1. Recommendations for restaurants (good but reasonable!)

Vineria Il Chianti

Matricianella

Osteria da Mario

You need reservations in all three.

Rome is one of the best places to eat on Earth, as long you do not end up in restaurants for tourists only. The first option above is a mix, it is touristic for being a few meters away of the Trevi fountain but is where Italians go as well. Excellent in my view, decently priced and very good food and service. The other two are not touristic at all, Roman cuisine.

Consider also:

EMMA, for a typical roman pizza

BACCANO, they still serve Roman food (but not only), with a bit of international touch

Monti itself is a very nice area. Plenty of bars and restaurants. I usually have a drink in the bar located in the main square of Monti.

2. Taxi service to pick and drop us from the airport.

Taxi from the airport to the city has a fixed price. You may want to download the Freenow app to move around, works very well. Taxis do not stop for pick-ups where you are unless you request a pick up by phone or through the app. Otherwise, there are taxi stands where you may queue, but there are not that many.

Also UBER App works well in Italy.

3. Other things to do.

There is so much to see… a non-exhaustive list follows:

**Colosseo & Foro Romano**

**Vaticano: Piazza San Pietro – Cathedral**

Every Sunday at noon the Pope greets the people at Piazza San Pietro and speaks for about 10 mins from a balcony, it is definitely something nice to see regardless of religious orientation.

I am religious agnostic and still it is something I was doing quite often because of the energy and good vibes of all the people coming from all over the world to see the Pope. Plan to arrive early enough (at least 1 hour before) because there is a security check to access the Piazza.

**Vatican Museum – Sixtine Chapel**

**Piazza Venezia – Monumento Vittorio Emmanuele.** Here go to the top. There is an elevator but you can also walk. The view is amazing

**Campidoglio (**go to the back end of the plaza, behind the main building, to get a wonderful view of the city. There is a way down that takes you to an avenue that connects the back of Monumento Vittorio Emmanuele with the Colosseum, a very nice walk.

**Galleria Borghese (my favorite museum in Rome).**

Also a couple of hours in Villa Borghese is worth it. You can also rent bicycles there.

**Piazza del Popolo**

**Piazza Spagna and the Spanish Steps**

**Fontana di Trevi**

**Piazza Navona** (from here walk until the “Chiostro del Bramante”). Also go to “La chiesa dei Francesi”, there are some Caravaggio masterpieces.

**Campo dei Fiori** (go here during apero time, plenty of bars)

**Chiesa del Gesù** (amazing ceiling!!)

**San Ignazio di Loyola** (very close to the Pantheon. Even more amazing ceiling, not to miss this masterpiece of art!! There is a golden spot on the church floor (about half way from the entrance) from where you can have the “perfect” perspective of the dome. Then start moving around the church some 20 meters or so in different directions without looking up, then look up at the dome again and see what happens. Simply amazing, do not miss it by any chance.

**Ghetto di Roma** (good restaurants in this area, the specialty is fried artichokes (carciofi alla judia) and grilled lamb (abbacchio allo scottadito) that you can eat with the hands.

Pantheon and surroundings. Very close to Pantheon there is “La chiesa di Minerva”, one of my favorite ones.

**Castel Sant’Angelo**

If you fancy churches, then you should also visit “**Santa Maria Maggiore**” and “**San Giovanni**”.

If you have some spare time and wanna see something else which are not necessarily in the tourists’ playbook, then I would suggest:

**EUR**, completely build during the Fascism. It’s a bit unique from an architectural standpoint and I love walking in the “Laghetto dell’Eur”

A walk in the **Old Garbatella.** It’s a neighbor build for workers where you could find the authentic Roman spirit. It seems an independent town inside Rome.

A walk in “**Colle Aventino**”, with a visit to “**Giardino degli Aranci**” (the view over Rome is superb) and “**Priorato dei Cavalieri di Malta**” (from its keyhole you could have a bizarre prospective of San Pietro)

“**Quartiere Coppede**”, a unique area with a beautiful square and buildings.

4. Trip to Naples?

Depending on how many days will you be in Rome, it might be worth going, only one hour by train, could be an option to go early morning and return late evening to avoid changing hotels. Naples is amazing, but it really depends on the days you have.