



Discovery Patch Program: ROME EARNED PATCH



Benvenuti a Roma – Welcome to Rome Discover why all roads lead to Rome!!

1. NAME AN ANCIENT ROAD THAT LEADS TO ROME, STILL IN USE: _____
2. VISIT AT LEAST 5 OF THE FOLLOWING PLACES * An asterisk denotes, entry fee required.*

- ___ * **Colosseo** (Coliseum): Find out about it, how old, what it was used for.
- ___ **Foro Romano a Palatino** (Roman Forum and *Palatine Hill) **Take** a picture, describe, or draw the ruin you like best. Ask where the two small museums (antiquarium) are, so you can see some of the things found in the area.
- ___ **San Pietro in Vincoli** (St. Peter in Chains) - Find Michelangelo's statue of Moses.
- ___ **Boca della Verita** (Mouth of Truth) What happens when you don't tell the truth?
- ___ **Trevi Fountain** Make a wish with your back to the fountain and throw a coin in over your shoulder. This means you will return to Rome!
- ___ **Pantheon** How old is this building? How was it built? What do you notice about the ceiling?
- ___ **Piazza Navona** What was the area used for in ancient Rome? Find Bernini's Four Rivers Fountain.
- ___ **San Pietro Basilica** (St. Peter's Church) What shape is the church? Who sculpted the "Pieta" statue? Find the statue of St. Peter: what is unusual about his foot? Climb to the top of the dome.
- ___ * **Musei Vaticani** (Vatican Museums) To see the Sistine Chapel, you need to enter here.
- ___ **Campidoglio** (Capitoline Hill) Find the place where all Romans must register to be married. Visit the *museums & find the statue of Romulus & Remus. One ticket allows entry to both museums.
- ___ **Vittorio Emanuele II Monument** ("wedding cake") Find the guards - why are they there?
- ___ **Piazza di Spagna** (Spanish Steps) Count the steps, notice the shape of the fountain at the bottom. Find Italy's first McDonalds.
- ___ **Villa Borghese** (former estate, now a large city park) Visit the gardens, lake, *zoo or *museum.

Outside Roma Centro (requires bus, train or car):

- ___ * **Catacombe** (Catacombs) Try to visit one of the catacombs. What were they used for?
 - ___ * **Ostia Antica** (Similar to Pompeii, but wiped out by malaria instead of a volcano)
3. WHEN IN ROME, DO AS THE ROMANS DO ! TRY AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
 - ___ **Eat Italian pizza** in a restaurant (Roman style with thin crust), at a snack bar (thick crust or filled with ham and cheese "Pizza Romana"), at a bakery (fornaio), plain (Pizza Bianca), with tomato sauce (Pizza Rossa), and mozzarella with a red sauce (Pizza Margherita).
 - ___ **Visit an open air market:** Monday – Saturday: Camp dei Fiori, Piazza Vittorio Emanuele, Testaccio, or San Giovanni. Sunday – Porta Portese flea market.
 - ___ **Learn some Italian words** (e.g., ice cream = gelato; ticket = biglietto; bridge = ponte; road = via)
 4. WHAT DID YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT YOUR VISIT TO ROME? WHY?

Grazie e ARRIVEDERCI (Thanks and SEE YOU AGAIN)!

Brief travel info regarding Rome:

Maps showing monuments, bus and metro routes are available free from the tourist office at the main train station (Termini) or near Piazza Repubblica. You may buy maps at a newspaper stand also.

If you park a car in downtown Rome, many of the legal parking places are designated by a "blue line" on the pavement. This requires the purchase of a ticket from a machine located on each block, cost = 1.00 euro / hour. The stamped ticket must be placed inside the car above the steering wheel where it can be seen through the front window.

There are 2 Metro (underground train) lines, A and B. You must have a ticket before boarding a bus or a Metro – the same ticket can be used for either ("**Metro bus**"). They are good for 90 minutes of rides-one metro ride and as many bus as desired- and they sell for 2 Euro. Tickets must be stamped when you get on the rear door of the bus or before you enter the metro subway platform. Kids up to 10 years old can travel on buses and the metro for free as long as they have an adult. You can plan your trip and find out more information about tickets here:

<https://www.atac.roma.it/en>

The large basilicas, including St. Peters, are open all day as are the Vatican Museums. Appropriate clothing is required (no shorts, tank tops, hats, etc.) The Vatican Museums (including Sistine Chapel) are closed on Sundays, except for the last Sunday of the month. Most public museums are closed on Mondays.

(These patch requirements were originally developed in 1987 by Junior Troop 30, of the USA Girl Scouts – Rome. The patch was designed by Kimberly S. from that troop).

Internet

There are hundreds of internet sites with maps and information about Rome. Perhaps the best is:

www.aboutroma.com This site includes updated information about special events in the city.

A local mom recently created a great app with walking tours of Rome aimed at families to help get kids excited about Rome with detective games, scavenger hunts and fun facts! Check it out <https://trovatrails.com/>

Two sites with a lot of information about Italy, including Rome, are:

www.activitaly.it www.italiantourism.com

Several web sites are very useful if you need a map or directions:

www.mapquest.com for maps or directions (or) www.paginebianche.it requires some Italian

And of course there are many general interest sites that include information about Rome, including:

wikipedia.org www.lonelyplanet.com www.nationalgeographic.com

Order the Patch: Once you have "earned" your patch, please send an email to Amber Himes-Cornell at amberhimescornell@gmail.com with your answer to requirement # 4 and your mailing address. Patches are €5.00 or US\$5.50 for each patch ordered plus shipping. Please let Amber know how many patches you would like to order and she will tell you the shipping cost.

Grazie and ciao !