built into an ancient Roman archaeological site. The meat comes from their own herds, the wines are sourced regionally and the desserts to die for: it's a perfect dining destination. Ask your waiter what the best bar in Testaccio is, and go there for a nightcap.

-  Via Monte di Testaccio 97
 -  Testaccio
 -  Piramide
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