

## > ROME 1960 VENUES



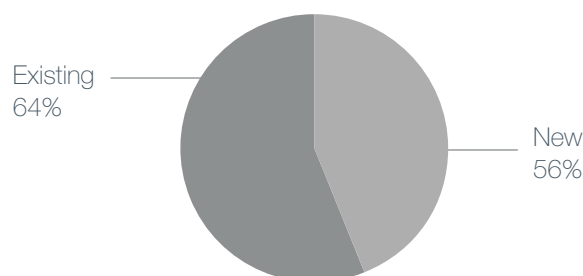
### OVERVIEW

Twenty-six competition venues were used for the Olympic Games Rome 1960, 21 of which remain in use today. Fifteen of the competition venues were existing and the remaining 11 were new. While two new-build venues are closed and not in use and three have been demolished, the remaining venues continue to be used for high-performance and recreational sport, and some are popular visitor attractions.

An existing venue, the Olympic Stadium hosted the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and several of the competitions. It remains in use and went through two extensive renovations. The Olympic Village was built for the Games and remains in use.

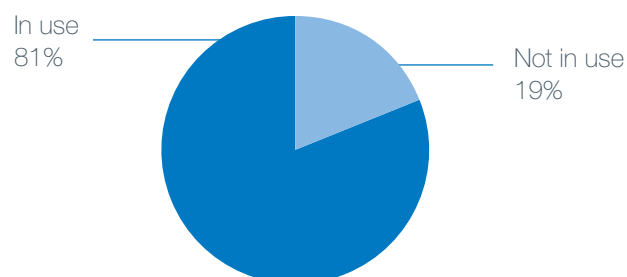
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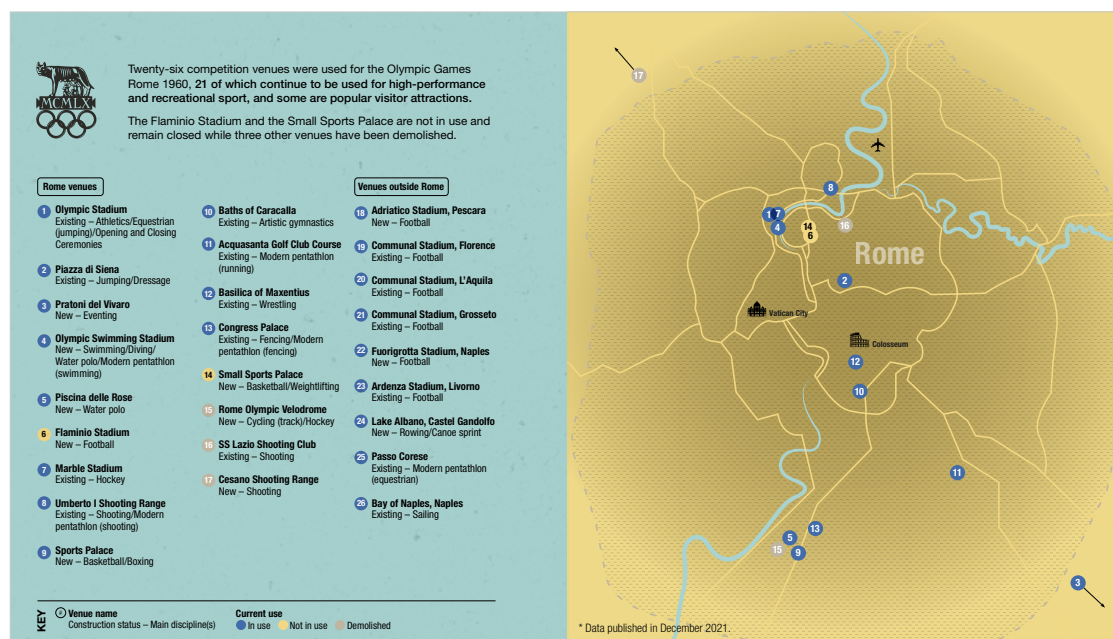
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### CURRENT USE (PERMANENT VENUES)

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## ROME 1960 VENUES AT A GLANCE

Venue name at Games time	Venue classification at Games time	Use at Games time	Current status
Olympic Stadium	Existing	Athletics, equestrian (jumping), Opening and Closing Ceremonies	In use
Piazza di Siena	Existing	Jumping, dressage	In use
Marble Stadium	Existing	Hockey	In use
Umberto I Shooting Range	Existing	Shooting, modern pentathlon (shooting)	In use
Baths of Caracalla	Existing	Artistic gymnastics	In use
Acquasanta Golf Club Course	Existing	Modern pentathlon (running)	In use
Basilica of Maxentius	Existing	Wrestling	In use
Congress Palace	Existing	Fencing, modern pentathlon (fencing)	In use
SS Lazio Shooting Club	Existing	Shooting	Not in use (demolished)

## ROME 1960 VENUES AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Venue name at Games time	Venue classification at Games time	Use at Games time	Current status
Pratoni del Vivaro	New build	Eventing	In use
Olympic Swimming Stadium	New build	Swimming, diving, water polo, modern pentathlon (swimming)	In use
Piscina delle Rose	New build	Water polo	In use
Flaminio Stadium	New build	Football	Not in use
Sports Palace	New build	Basketball, boxing	In use
Small Sports Palace	New build	Basketball, weightlifting	Not in use
Rome Olympic Velodrome	New build	Cycling (track), hockey	Not in use (demolished)
Cesano Shooting Range	New build	Shooting	Not in use (demolished)
Olympic Village	New build	Athlete accommodation	In use
Venues outside Rome			
Communal Stadium, Florence	Existing	Football	In use
Communal Stadium, L'Aquila	Existing	Football	In use
Communal Stadium, Grosseto	Existing	Football	In use
Ardenza Stadium	Existing	Football	In use
Passo Corese	Existing	Modern pentathlon (equestrian)	In use
Bay of Naples	Existing	Sailing	In use
Adriatico Stadium	New build	Football	In use
Fuorigrotta Stadium	New build	Football	In use
Lake Albano	New build	Rowing, canoe sprint	In use

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### VENUES IN USE

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#### OLYMPIC STADIUM

Construction of the stadium was interrupted by WWII, and it officially opened in 1953. Part of the Foro Italico complex in the north of the city, it has been the home stadium of Serie A football clubs such as AS Roma and SS Lazio since it opened, and the Italian national rugby team since 2012.

The stadium was extensively refurbished for the 1990 FIFA World Cup, when its capacity was increased to nearly 83,000 and it hosted the final. It underwent further renovation in 2007 to make it a UEFA category-five stadium eligible to host Champions League finals, which it did in 2009. It has been a venue for European and World Athletics Championships, the Athletics Diamond League, UEFA European Championship matches in 1968, 1980 and 2021, and Coppa Italia finals, among other major sporting events. It also stages major music concerts and performances.

#### PIAZZA DI SIENA

Situated in the Villa Borghese gardens, the venue staged its first equestrian events in 1922. Attracting the leading riders on the international circuit, the Piazza di Siena International Horse Show is one of the top events on the equestrian calendar and was a FEI Jumping Nations Cup Division 1 venue between 2013 and 2017. In May 2021, the Piazza di Siena staged the 88th CSIO Roma Master d'Inzeo.

#### PRATONI DEL VIVARO

Permanent stables and other facilities, including storehouses, were built for the Games. Situated 35 kilometres outside Rome, Pratoni del Vivaro continues to host equestrian events and was the setting for the 2007 European Eventing Championships.

#### OLYMPIC SWIMMING STADIUM

Located in the Foro Italico complex, close to the Olympic Stadium, the venue is split into a competition area, comprising the open-air Olympic pool and diving pool, and a swimming instruction area. It is Italy's national swimming and diving centre and has five pools in all (two covered and three uncovered), as well as three gyms.

The venue was refurbished to host the 1983 European Aquatics Championships and expanded for the 1994 World Aquatics Championships, which it staged again in 2009. The stadium also staged the 2011 Euroleague Water Polo Final Four and will welcome the European Aquatics Championships again in 2022.

The stadium stages national and regional swimming, water polo, artistic swimming and diving competitions, runs lifesaving activities and courses and swim classes, and is open for recreational swimming and educational and social activities.

#### MARBLE STADIUM

As well as hosting the knockout rounds of the hockey tournament at Rome 1960, the Stadio dei Marmi was used by athletes to warm up for the track and field events at the adjoining Stadio Olimpico. Opened in 1936, the 9,500-capacity stadium staged the opening ceremony of the 2009 FINA World Aquatics Championships and in 2016 became the venue for the Global Champions Tour of Rome, an annual equestrian event.

## BATHS OF CARACALLA

Inaugurated in 217 AD, the Baths of Caracalla were regarded as the most impressive baths of the era and comprised hot and cold swimming baths, covered and open-air gymnasiums, and rooms for gymnastics, wrestling and relaxation. The ground floor of the precinct and a large part of its walls remain intact. The site hosted the Grand Premio di Roma car race between 1947 and 1951. It hosted artistic gymnastics at Rome 1960 and, in the years since the Games, it has been the setting for operas, concerts and dance festivals. It also attracts large numbers of tourists all year round.

## LAKE ALBANO

The lake has been the venue for several major rowing competitions, from the Italian Championships to European Championships, since 1903. It is home to several sailing clubs and the Italian Canoeing and Kayaking Federation (FICK). Italy's national canoe and kayak teams train there. Popular with tourists, it offers a range of recreational water activities and sports, as well as opportunities for sunbathing and hiking. There are several restaurants on its shores.

The grandstand and judges' tower built for the Games have fallen into disrepair. Though their demolition has been discussed, they remain standing, as do the concrete piles installed at Games time at either end of the lake to hold the lane-marking system in place.

## OLYMPIC VILLAGE

Built in what was a run-down part of the Italian capital, the Village opened in July 1960 and admitted its first residents, as planned, after the Games were over. It fell into decline in the 1970s, when the body that maintained it was disbanded. Crime became a problem in the area in the years thereafter.

Regeneration came in the 2000s, thanks in part to the opening of a number of cultural sites and architectural projects in the surrounding area, including the Parco della Musica to the south of the Village in 2002, and the Maxxi National Museum of 21st Century Arts in 2009. The Village, which is made up of 33 buildings comprising 1,800 apartments and is home to 6,500 people, is set to undergo further redevelopment as part of an extensive urban renewal project that includes the refurbishment of the Stadio Flaminio.

## UMBERTO I SHOOTING RANGE

One of three shooting venues used at the 1960 Olympic Games, it hosted the rapid fire pistol, pistol, rifle three positions, and rifle prone competitions. Italy's national range since 1883 and the home of the TSN Roma club, the venue has staged several world championships, most recently in 1995.

## SS LAZIO SHOOTING CLUB

The venue for the trap shooting competition at the 1960 Olympic Games was completely refurbished and equipped with modern trap machines and seating for 2,000 spectators. Founded in 1893, the club continues to host competitive and recreational shooting.

## VENUES NOT IN USE

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### FLAMINIO STADIUM

The venue hosted group and knockout matches in the men's Olympic football tournament, including the gold-medal match. Built on the site of a stadium used at the 1934 FIFA World Cup, the Stadio Flaminio opened in 1959 and had a capacity of 50,000 at the time. It also featured a heated indoor pool, a fencing gym and wrestling, weightlifting and boxing facilities.

In the decades that followed, it served as a major concert venue and as a temporary home for Rome's top football clubs, AS Roma and SS Lazio, during the Stadio Olimpico's renovation for the 1990 FIFA World Cup. It was also the venue for the Italian national rugby team's home Six Nations games between 2000 and 2011, at which point the stadium was closed. Empty and neglected since then, it has survived demolition plans and was awarded funds for refurbishment as part of a major urban renewal plan that includes the regeneration of the Olympic Village.

#### SMALL SPORTS PALACE

The first purpose-built venue to be completed for the Games, the venue was home to Rome's leading basketball and volleyball teams for many years. Though it closed in 2018, plans have been approved for a EUR 3 million refurbishment and redevelopment of the site, which will restore its status as a major sporting venue open to the city's clubs and schools.

#### OLYMPIC VELODROME

The field hockey matches were held on the pitch in the middle of the velodrome. The track hosted cycling competitions up until 1968, when problems with the foundations of the stands were detected, leading to their closure. The track was still used for training, however, while the infield continued to be used for hockey and football until 2006. The velodrome was demolished in 2008. A series of legal disputes since then have prevented the site from being cleared and re-used.

#### CESANO SHOOTING RANGE

A shooting range was set up for the long-distance rifle events at the Italian Infantry School in Cesano. Though the school continues to operate, the Olympic range has since been dismantled.

## > DID YOU KNOW?

The Marble Stadium (Stadio dei Marmi) is ringed by 59 faux Greco-Roman marble statues, each depicting different sports.

The Small Sports Palace (Palazzetto dello Sport) was built by the celebrated Italian architect Pier Luigi Nervi, who also designed the Torino Esposizioni, which hosted ice hockey matches at the Olympic Winter Games Torino 2006.

Occupying the crater of an ancient volcano, Lake Albano gave its name to a lane-marking system devised to respond to the challenges that the depth of the water posed. The anchor-based system commonly used at the time was rendered impractical by the lake, which was up to 170 metres deep in places. In response to this, the Albano system uses buoys and cables and can be installed on any suitable body of water, regardless of its depth. It was later adopted as the universal standard by the world governing bodies of canoeing and rowing, and it remains in use today.

The streets of the Olympic Village are named after the famous sporting figures and national delegations that stayed there. They include Via Chile, Via India, Via Nedo Nadi (a celebrated Italian fencer) and Viale Pietro de Coubertin.

The plan to redevelop Flaminio Stadium aims to make it a major concert venue, the permanent home of Italian rugby, and the home of SS Lazio's club museum.