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## 1 Colosseum

Historical Monuments

**De visita por:** The Colosseum is definitely one of Rome's main tourist attractions and is considered one of the 7 wonders of the world. It could hold 40,000 seated spectators (and another 10,000 standing), making it the largest theater in the entire Roman Empire. It was built between 72 and 80AD by the Flavian emperors, to whom it owes its original name: the Flavian Amphitheater. The name Colosseum comes from the gigantic Colossus of Nero statue nearby which, sadly, is not standing today. The Emperor Titus inaugurated the Colosseum during a celebration lasting 100 days. The spectacles were meant to be a form of public entertainment. Admission was free and the cost of running the events was bore by the Empire. Seating was according to social class, with the aristocratic class seated near the front and lower classes in the higher seats. There were public executions, animal hunts, dramatic plays, and all kinds of gladiator battles. The Colosseum is located in downtown Rome and is easily reached on the Via dei Fori Imperiali. You can also take the Metro line B and get off at the Colosseo station or by bus. I'd suggest getting tickets on Palatine Hill as these tickets include a visit to the Colosseum and the queues will definitely be shorter. Or, just simply get the Roma Pass.

**David Barbero Ramón:** The Colosseum is one of the most famous monuments from antiquity due to its architecture, current condition, and history. It was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1980. In its day, it could hold over 50,000 spectators in 80 rows of seats, all there to behold gladiator battles and other public spectacles. Its inauguration lasted a full 100 days and the whole of Rome took part. Dozens of gladiators and beasts lost their lives in the name of the pleasure and entertainment of the masses of Rome. The building fell into disuse in the High Middle Ages. It was later used as a shelter, factory, fortress, quarry, and even as home to a religious order. Many of its stones were taken and used in other buildings until it was finally converted into a Christian shrine in honor of the martyrs from the early years of Christianity. While the structure has been seriously damaged by earthquakes and pillages, the Colosseum is still an icon of Imperial Rome and one of the best examples of Roman architecture we have today.

390 639 967 700 - Piazza del Colosseo, Rome

2 Bridges

## Ponte Vecchio

**Sofia Santos:** This is an important historical landmark, situated in the Italian city of Florence (Tuscany). The Ponte Vecchio is the only bridge in Florence that was not destroyed during the occupation of Italy in World War II, which it is said is because of the orders given by Hitler. At the beginning of its existence, it connected the historical buildings on both sides of the river Arno, the Palazzo Vecchio with the Palazzo Pitti. There were butchers shops which then had to leave in the year 1593 in order to increase the prestige of the bridge. Then jewelers and gold dealers set up their shops there, continuing this tradition until today. It is one of the most important place in Italy, because of its beauty and importance.

Ponte Vecchio, Florence



## 4 Historical Monuments Pantheon

**Miskita:** "Angelic and non-human design," was how Michelangelo described the Pantheon 14 centuries after its construction. The highlights are the gigantic dome, the upper eye, the sheer size of the place, and the harmony of the whole building. We visited with a Roman guide which is exactly how you should (or shouldn't) visit the city, especially since they talk too much and have lots and lots of history of each building. And so we learned things like how the interior dome was filled with sand during construction. Or not, because it really is impossible to be sure of anything when one doesn't know Italian and the guide has a very thick Roman accent. But we loved the place, especially the entrance portico with its stout columns.

**Almudena:** The Pantheon is one of the best preserved ancient Roman monuments and it was the first classical

390 668 300 230 - Piazza della Rotonda, Rome



## 6 Castles Castel Sant'Angelo

**Roberto Gonzalez:** I don't know if it's a blemish on a city with so much beautiful art or if I should take it as another piece of history that's worth investigating. The emperor Hadrian decided that he wanted his remains buried in a garden that had long belonged to the imperial family and joined the garden to the land with a bridge known at the time as Elio. If you visit the interior, specifically the Treasure Room, you'll be in the heart of the mausoleum where the remains of the emperor were buried. Emperors continued to be buried there up until Caracalla, the last emperor to be buried there before the building was converted into a fortress. The building is shrouded in legends of treachery, political intrigues, and tunnels which connect with the Vatican, but the imposing exterior also hides an astonishingly delicate interior which breathes life into this place built to house death. All of this amazing history is found right there on the banks of the

39 066 819 111 - Lungotevere Castello, Rome



## 5 Squares Piazza Navona

**Fernando:** The Piazza Navona is one of the most famous squares in Rome. It's located east of the river not far from the Vatican. This is where the Stadium of Domitian was located in ancient times and if you view the area from above, you can still imagine the circular form of the arena. The square itself is like a work of art, not only because of the sculptures and fountains but also due to the surrounding buildings. The ruins of the ancient arena are nearby and you can get a good idea of what the zone was like a thousand years ago. Bernini's Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi is located at the center of the square along with the obelisk. The fountain represents the four great rivers of the world: the Rio de la Plata (the Americas), the Danube (Europe), the Nile (Africa), and the Ganges (Asia). It's one of the busiest squares in the city and is usually crowded with locals as well as street artists who come during spring and summer afternoons to paint and

390 606 060 884 - Piazza Navona, 20, Rome



## Ruins Valle dei Templi (Valley of the Temples)

**SerViajera:** Absolutely stunning, the Valley of the Temples in the city of Agrigento has ruined walls and five Doric temples belonging to the ancient Greek city of Akragas. Situated on a cliff overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, the fabulous buildings, some of which date from the sixth century BC, seem as if put there as if on a movie set. They were built there to protect seafarers who sailed the seas and to guide them safely to the city. The Archaeological Park is huge, it is divided into two zones (East and West), and it also has an interesting museum and other middle ages buildings worth visiting. Because of its beauty and the monuments, the site was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, is visited by many people. I recommend that you get there early in the morning, and if you go in summer, bring sunscreen. You'll be so fascinated that without realizing it you will lose yourself among the temples of this city of Magna Grecia for hours.

39 360 397 930 - Zona Archeologica | Via Panoramica Dei Templi, A...

Piazza San Marco, Venice



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Squares

## Piazza di Spagna

**MELITHA BLASCO:** Piazza di Spagna is one of the most famous squares in Rome. You can reach it by following the Via Due Macelli. If you're coming from the Trevi Fountain, go past the Column of the Immaculate Conception and you'll find Bernini's famous early-baroque fountain, the Fontana della Barcaccia. It is surrounded by the famous steps of the church of Santa Trinita dei Monti and the start of the Via dei Condotti. To the north, the Via del Babuino leads to the Piazza del Popolo. It is a magical place and always packed with crowds of people from all over the world.

**ANADEL:** This is where the Spanish Embassy to the Holy See was built (hence the name) and it is now one of the most iconic squares in Rome. I like visiting because of the shops in the surrounding neighborhood, now one of the liveliest and most glamorous in Rome. The Spanish Steps were built in

39 060 608 - Piazza di Spagna, **Rome**



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Neighborhoods

## Trastevere

**mads:** The essence of Rome's charm lies in its historic ruins and architecture, two facets of the Eternal City which continue to seduce and enchant thousands of visitors. Aside from the city's imperial highlights, a certain Etruscan flavor can also be found in the charming Trastevere neighborhood. It is said to have once been the most popular part of the city and that Julius Caesar himself lived in one of its majestic gardened homes. Trastevere is a paradise for city-explorers. If you like the walk the streets and soak in the old-fashioned atmosphere of traditional trattorias, then this district on the banks of the Tiber is for you. There's nothing better than having a good slice of pizza al taglio on a sunny terrace before heading off to sample some refreshing gelato. You can also peruse the art galleries and second-hand clothes stores, but the best way to experience it is to sit down at a Roman table to delight the palate while enjoying the views of the

671 578 904 - Barrio Trastevere, **Rome**



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Historical Monuments

## Monumento a Vittorio Emanuele II

**Rafa Pastor:** Built of white marble between 1895 and 1911, this is a grand memorial to Vittorio Emmanuel II (1830-1878), the first king of unified Italy. It's located on the Piazza Venezia at the end of the Via del Corso and close to the Roman Forum. As soon as you enter the complex, you're greeted by two huge tri-color flags. The colossal monument is about 135m. wide and 81m. tall (including the chariots that adorn the towers on both sides). When you climb the steps, there's a great equestrian statue of the King. To the right, there is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of WWI with an eternal flame and two soldiers standing permanent guard. It also offers exception views of Rome, a fact which makes the tiring climb worthwhile. Although the monument was very controversial in its day and has received all kinds of humorous and derogatory nicknames over the years (the Allies famously called it the "typewriter" when they entered

39 066 780 664 - Piazza Venezia, **Rome**



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Squares

## Piazza del Popolo

**Trotamundos:** The Piazza del Popolo is one of the most famous squares in Rome and its name means "the People's Square." It's located at the north gate of the Aurelian walls where the Porta Flaminia once marked the beginning of the Via Flaminia, the main northern road during Imperial times. The square currently has a neoclassical look thanks to architect Giusseppe Valadier who redesigned it from 1811-1822. If you look at the square from the north, there are three main streets which sprout from the square in trident shape: Via del Corso in the center, Via del Babuino on the left, and the Via di Ripetta to the right. The twin churches of Santa Maria dei Miracoli (1681) and Santa Maria in Montesanto (1679), begun by Carlo Rainaldi and completed by Bernini and Carlo Fontana, mark the intersection of the streets. But what really caught my attention were the three fountains in the square, all designed by Giuseppe Valadier to represent

39 060 608 - Piazza del Popolo 00187 Roma, **Rome**



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Islands

## Burano

**José Luis Sarralde:** These beautiful fishermen's houses give a special charm to this island. These beautiful places are full of color and it is very pleasant to enjoy a stroll through the streets. You will come across houses whose facades are painted in bright colors. Its main street, Via Baldassare Galuppi, has a very touristy atmosphere. Nearby you can find the lace museum, which in the 16th Century brought fame throughout Europe because of the production of Burano lace. Currently there are over 3,000 people there. They all built their simple, light houses on stilts, wooden stakes therefore many of the houses are situated on the lake.

**Luislin:** If you have time and want to leave the bustle of Venice, look around your environment and you will discover some of its picturesque islands, like the island of Burano in the north, which is extremely striking for its charm and color.

Burano, **Venice**



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Lakes

## Lake Como

**naxos:** As much as I enjoyed the roads around Lake Como, no visit to the Lombardy Lakes is complete without a boat trip. This is very simple and sometimes extremely practical thing to do, given the extensive network of ferries connecting the different towns on Lake Como. Given the geography of the like (it's like an inverted Y), it's much faster and more efficient to use ferries to cross from the east bank to the west than by road. I'd definitely suggest exploring Menaggio (east), Varenna (west) and Bellagio (central), the most beautiful towns in the region.

**Jeff Schmerker:** Lake Como is one of the largest mountain lakes in Montana and certainly among the prettiest. It's also easy to get to and fairly popular. The lake sits between Darby and Hamilton off U.S. 93 and below the staggering peaks of the southern Bitterroot Mountains –

460 156 349 256 527 - Lago de Como, **Como**



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Villages

## San Gimignano

**Jose Luis Gonzalez Bodalo:** A little Tuscan hideaway where time has stood still for centuries. From the breezy streets to its stone houses. Its tall towers, its people and its food make this place a perfect paradise to retire. It smells like artisanship, where they're savoring the good life, breathe the fresh air and it feels like heaven. It has everything you could possibly want.

**Ana María Montoya C.:** It was one of the best experiences of my life. This town offers you the most fantastic views from inside and outside. It has the charm to make you fall in love. The main street has plenty to offer, for souvenirs, drinking and eating. I particularly loved going up in the big tower and the views from several restaurants. Also the museum of modern arts.

390 577 955 604 - San Gimignano, **San Gimignano**

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Of Touristic Interest

## Grand Canal

**Sofia Santos:** For me, one of the most beautiful views of Venice is the Grand Canal from the Accademia Bridge. You can see the canal from the Rialto bridge as well, but it's not the same. It has imposing buildings so full of history bring up memories of a past Venice which still persists. The charming palaces, the magical gondolas, and the whole unique environment of this city, have a very powerful effect when you are on the Accademia Bridge. You just can't stop looking and saying "wow!"

390 415 226 271 - Ponte della Guerra, 31024 Venecia, Italia, **Venice**

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Shopping Malls

## Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II

**David Garcia Ramirez:** You walk in and you see that everything changes colour, everything takes a more vivid and golden colour. The truth is that it is beautiful and I loved its domed glass roof in the centre on top of the shield of Milan painted on the floor. I do not think it's a place to buy anything for obvious reasons but it is somewhere you have to visit. Also there is a McDonald's inside and that was the only place we could afford to buy anything.

390 288 455 555 - Piazza Duomo, **Milan**



## 16 Trevi Fountain

Historical Monuments

**Trotamundos:** The Trevi Fountain has its origins in the year 19BC when a freshwater spring was discovered, supposedly with the help of a Virgin. The discovery of this spring led Romans to build an aqueduct which, as was the tradition of the time, ended with a fountain. And so the Trevi Fountain was built. The monumental fountain we admire today was built in the 18th century by an obscure character named Nicola Salvi. It took 30 years to built and ended up ruining Salvi's health. He died unable to undertake other projects and without seeing his beautiful fountain completed (the work was finished by Pietro Bracci). One of the Trevi Fountain's most outstanding features is the contrast between the fountain's overwhelming grandeur and its location amid narrow alleyways and tiny squares. It was intentionally designed to elicit a surprise from tourists, most of whom are no doubt deeply impressed when they come face to face with it. What I want to talk about, though, are the statues: at the top, the papal shield stands between two winged figures playing trumpets. Below, there are sculptures representing the four seasons and the cyclical nature of time. On either side of the main figure, there are two reliefs that depict the story of Agrippa's soldiers discovering the spring with a dowsing rod and Agrippa ordering the construction of the aqueduct. Two other large statues tell of the benefits of

327 687 259 - Via delle Muratte, 90, Rome



Historical Monuments

## 17 Arch of Constantine

**Almudena:** For me, this is the most impressive arch in Rome. It's located on a road between Caelian Hill and Palatine Hill where they once celebrated victory marches. It's 21 meters high, 26 meters wide, and more than 7 meters thick. It was built in 315AD to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the reign of Constantine and his victory over Maxentius at the Battle of the Milvian Bridge in 312AD. A restoration took place in 1804 and it is now decorated with medallions. Constantine I is considered to be the first Christian Emperor since he converted to Christianity on his deathbed. This arch, however, makes no reference to this. The bottom of the arch is built from blocks of marble and the upper part is brick with marble trim. As far as the decoration goes, it's in accordance with other monuments of the time: Flavian columns, sculptures of Trajan, and roundels of Adrian. There are also reliefs of Constantine and a very detailed depiction of the

3 906 480 201 - Via di San Gregorio, Rome



Squares

## 18 Piazza Venezia

**MELITHA BLASCO:** Once in Rome you will pass by the Piazza Venezia a thousand times, situated in the Neuralgia center of the Eternal City. Many main roads start here, such as Via del Corso, Via dei Fori Imperiali, Via del Plebiscito, etc. Piazza Venezia is surrounded by three streets, the magnificent Vittorio Emanuele II monument, the Palace, images of Romulus and Remus and the world, and beautifully unique buildings. It is always crowded with pedestrians and thousands of cars, buses and motorbikes that pass through on their way to other places.

**Iamaga:** Piazza Venezia best represents the evolution of styles from the late 19th century to the era of Mussolini. Building monuments like the Altare delle Patria, the Palazzo delle Assicurazioni Generali, and the various avenues that line the square meant destroying much of what remained of

0 669 994 319 - Piazza Venezia, Rome



19 Statues

## Bocca della Verità (Mouth of Truth)

**nuria:** The Bocca della Verita is the most famous lie detector in Rome. What it is is a marble mask with a hole in the mouth, which is supposed to bite the hand of liars. Those who pass the test are allowed to enter the 8th-century Chiesa di Santa Maria in Cosmedin. The entrance was added later while the three columns that hold the nave come from the arches of an old market. Between April and September it is open from 9.00 - 18.00 and from October to March it is open from 9.00 - 17.00. The closest bus stop is "Via dei Cerchi".

**Chaimae:** The Mouth of Truth is found on a wall at the Basilica of Santa María in Cosmedín. It's famous to due to the legend which states that the mouth will bite the hands of liars to dare to venture their fingers. Really, it's use it much more mundane. It's an ancient Roman manhole covering that emulated the mask of the god Triton. While nobody visits

0 66 781 419 - Piazza Bocca della Verità 18, Rome



Gardens

## 21 Villa Borghese

**Pau García Solbes:** The Villa Borghese is located in northern Rome and is one of the most famous parks the city. To get there, take the metro to the Flaminio stop at Piazza del Popolo and then you can walk from there. Alternately, there's a bus that goes to the Porta Pinciana stop. A place like the Villa Borghese is perfect for art history fans and lovers who enjoy long walks. The park is huge park and houses some of the best galleries in Rome. The origins of the park date back to Pope Paul V who gave this part of the city to his nephew after making him Cardinal. What I liked most of all was the stunning Galleria Borghese. We had to buy tickets online and make a reservation in advance, something essential if you want to view the artworks inside. It was the best part of my trip to Rome. The Galleria Borghese is based in a 17th-century neoclassical casino, but I can't show you too much from the inside since photography isn't allowed. The things

390 622 582 330 - Piazzale Flaminio, 00155 Roma, Italia, Rome



20 Nature Reserves

## Cinque Terre National Park

**Sofia Santos:** On the Italian Riviera in Liguria, Italy, there are 5 very special little towns that were built by their inhabitants to be perfectly integrated into the landscape. Today, building in the area isn't allowed because it's a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You can, however, enjoy lots of delicious restaurants with amazing views (they're all built with views over the sea). If you pass through the towns of Monterosso, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola, and Riomaggiore in Cinque Terre, you're going to remember it for the rest of your life.

**Xavier Gil Esteller:** Called Cinque Terre (in English, "Five Lands") it is a portion of coast that consists of five villages in the province of La Spezia, next to the Ligurian Sea in Liguria (Italy). Cinque Terre includes the towns of Monterosso, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola and Riomaggiore.

0 187 762 600 - Parco nazionale delle Cinque Terre, Riomaggiore

Historical Monuments

## 22 Tower of Pisa

**Miskita:** There are two forms of tourism. One where you go and stay in the place for a while. In the second case, where the Erasmus students go and maybe aren't rushed to visit everything and forget to see some things. There are places I visited, but lived experiences and places that were part of the environment, like sitting on the lawn of Pisa and improvising a meal from the supermarket. When you find a ball and play a game with the shadow of the Leaning Tower as arbitrator it is normal and when you go back home and see

39 050 835 011 - Leaning Tower of Pisa, Pisa

Bridges

## 23 Rialto Bridge

**Mou:** Being in Venice implies certain must-do activities, one of which is to visit the Rialto Bridge passing through the crowd of tourists who want to do the same as you. It's crucial to have patience and get there at the right time so that others too can enjoy the moment.

90 412 501 771 - Sestiere San Polo, 56, Venice



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Churches

## Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore

**Roberto Gonzalez:** None of the great Roman basilicas represent a mixture of different styles so skillfully as Santa Maria Maggiore. Her triple-hall format is lined with columns from the original 5th-century building. The floor is made of cosmatesque white marble and the charming and romantic bell tower is from the medieval era. There is also a Renaissance ceiling, a gift of Pope Alexander VI, which is said to have been done with the first gold brought from the Americas. The mosaics in the apse are incredible and the entire temple seems to glow in gold, silver, bronze, and sterling white marble. Outside, you find the grand obelisk erected by Pope Sixtus V to guild pilgrims to the door, as if the massive and monumental church wasn't enough. Now, let's give some credit to the legend of its foundation in 352. Apparently, the Pope had a dream in which the Virgin commanded him to build a church on the next spot where he

3 906 483 195 - Piazza di Santa Maria Maggiore, **Rome**



Ruins

## Ancient theatre of Taormina

**Roberto Gonzalez:** The town of Taormina on Mount Tauro has three treasures. Firstly, its architecture, which transports us to the Middle Ages. Secondly, the wonderful theater carved into the mountain and finally, the volcano of Mount Etna. Most day trips leave from Messina. It is not possible to take the car in the city. There are some parking spaces for buses and minibuses take visitors to the gates of the city. There are lovely shops and nice terraces across the main street of the city. The atmosphere is very quiet.

**MELITHA BLASCO:** Walk down the main street of Taormina and, after passing the ancient entrance to the city - Porta de Messina - on the two blocks on the right you will find the remains of a Mythical Greco-Roman amphitheater. Great place there bougainvillea (santaritas) everywhere of different colors that provide life and color. As Taormina is on the top of



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Rivers

## Tiber River

**Almudena:** The Tiber is the third longest river in Italy and has a length of 405 kilometers. It begins in the Apennines and winds its way through other cities, and then crosses Rome from north to south. In Roman times it was an important means of communication and transportation. There is a boat line that has six stops starting from the Duca D'Aosta Bridge near the Olympic Stadium and Tiber Island, situated in the historic center of the capital. During the spring and summer the area is full of lively terraces where you can enjoy a drink in the evening.

**Iamaga:** One of the most romantic walks in Rome is along the banks of the River Tiber in the dark in the Eternal City. Gradually the lights of the buildings, bars and boats begin to illuminate water bordering Rome. Walk along its bridges and go down to the river banks as they are usually full of

Roma, **Rome**



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Historical Monuments

## Asinelli Tower

**ANADEL:** To me, any visit to Bologna should include going up the Asinelli Tower, with its 98 meters it is the highest of the medieval towers that were lifted above the city. From the highest point you can enjoy a panoramic view of vertigo above the city where you can see the Saint Luke Basilica and, on clear days, you can see until the Alps and the Adriatic Sea. The Asinelli Tower (constructed in 1109 and 1119), along with the Garisenda, are located strategically in the entrance of the city, for military reasons. Now you can go up the first (Asinelli), functioning as a viewpoint. Open hours: Everyday from 9.00 to 18:00h (in the summer), and from 9:00 to 17:00h (in the winter). To arrive here you can take the bus lines 13, 14, 19, 25, and 27. It costs 3 Euros to enter.

**Jos Glez:** I arrived in Bologna with a reservation I'd made at a youth hostel on the outskirts of the city. By the way, I

003 904 129 608 401 - Piazza di Porta Ravgnana, **Bologna**



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Squares

## Campo Fiori Square

**ANADEL:** In 1456, Pope Callixtus III paved this area as part of a major project preparing for the construction of several important buildings nearby, including the Orsini Palace. After the project, the area attracted a bustling horse market once held in Piazza Navona and became a center of commercial activity. These days, it's one of my favorite places in Rome. It has beautiful flowers, outdoor produce markets, small shops, and lively outdoor cafes. Having a look through the stores and grabbing something to eat at the Salumeria on the corner is one of the best Sunday plans I know. At night, all the posts and vendors are gone and it's a wonderful place to get a drink

**Chaimae:** The Piazza del Campo de las Flores is named after the area in the fifteenth century, where all kinds of flowers and plants were grown. Since 1889, at its center

Piazza Campo de' Fiori, **Rome**



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Statues

## Moses (Michelangelo)

**David Barbero Ramón:** Moses is a white marble sculpture created in 1509 by Michelangelo (1475-1564) and depicts the biblical character Moses. It was originally designed for the tomb of Pope Julius II in St. Peter's Basilica, but was finally set in the minor church of San Pietro in Vincoli after the Pope's death. The statue actually depicts Moses with horns on his head, a feature which is believed to come from a mistranslation of the Jerome chapter of Exodus 34:29-35. In the text, Moses is characterized by "karano hrpanav" ("a face emanating rays of light"), which St. Jerome translated as "eset facies sua cornuta" ("his face was horned"). The fascinating bodily detail of the bulging muscles, swelling veins, and heavy legs as well as the tension-inducing folds in the garments can be literally studied for hours. They say that Michelangelo, upon finishing this work, was struck by its perfection and shouted "rise!" Honestly, the perfection of the

390 697 844 952 - Piazza di San Pietro in Vincoli, 4a, **Rome**



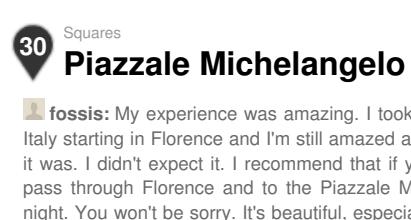
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Villages

## Alghero

**Alba Balbastre:** Alghero (o L'Alguer, as the locals call it), is a city that traces its origins back to the Spanish conquest, a fact which noticeable in the local dialect. The city is located on the west coast of Sardinia and rests above the sea upon a beautiful city wall. The most enchanting part about Alghero is that it still retains its medieval character even after all these years. When you visit, you feel at home. As you walk among the red and yellow buildings, you can chat and speak with the people as if they were family. It's like being in a small village! Make sure to visit the Caramelle dei Pirati, a small candy shop that looks like a pirate-themed attraction park on the inside. It's so cool! I always find an excuse to buy some little knick-knack just to enter and have a look around. Also, the Café el Blau on the top floor of the Hotel Catalonia has the best views of the entire city, any time of day. During your trip to Alghero, I'd also suggest visiting "Le Grotte di Nettuno," a

Alghero, **Alghero**



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Squares

## Piazzale Michelangelo

**fossis:** My experience was amazing. I took a trip through Italy starting in Florence and I'm still amazed at how beautiful it was. I didn't expect it. I recommend that if you go to Italy, pass through Florence and to the Piazzale Michelangelo at night. You won't be sorry. It's beautiful, especially the view of Florence since you see everything from here. All my best!

Piazzale Michelangelo, **Florence**

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Streets

## Streets of Venice

**Pedro Jareño:** The streets of Venice are so charming that it is not easy to describe in words. To begin, logically, what shocks you is that they are normal streets with roads and cars involved. There are also canals, water and boats. A unique atmosphere that beckons you to get lost here. In fact, what I love about Venice is just that. Getting lost without knowing where you're going. Unknown alleys ending in a canal, falling into a rambling maze of streets that and enjoying the Venetian night with its mystery and beauty. A spectacular site that is

Venezia, **Venice**



## 32 Canals of Venice

Of Touristic Interest

**la peñita:** To visit Venice in January is to discover another city different from that found on other occasions in July or August. Tourists (from myself included) inadvertently "spoil" the best views of the sites. If in summer the city is abuzz with activity, in winter it has a romantic touch that makes me like it even more, if possible. Getting lost in the alleys away from the sea of humanity, finding a niche with an carved image, a passageway under a building, or a hidden courtyard awaken in my mind an adventurous sensations which makes me like Venice most each time I visit. Also, you can get off the beaten track and mix it up with the inhabitants of the city and have drinks at places like "Al diavolo con l'Aquasanta" or "La Taberna do mori". You can go shopping stress-free, visit museums or palaces and get on and off the vaporetto at an unhurried pace. A real blast!

**Jaclyn Lombardo:** As I walked the silence streets of Venice I heard the whispers of the past. Around every bend there was a story just waiting to be told. The boats lined the small weathered homes while the afternoon sun danced off the water. As I listened to the lapping of the water I began to daydream of years past when Venice was the wealthiest of nations. Marveling at it's

5 214 928 920 809 - Cannaregio, Venice



Villages

## Erice

**Neftis:** As soon as you get to this wonderful corner built on Mount Giuliano, 751 meters above sea level, you start to breathe the Middle Ages. It unites many Sicilian features with Norman urbanism, the Arabic organization of houses around the courtyard, and a wide range of sweets and beautiful puppets. To get there, you can go by funicular or car (if you don't mind the turns), zigzagging for about 14 kilometres and enjoying the panoramic sea views. Various roads exist in the interior of its labyrinthine streets. It's a luxury to stop to chat on the patios with the locals, although my ideal is getting lost in the streets and discovering places eroded by the passage of time. The narrow streets are a maze of captivating living postcards. It's a trip back in time that's more than recommended, and the finishing touch will be one of their wonderful sweets accompanied by a good cappuccino.



Villages

## Castelsardo

**Victor Camon:** Castelsardo's Castel Genovese fortress was built in the 11th century to protect against incursions from North Africa and ever since it has been a symbol of Genoa's political and commercial domination of this part of the island. Castel Genovese was one of the last strongholds to fall to the Aragonese, but it was finally conquered 1448. It then changed hands between the Austrians and Sicilians before finally becoming part of Sardinia in 1769. Currently, the castle in Castelsardo is a museum housing a variety of objects from medieval weapons to traditional farming and fishing tools. A visit to the castle costs 2€ and I'd also recommend visiting the town's port and historic center.

**GERARD DECQ:** For me, Castelsardo is the most beautiful historic town in Sardinia. It'll take your breath away from the moment that you see it appearing around the curve

Castelsardo, Castelsardo



Churches

## 34 Santa Maria in Trastevere

**naxos:** My favorite church in Rome is in the heart of the bohemian neighborhood of Trastevere. It's not the most impressive nor the most fraught with artistic treasures, but for me it's simple elegance makes it the most beautiful. This is the church which lends its name to the whole neighborhood and the gilded ceilings remind me of an Orthodox church. You can literally feel the devotion here. Many people that visit Rome choose to toss a coin in the Trevi Fountain or put their hand in the Mouth of Truth. For me, a visit to Rome means exploring the streets of Trastevere and admiring this beautiful church.

**Almudena:** This was the first church in Rome to be dedicated to the Virgin Mary. It was built in 221AD by Pope Callixtus I and then rebuilt in the 12th century by Pope Innocent II. During these various restorations, workers

39 065 814 802 - Via della Paglia, 14, Rome



Islands

## Capri

**Nasia Michaelidou:** The most spontaneously planned trip...an amazing experience, breath taking views, lots of colors and beautiful nature. A must visit for all sea lovers. Feeling truly blessed that I had the chance to be there.

**Maria Carmen Garcia Moraleda:** On our trip to Capri we were pleasantly surprised. It is an island with a lot of places to discover (for visitors, of course). It's on a mountain, so the houses cascade down the side, the roads are narrow as can be, and space is valuable. The people are as happy as all good Italians are. You can not miss taking a shot of limoncello, despite the hot weather in August.

**Veronica Plaza Godoy:** Maravillosas rocas que afloran desde el mar. Cuevas con aguas cristalinas.



Historical Monuments

## 35 Fountain of the Four Rivers

**guanche:** The Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi is a baroque masterpiece located just in front of the Sant'Agense in Agone in Piazza Navona in central Rome. The fountain represents the four major rivers of the world at the time: the Danube in Europe, the Nile in Africa, the Rio de la Plata in the Americas, and the Ganges in Asia. The master behind this splendid work of art was Bernini, but each of the rivers was actually sculpted by different artists from the time. Poussin, for example, made the figure of the Ganges. The work was commissioned by Pope Innocent X. In the center of the fountain there is an obelisk topped with a dove and olive branch. This symbolized the Pope's family which had a palace in Piazza Navona. There's a story that says that Bernini and Borromini (architect of Sant'Agense in Agone) were enemies so the figures of the fountain seem to have a disgusted look toward the church.

39 060 608 - Piazza Navona, Rome



Cultural Interest

## Sassi Di Matera

**Maureen Pies:** Matera advertises itself as an open air museum, it is this and more. The area has been continuously inhabited for an estimated 9,000 years. Yet uniquely over this time period rather than adapt the environment to suit their needs the inhabitants seem to have adapted to the surrounding environment. Resulting in a community built around numerous caves on the sides of a steep ravine. Once infamous for the poverty described by Carlo Levi, since gaining UNESCO status in 1993 the abandoned cave houses have been redeveloped into B&Bs, hotels, restaurants, art galleries and even spas. You can spend many happy hours wandering the narrow alleyways and staircases that make up the Sassi but you will frequently end up looking down into the gorge at the edge of town. Take a walk down into the bottom of the ravine and enjoy the tranquil sound of the river whilst gazing up at the town clinging to the rock above. Then climb

08 351 766 070 - Sassi di Matera, Matera

Erica, Erica

Capri, Capri



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Castles

## Sforza Castle

**Las sandalias de Ulises:** The Sforzesco Castle is wonderful. In addition to finding a great place to spend an afternoon, especially in its gardens, its interior is also lovely. Each room is a treasure, not only for its exhibitions, monuments and sculptures, but the ceilings are wonders in themselves. Each room has a different one and each are wonderful, some with heraldic shields, others with stars... Spectacular!

**Michael Ornaghi:** One of the has the Pietà Rondanini, the last incomplete work of art of Michelangelo. Unfortunately the inner parts of the castle are not open. However sometimes there are organized tours that allow you to visit the entire structure.

**Andrew Meda:** A medieval building where parts are

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Train Stations

## Milano Centrale Railway Station

**Lidia Aparicio Ruiz:** This time we went to Italy, specifically to Milan, a beautiful city whose church, Il Duomo, buildings and galleries I loved. It's really beautiful in every way. I also loved it because you can take public transport anywhere. Here are some pictures of the Duomo, the galleries and some other attractions. I was there in March. I hope you like them.

**Ludovica Silmo:** Ancient station

39 026 673 511 - Piazza Duca D'Aosta, 1, Milan



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Bridges

## Bridge of Sighs

**Jesus Sanchez Gonzalez (Zu Sanchez):** The light that filters through this place is amazing at any time, day or night. Throngs of tourists shooting their cameras to take in the gondolas passing below. The whiteness stone is highlights with the beauty of the architecture.

**Raquel Mol:** Nice story about the place

**Elena Sandri:** Before taking a selfie in front of it with your lover, learn about the history!

**Raya Kyoseva:** Amazing structure, amazing history.. Best place!

390 412 792 644 - 31024 Venecia, Italia, Venice



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Historical Monuments

## Arena di Verona

**Nuria G:** The Roman Theatre of Verona is on a promenade that runs along the river Adige, near the Stone Bridge, the Church of Santo Stefano and San Giorgio in Braida. At the top of the enclosure in which is located you can visit the Archaeological Museum. Admission is joint for the 2 sites, and if you have the Verona Card, it's free. In the theater works and operas are held during the summer. The visit is worthwhile but if you have seen the Merida, Verona you may possibly be disappointed.

**Jacqueline Gallardo Vuelta:** It was my first trip outside of Spain, and I was with my boyfriend, now my husband. We rented a Smart car and we drove from Milan to Venice, passing by Florence and Verona. In the Ampitheater of Verona we went to an Opera called La Traviata de Verdi, where they sang a capella. We stayed in a 4 star hotel that

390 458 005 151 - Piazza Brà, 28, Verona



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Villages

## Positano

**Violetta:** Positano is a precious little village in Italy. It's built on a hill with narrow little streets and small homes and hotels. The locals are very charming and Positano is very romantic. You can only get there in car or by a bus which winds through the curvy roads. What's why it's so great...there aren't a ton of people! It's worth the trip.

**Gonzalo Moreno:** One of the most stunning places on the Amalfi Coast. It's squeezed between cliffs and mountains and the views are spectacular. It's about 50km from Naples and maybe a bit longer if you go by boat. One thing you can't miss is the Fornillo beach, one of the most beautiful I've ever seen.

**Kate Noll:** A charming vertical town unchanged for over 300 years dangling over the twinkling Mediterranean Sea on Italy's stunning Amalfi Coast. Her beauty took my breath

615 689 852 - Positano, Positano



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Squares

## Piazza del Duomo

**antartida:** It is the main square in the city and it is beautiful. It is one of those places that you see in black and white like of old. The cathedral presides in it, although it was being restored at the time we were there so we saw it covered in scaffolding and mesh. We arrived and it was already full of people, walking from one side to another without stopping, thousands and thousands of pigeons with "panisottos" vendors selling corn so you can feed the pigeons or put your palm out so hundreds come to eat from your hand. It was a little overwhelming, at least for me, I did not like that very much. On one side there is the entrance to the Vittorio-Emmanuelle Galleries. In the galleries there is a bull drawn on the ground, and the legend says that if you turn your heel on the bull's testicles, you will have good luck. Everyone did so, but it pained me a little to see the poor bull even though it was only a drawing. It's definitely worth visiting



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Festivals

## Carnival of Venice

**Yessidaire Marquina Prato:** Coming from a country where the Carnival is sun, heat, rumba, dancing girls in bikinis and samba dancing, finding a Carnival with masks that are so elaborate and elegant and elaborate dresses as well in the dead of winter is something strange, but it was one of the most beautiful carnivals I have ever seen in my life. This Carnival was in Venice. There were masks and kids dressed in costumes that seemed to protect them from the cold more than give them a carnival costume, beautiful masks, amazing colors, people laughing, thousands of tourists, one of the most fascinating places for a tourist in Italy, then the large puppets suddenly waylaid me, a huge praying mantis and a spider...it was a carnival I will never forget ...

Milán, Italia, Milan

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Ruins

## Pompeii Ruins

**MELITHA BLASCO:** The Etruscans and the Greeks had a major role in the creation of the city of Pompeii, in the region of Campania, Italy. It is situated at the foot of the volcano Vesuvius. Soon the city boasted an Hellenistic ambience and the decorative style of Pompeii was something completely new and different. Big houses were built and, with the construction of the Serino aqueduct, running water was introduced to the region.... Therefore multiple sources were installed not only inside the house but also in the streets,

Via Traversa Andolfi 20, 80045 Pompeya, Italia, Pompei

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Squares

## Piazza della Signoria

**Jordi:** This square was the center of Florentine power in their time of greatest splendor. Its non-symmetrical shape makes it a very unique place, while the small (or large) artworks that it contains form a unique and irreplaceable mosaic. You have the Palazzo Vecchio (Town Hall), the Loggia dei Lanzi, pavement cafes, the Neptune Fountain. Basically, it's a good place to visit to enjoy yourself and let go.

Plaza de la Señoría, Florence



## 46 Roman Forum

Historical Monuments

**Roberto Gonzalez:** For centuries, the Roman Forum was a marshy and unpleasant gully that the Romans used as a cemetery. The Etruscan kings finally drained it and the resulting space became used for public events. Walking through the forum is like being in a movie. You expect to see a victorious Caesar arriving through the triumphal arch to a cheering crowd. The Temple of Vesta, Trajan's column, and the Mamertine Prison are also unforgettable. On Sundays, they close the Via dei Fori Imperiali, the street which runs from the Forum to the Colosseum. Romans love to go for a walk in the area and it's the perfect chance for tourists to explore and take photos of this amazing area without having to worry about the traffic. I'd recommend going on Sundays.

**Belén G. Bonorino:** This is one of the spots where the Romans developed their social life. Located near the Colosseum, the Roman Forum is a ruined landscape which shows the magnificence of what was long ago. Anyway, you can have a nice walk through the rubble and imagine what this impressive complex of buildings was like in its heyday. It is certainly worth buying the

39 060 608 - Via della Salara Vecchia, 5/6, Rome



Squares

## 47 Piazza del Campo

**Helen Atallah:**

**Marta Jarpa Ruiz:** If you can visit around August 17th, the experience will be 20 times better. This is one of the city's biggest festivals and to celebrate it they decorate their streets with medieval flags, the locals are in the streets with scarves with seals of their clans, singing songs of the great festival, and they prepare the square for a bareback horse race. It's a great way to experience medieval Siena. And be prepared to be hot!



Squares

## 48 Piazza del Plebiscito

**MELITHA BLASCO:** One of the largest squares in Naples is the del Plebiscito, in the heart of the city, just steps from the famous Café Gambrinus and among the buildings of the Royal Palace and the Theatre of San Carlos. The square is ellipse-shaped and when it stopped being used as parking space it regained its former prestige of public space where concerts, demonstrations and even Christmas operas are sometimes performed (usually outdoors).

**Adriana Grecu:** Piazza del Plebiscito in Naples is in the heart of the city, overlooking important historical buildings, the Basilica of San Francesco di Paola, Royal Palace-one of the two royal residences Bourbon, Palazzo Salerno, Palace of the Prefecture. Over the years the architecture changed. The square has always been a place for historical events, national festivals and a stage for concerts of classical music. The

Piazza del Plebiscito, Naples



Of Cultural Interest

## National Museum of Cinema

**Belén G. Bonorino:** In the iconic Mole Antonelliana, the Museo Nazionale del Cinema is one of the most important museums in its field. The museum runs vertically, up the ramps that line the inside of the building while exposing historical archives in film history, elements that have been used by great artists, and impressive screens showing films. Visiting this museum was a terrific experience as this provided a very dynamic way where the viewer can interact with the world of cinema.

**Francisco Cañavera Criado:** El Museo Nacional de Cine de Turín, es uno de los más importantes del mundo por la riqueza de sus colecciones y por ocupar el interior de la Mole Antonelliana. El corazón de su estructura es una escalera ascendente alrededor de la cual se articulan los otros niveles de exposición. El museo cuenta e ilustra toda la historia del

39 011 138 560 - Via Montebello 20, Turin



Historical Monuments

## 50 Piazza dei Miracoli (Square of Miracles)

**luisfernando:** We left Assisi to Nimes and back to Spain quite early in the morning. We had to travel more than 900 kilometers and before we wanted to talk a little walk around Pisa. We arrived around noon, just to park the car outside and head to the most famous monument of the city, the DEI piazza MIRACOLI or Square of Miracles to see the Duomo, the Baptistry, the cemetery and of course the Leaning Tower or bell tower of the cathedral. There are places like this that can turn out to be boring, trying to relate the characteristics of each monument to what was written about it and you can't discover anything new. For that reason I'm only going to try to put some photos in which I will try to show what we saw in only two hours.

**Kenlove Elismé:** kenlove elisme

39 050 835 011 - Piazza Dei Miracoli, Pisa, Italia, Pisa



Historical Monuments

## 49 Galleria Umberto I

**MELITHA BLASCO:** The glass dome roof of the First Galleria Umberto of Naples corresponds to the type of architecture that was popular in the nineteenth century. Constructed 1887-1889 and designed by architect Emanuele Rocco, who followed religiously the fashion canons of that wonderful time and raised the glass structure with a stunning iron frame of such dimensions that when you enter you don't have to even lift your head to see where the light comes from. The glass roof and dome are harmoniously implanted on the lower structure, but it's definitely the top of this construction that takes the cake.

**ANADEL:** The Galleria Umberto I is similar to the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II and is located in Milan, and one of the biggest attractions for tourists in Naples. A huge crystallized space with light where there are stores, restaurants and

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Nature Reserves

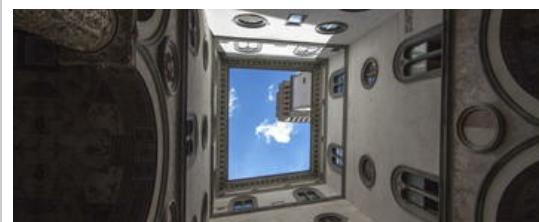
## 51 Amalfi Coast

**MELITHA BLASCO:** The incomparable beauty of the Amalfi Coast has enchanted and delighted every traveler lucky enough to experience it first-hand. The "green terraces" hanging over the bright blue sea form a truly wonderful sight. The rugged coastline, typical of this region of Italy, makes the trip by car or bus interesting. Although you want to take thousands of pictures (each corner offers something beautiful), many of the turns feel quite risky. If you listen well Italian music, the trip will be complete, I assure you ....

**Alessia Polichetti:** I suggest you to come in the south of this country, especially in Campania, where not only the food is.

**Tejdeep Yaramati:** Seems like the best place to retire.

Amalfi, Amalfi



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Palaces

## Palazzo Vecchio

**MELITHA BLASCO:** The Palazzo Vecchio is the most important civil building in Florence. Its construction began in 1299 at the request of Arnolfo di Cambio. Initially it was the seat of the Priors of the Arts and the Signoria and the home of the Grand Duke Cosimo I de Medici, until they moved to the Palazzo Pitti. During the period 1550-1565, Vassari completely decorated it to make it available to the ruling family. It now boasts a stunning interior, with its rooms and bedrooms, the living room of the Cinquecento, the Hall of Francesco I de Medici etc.

390 552 768 325 - Corso dei Tintori 21, Florence



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Churches

## St Mark's Basilica

**Olga:** In my opinion, it is the most important church in Venice, well-known worldwide, and the best representation of Byzantine art in northern Italy. It was built in 828 to be the Pantheon of the apostle Mark. It has a Greek cross and five domes on the cross, and was rebuilt after a fire in the 11th century. Although initially an austere church, has been well decorated thanks to the many donations pouring in.

**lets garden together (urbangardener):** Is supposed to be free but once inside if you want to see all of it is 2 euro here 3 euro there, still beautiful though.

**Laura Martinez Ruiz:** A must! Lots of history!

**Gangnang Fosso Aristide:** Great church at the place in the center of the city of Venice

390 412 708 311 - Piazza San Marco, 328, Venice



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Villages

## Manarola

**Javi Villaverde:** Located near Génova, Liguria in the north of Italy, Manarola is part of the "Cinque Terre" national park, a small group of cliff-side villages built on steep ravines and surrounded by incredible mountains by the sea. Throughout the region, there's an incredible variety of vineyards and olive groves and all the towns are connected by labyrinthine trails. Of all the towns in the area which I was lucky enough to visit, my favorite was Manarola, a place to forget about the daily hustle and bustle. Also, as is common in Italy, the regional food and wine are fantastic. The famous "lovers trail" begins here and heads towards Riomaggiore...it's a paved trail which skirts the coastal mountains and has amazing views of the colorful villages cascading down the mountainside. Although the five villages are connected by a train which literally wraps around the mountains, you can (and should) do the route by ferry at least once. The views from the ferry are just

Manarola, Manarola



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Palaces

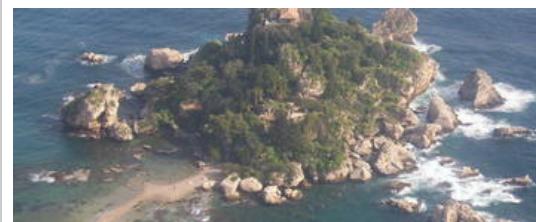
## Doge's Palace

**to\_y\_jua:** Doge's Palace gives you a great idea of the splendor of the Venetian Republic in its heyday. Receiving foreign emissaries on the stairs and dictating death sentences from the gallery. In the great halls, all the institutions that governed the city and its maritime empire are gathered: Senate, Staff Council, clergy, academics, the Council of Ten Censors. The head of the state, the Doge, lived secluded in these rooms without leaving except for official events.

Alex Hernán Salazar Placencia:

**Gangnang Fosso Aristide:** Meeting point in the city center of Venice near the great Cathedral

390 412 715 911 - Piazza San Marco, 1, Venice



Villages

## Taormina

**SerViajera:** What a place, what a location, what sea. Taormina is Sicily's star and certainly deserves the nickname it has been given. Nestled high on the hillside of Mount Tauro, it has stunning views of the sea, and a wonderful Greek legacy (the spectacular Teatro Greco was built in the third century BC), the beautiful medieval village has everything you need to make it the choice for thousands of tourists who spend their vacation here. Ignoring July and August, when it really is impossible to enjoy, as you should, the city and its beaches, Taormina is amazing from every point of view. As in any other part of Sicily, here you find charming small hotels, restaurants and excellent designer shops. Add to this spectacular beaches and the silhouette of the legendary and powerful Etna, which always stands out very close on the horizon.



Caves

## Neptune's Grotto

**Gordana Podvezanec:** Neptune's Grotto (Italian: Grotta di Nettuno; Catalan: Cova de Neptú) is a stalactite cave near the town of Alghero on the island of Sardinia, Italy. The cave was discovered by local fishermen in the 18th century and has since developed into a popular tourist attraction. The grotto gets its name from the Roman god of the sea, Neptune.

**Alex-Under Bridges:** Sardinia, a Fiat and a sunny day ... Along the coast of Alghero, we thought we could not find more beautiful views of the coast that came our way. But what a surprise when we got to climb the northwest tip of the island, Capo Caccia. We took our sunglasses and climbed to see what was hidden on the other side of the rocks. A huge rock, a furious Mediterranean sea, an infinite climb, a lost cave and the image of the past in the Gruta of Neptune, the heart of Capo Caccia!

Corso Principal de Taormina y Porta Catania, Taormina



Shows

## Teatro alla Scala

**Callejeros Viajeros:** The Scala theater is one of the most important theaters in the world. Open since 2004, when the restoration was finished after the damage suffered in World War II, the theatre represents work by the best artists of the genre. Interestingly, all operas are required to finish before midnight. In addition, the theatre has a museum with works of art, busts and costumes from different periods and all related to the world of opera. The most expensive tickets cost € 2,000 (during the season opening) and the cheapest tickets cost € 15.

**Michael Ornaghi:** Once in a lifetime you must book a box in these temples of the BelCanto.

390 288 791 - Via Filodrammatici 2, Milán, Italia, Milan



Bridges

## Ponte Sant'Angelo

**Queencat:** This bridge is located on the Tiber River near the Castel Sant'Angelo. According to legend, an angel appeared on the roof of the castle to announce the end of a plague. Centuries later, it was used to display the corpses of the executed. The 10 angels along the bridge hold the instruments of the Passion (though two of them are no longer standing): Column, whips, crown of thorns, shroud and dice, nails, cross, the INRI inscription, a sponge, and a lance.

390 606 060 884 - Lungotevere Castello 50, 00193 Roma, Italia, Rome



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## Gardens Parco Sempione

**Patricia M. Gómez:** This is one of the most important parks in Milan. It was wonderful to visit it this winter all covered in snow and then this spring for our first "picnic". The park is very well kept and clean. You can easily go to workout, walk or just have a little taste of green space in this city, which can sometimes be gray.



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## Exhibitions Gulf of Naples

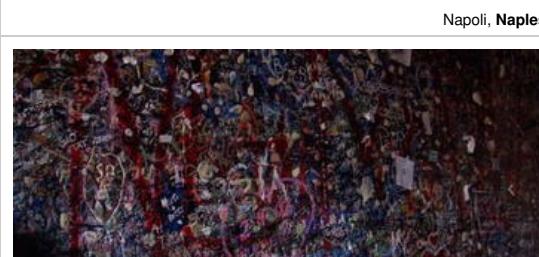
**Carlos Millán Gómez:** Is there anywhere in the world more beautiful than the Gulf of Naples? I would say no. It is the very center of Paradise (perhaps it's also by the door of hell, yes, because Mount Vesuvius could erupt at any time). The Gulf smells like sea, lemon, fish, tomato ... and also sounds wonderful, due to Naples' Italian music. "O sole mio", "Torna Surriento", "Questa picolissima serenade" ... Want to know more about Neapolitan music? Well, come here, turn the speakers up and enjoy. <http://bit.ly/qOEjiU>



Villages

## Cefalú

**SerViajera:** Situated on the Tyrrhenian coast, just 1 hour by train from Palermo, Cefalù is, as Taormina , one of the most popular vacation places in Sicily. Beyond its good beaches, Cefalu has a neighborhood that is spectacular and old. In La Rocca they live, as if tourism does not affect them in the least, medieval streets full of flavor and several churches and 'palazzi' that are precious.. Another corner is the port which is connected to the top of the old city walls staggered down an alley full of charm. Walking through La Rocca, one realizes that the beloved place has been used as the setting for films like Cinema Paradiso.



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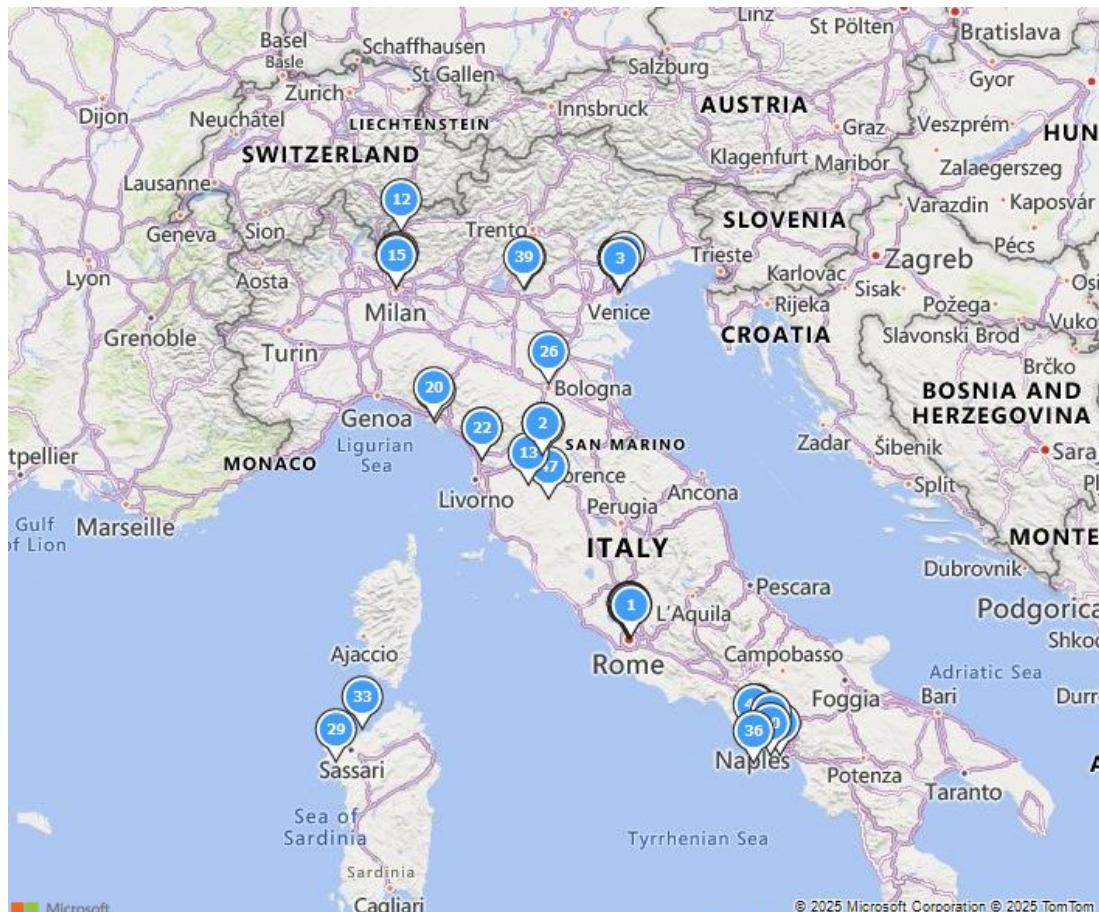
## Historical Monuments Juliet's House (Casa di Giulietta)

**Maria Carmen Garcia Moraleda:** Verona is a pleasant place. The city itself is very nice and there is romance added thanks to the story of Romeo and Juliet, although the truth is that now it is not very touristy. Although if really what you want is love, poetry and verse, its marvellous.

**maya menozi:** it's lovely to see lots of people writing pieces of papers to Giulietta, hoping she will fix the broken hearts...

Via Salvatore Spinuzza, 15 , Cefalù

390 458 034 303 - Via Cappello, 23, Verona, Italia, Verona



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### Things to see in Italy

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10. Piazza del Popolo
11. Burano
12. Lake Como
13. San Gimignano
14. Grand Canal
15. Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II
16. Trevi Fountain
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18. Piazza Venezia
19. Bocca della Verità (Mouth of Truth)
20. Cinque Terre National Park
21. Villa Borghese
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## Antichi Sapori Ristorante

Restaurants

**Gorgonita:** We went to this restaurant based on the recommendation of the receptionist of our hotel because we had arrived at Trapani very late at night, and did not know anything, so we didn't hesitate to follow his advice. The restaurant was a short distance from where we were staying, in the Corso Vittorio Emanuele, and had a terrace by Yolanda Princess Square, where we were seated. We just walked into the restaurant to use the bathroom, but I could see that the decor was that of a sailor tavern, with vaulted ceilings and paintings on the walls related to the ocean and fishing craft. The dishes are traditional Italian dishes, but also they also specialize in fish and cous cous. That day we had not eaten and were so hungry, so we asked for a first and a second plate. The waiter looked confused, because it's usually typical to ask just for one there. I chose a seafood pasta and then a "tonno" (tuna), which was accompanied by a sort of vinaigrette. We ate very well, everything was delicious, so I recommend this place. This place has also been recommended by the Guide Routard since 2005, so you can count on a good experience.

**Carlos Olmo:** Walking through Trapani, we came across this small restaurant. It was one of the few that were open and there

☎ 092 322 866 - Corso Vittorio Emanuele, 191, Trapani



Restaurants

## 1 Pizzeria Trianon

**Jocío padilla:** I was there. It's very good but don't expect the typical Italian restaurant. They say it is the best pizzeria in the world and the service wasn't bad and you can choose from 4 or 5 types of pizza and beer or soda to drink. I loved it. Just in front there is another one that is also good called Da Miquele.



Cafés

## Antico Caffe Spinnato

**Nuria G:** Spinnato Caffè is located in the center of Palermo, in the middle of the flower market in the city. It is a cafe and chocolate shop where you can find coffees and refreshments and try a variety of different chocolate with diverse additives like lemon or pistachio, liquor, etc. There are two terraces, surrounded by the market flowers, which makes the ambient very nice. It is a great place to rest after a long day touring the city.

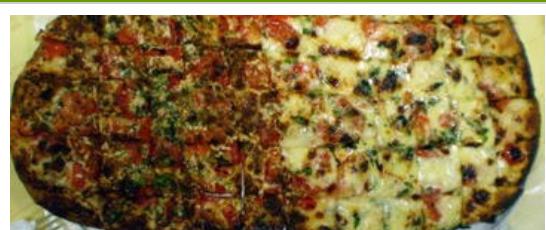
☎ 0918 571 364 - Via Principe di Paternò n° 42, Palermo



2 Culinary Interest

## Gelateria Dondoli

**Jordi Nitu:** When they say that they make the best ice cream in the world, it's because they really do make the best ice cream in the world. They have a great variety of flavors so you're bound to find something you like as you visit the city and all its towers (13 at the moment, above all the Devil's Tower). To emphasize the point even more, this place has won awards for best ice cream in the world in 2006 and 2008.



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## Pizzeria Calvino

**Lala:** The Antica Pizzeria Calvino is a place in Trapani, and is said to make the best pizza in the city and really, I have never tasted a pizza like that one I had here. Here is where they serve the authentic pizza "trapanese" which is different from any other in any Italian city. It is situated on the ground floor of a building on the street Nuncio Nasi, however it resembled a house (as I read, the place used to be a brothel). A long narrow hallway gives access to small rooms which are used for dining (each with 2 or 3 tables). The decor is quite common: paper tablecloths, plastic cups ... Here you can only eat pizza, but there are all kinds of ingredients. There are different sizes, depending on the number of people (for 2, 3, 4 ...), but always ask for less than you want because they are enormous. The pizzas are round or oval, and are cut into small squares. The dough is thick but super fluffy and crunchy. And the price are very cheap, and with

☎ 39 092 321 464 - Via N Nasi 71, Trapani



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## 3 Carlo Menta

**Andrea Rey Roca:** This is a good place to eat if you're in the Trastevere neighborhood. The prices are comparable with the rest of the neighborhood, but they don't tack on any additional charges like a lot of places. As I mentioned, it's a touristy place but that doesn't mean it's not good. The menu offers the usual Roman fare of pasta and pizza along with some meat dishes like saltimbocca alla Romana, which is what I ordered. The outdoor terrace is very nice though sometimes you have to wait for a table. All in all, we liked it.

**eli y cris:** The Carlo Menta is a place I always frequent when I'm in Rome. It's in the square of Trastevere and the atmosphere is great; there are always friendly people and musicians about. The service is a bit slow but it's worth it since the food is stupendous. One tip: keep an eye on the wine as the prices tend to be a bit high.

☎ 390 605 803 733 - Via della Lungaretta 101, 00153 Roma, Italia, Rome



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## 4 Pizzeria da Baffetto

**Maria Salazar:** This place is located on a small street near Piazza Navona. I had heard that there'd most certainly be a line but that the wait was well worth it. We got there a bit late and luckily the queue had died down and we didn't have to wait too long after all. The décor is quiet and normal and the place seems small; the tables are basically stacked on top of each other so it feels like you're eating elbow-to-elbow with the rest of the customers. But oh, the pizzas...they melt in your mouth. Super recommendable!

☎ 39 066 861 617 - Via del Governo Vecchio, 114, Rome



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## 5 L'Antica Pizzeria da Michele

**Juanan Tonio:** Amazing pizza!! There was a long queue for a table so I took a "take-out" and ate sitting on stairs near a market enjoying. Definitely the best pizza I've ever had. I give thanks for the recommendation. God I have wanted to return to this pizzeria, definitely the best pizza I've ever eaten. We found out about it through this app and got a ticket for a table number, but we had 24 numbers before us, so we decided to ask for take-out had only 1 Italian before us, we ate sitting on stairs near there buying a coke from a bars that are all

☎ 390 815 539 204 - Via Cesare Sersale 1/3, Naples

Via Pietro Colletta, 44, Naples



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## I Raddi

**Eduardo Gómez de la Mata:** For our visit to Florence we downloaded the minube guide for the iPad and what better way to let us eat incredible food recommended by some of the travelers whose experiences we read. In the end, because of the circumstances of the route taken, the best was this: Trattoria I'raddi. Upon arrival there were people in the street waiting for their turn and we got through pretty quickly, and yet we were told at max. we'd have to wait 20 minutes to eat, so we put our name in ... Good decision. After waiting a while we decided to leave, but then we saw the beautiful bartender ve came to get us. It was about time! But we had only 15 minutes to eat because we missed the bus and then we weren't sure whether it was worth it. She assured us they were fast and we believed it. The best thing we did. We shared some crostini (2 people), some tagliatelle, a roast beef with potatoes, bread and a pint of wine.

39 055 211 072 - Via D'Ardiglione, 47, Florence



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## Caffe' Mercanti

**ANADEL:** It is the typical classic tourist site, just steps away from the Duomo with a striking and excessive décor, and with very few places nearby to have a refreshment. It's a place where you end up weary from exhaustion. Good and fast service, but recommended only for a coffee or a drink and to relax your weary tourist legs. The pizzas aren't worth the trouble, and the prices are exorbitant.

Via Mercanti, 21, Milán, Italia, Milan



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## Taverna Barberini

**guanche:** La Taberna Barberini is a small restaurant that makes pizza and Italian dishes. It is right in front of Palazzo Barberini, across from the four fountains. We ate for about 25 euros / person for a first course, second course, and wine of the house. The pizzas were great, but the wine and other courses not so much. The restaurant's decor is the typical stuff: bottles of wine and olive oil from the regions which produce them. It's in the basement of a building that doesn't have a garden or terrace. The staff was friendly and nice, and the service quite fast considering the fact that our group was about 10 people. But it's a good place to eat at noon after having seen Palazzo Barberini gallery, or to eat out with a group or significant other.

064 883 619 - via delle quattro fontane 160, 00184 Roma, Italia, Rome



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## The Mirror

**Justo Talavera:** This places serves the typical Rome menu but with a bit more variety than normal. For 10 Euros you can have a starter (your choice of bruschetta), salad, your choice of pizza or pasta, water, dessert, and a drink (including beer or wine). I'd recommend it. Besides, the service is great and there were lots of locals in the restaurant which is always a good sign.

**munix:** The Mirror is a great value. For 10 Euros you get a starter, main, dessert, and drink. In Rome, that's a price to rave about

**Student Yassmin Mohamed:** Samantha My Favorite Dinner Is Pasta And Alfredo Delicious Is Like Good Stuff

39 065 812 902 - Piazza Sidney Sonnino 49, 00153 Roma, Italia, Rome



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## Caffè Concerto

**Toni:** This is a Caffe with Self-Service, situated next to the Cathedral. The food is good and the portions are big. They also sold me a bottle of the famous vinegar of Modena (25 euros though). It's a good experience.

**Francesca Ludovica Bevilacqua:** A classic for lunch break or a drink after work or in a Saturday evening. Typical place to meet up with old friends, work colleagues, college mates.



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## Ristorante di Andrea e Graziella

**ANADEL:** This was a pleasant discovery after several unsuccessful attempts to find a typical Sardinian restaurant in the streets of Cagliari. The Piazza Yenne has several restaurants with terraces in the square, but they are full of tourists and that's not what I wanted. You will find Ammentos and "typical cucina sarda" on the facade. We let the hostess to order us whatever she wanted. We had antipasti to start served on pieces of oak cork found on the island's mountains, then local grilled vegetables, cheeses and sausages. For the entree, a large plate of pasta, fragole with mushrooms, and for dessert, a muscat liqueur with traditional sweets. A feast in a pleasant and friendly atmosphere for about 20 euros per person, everything included. A nice place to stay.

059 222 232 - Calle di Luca, 41121 Módena, Italia, Modena



Tapas Bars

## Il Chiosco

**Azzonzo:** Catania is a lively and vibrant city in Sicily. In the centre of the Piazza Vittorio Emanuele III, at the junction with the famous Via Etna, you can't miss this great bar. It has everything to quench your thirst, and is always full of people of all ages. You can enjoy delicious granitas here. Don't miss it!

Via Vittorio Emanuele II, 3, Catania



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## Caffe Martini

**Maria Peiró:** The Caffe Martini restaurant is ideal for lunch if you're sightseeing in the Duomo area of Milan. I was really happy with this restaurant, which is close to the Duomo because I did not expect such a meal for the price paid. We ate on the terrace so we could admire the beautiful cathedral while enjoying an absolutely wonderful meal. Two bottles of water, two exquisite pasta dishes, and an enormous and delicious tiramisu for 28 € total, while in the area we were, was not too bad. Good location, great staff, fabulous food for a great price with beautiful views!

0 272 000 366 - Via dei Mercanti, 21, Milan



## 13 Osteria Da Zi Umberto Restaurants

**U Umss Ka:** Rude service manager that holds the reservation book. There are many reviews here talking about how racist the manager and staff are. I did not believe it until my own experience. They cannot serve sub standard food with racist displays and clearly arrogant waiters and claim it part of their Roman charm. That is an insult to Roman hospitality. I asked the manager about a dish called "beef roll" .. how often does one see beef roll on an Italian menu? he asked me where I was from and then proceeded to draw circles on the dining table paper covering. You can see the handy work in the photo with the red chilli flake bowl ( more on that later) Super condescending, really bad attitude. Disinterested servers too. Lemon veal tasted had the smell and taste of raw meat and not a hint of lemon in a hazy sauce, meant to be usually clear.. Fried zucchini was chewy and full of batter. Barely noticeable zucchini flower. Never mentioned it was also full of sardines Caprise salad... raw tomatoes and cheese was hard and lacking any flavour. Barely any olive oil. Booked dinner due to a YouTube review but this is a subpar and overhyped restaurant, courtesy of some popular Influencers. My server was rude. Never brought the bread. Never refilled water / nor even opened the bottle. Didn't even serve the wine. They charge you £2 per person for chilli oil and sea salt. I asked for the 4£chilli oil.

065 816 646 - Piazza San Giovanni della Malva, 14, **Rome**



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## 14 Bar Tre Scalini

**Guanche:** Bar Tre Scalini is located in the famous Piazza Navona, a charming pedestrian square in the center of Rome. The bar is right next to the Bernini Fountain so it is the perfect place to relax with a drink after visiting the fountain. But, the restaurant was not perfect. Everything is frozen or prepared ahead of time and microwaved. Do you really want to eat frozen pizza in Rome??. The staff was also not very nice and seemed more interested in attending tourists than anything else. However, the gelato is very good. You get two generous scoops of gelato for about 3 euros and it's very tasty and refreshing. If you're looking for a full meal, there are better restaurants nearby.



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## 15 Cencio La Parolaccia

**Belen G. Bonorino:** The Parolaccia is a restaurant located in the area known as the Trastevere. Trastevere is known for its many bars and restaurants. The Parolaccia is not just another restaurant as it serves typical Italian cuisine and stands out among the rest of the eateries. "The Parolaccia" means "bad word". This fact attracts pure insults and a lot of people are waiting to be insulted by the staff, laughing at the irony and enjoying a good Italian meal. Highly recommended (if you do not mind being insulted), but if you want to eat there, try to book in advance, as is usually full.

Vico del Cinque, 3, Roma, Italia, **Rome**



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## 16 Il Ragno d'Oro

**Carlos Olmo:** This restaurant provides a great eating experience around the Vatican. The local restaurants are often expensive but this one offers excellent value. The menu is extensive and everything we tried was delicious. The staff is very friendly and are dedicated not only to serve if not to give guidance on the card and on the same city!

**jrgil:** Simply RE-CO-MM-EN-DA-BLE! It's in the Vatican area, about 400m. from the Vatican Museums through the little streets. At first, the restaurant seems skimpy from outside, and I personally thought it looked like the restaurants from The Godfather with red and white checkered tablecloths... but then you go and the food is simple, homemade, and at a phenomenal price for Rome. Special pasta "all'americana" which is typical to Rome and very elaborate. Greetings to Marco and Fabio Formichella. A tip:

06 063 212 362 - Via Silla, 26, **Rome**



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## 17 Tira...Baralla

**Rodrigo Nieto:** It is one of the most romantic restaurants I have ever been. The décor is very rural, rustic mirrors and wine bottles adorning the walls. His specialty, as is known in Florence is meat and pasta. To accompany the meal I recommend a good bottle of wine from Tuscany. The restaurant is not expensive, it costs about 22 € per person for dinner. It has a good location and you can find it right next to the Piazza S Maria Novella. Try it, you will like it.

055 218 418 - Via della Scala, 28/r, **Florence**



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## 18 Le Antiche Carrozze

**Elvira Aldaz:** Of all the restaurants we visited in Florence, I will definitely return to this Trattoria, located on Via Tornabuoni, one of the most exclusive streets in the city. It is a very cozy, with two dining rooms and decorated like a Tuscan kitchen. The lighting and music create a pleasant atmosphere. Despite being always busy, even on weekdays (mostly with locals), waiters work very quickly. If you arrive and it is full, you are given a number and in less than 20 minutes you have a table. The menu is extensive but the highlights are the seafood risotto with very tasty seafood, and "La Bufala 250", a caprese salad with a piece of 250 gram buffalo mozzarella. In the pictures you can see the great salad and all its ingredients. Needless to say we went back another day, we just could not say goodbye to Florence without ever eating that salad again! And to dress it, an excellent Italian oil and vinegar which was one of the ones I

055 658 156 - Via Santissimi Apostoli, 66, **Florence**

## 19 Giolitti Culinary Interest

**Rodrigo Nieto:** This is a true temple to gelato and is quite famous in Rome. Everyone who visits Rome should stop by and try the gelato at least once during their trip. It was founded by an Italian couple, Giuseppe and Bernadina Giolitti, and became so famous that it even supplied ice cream to the Italian royal family. There are indoor and outdoor seating areas where you can enjoy some gelato, a slice of cake, or one of their exquisite truffles. It's definitely a must when you're in Rome. After all, the ice cream is world

06 066 991 243 - Via Uffici del Vicario 40, 00186 Roma, Italia, **Rome**

## 20 Panzerotti Luini Culinary Interest

**PilM:** Panzerotti is a type of typical Italian dumpling, which is smaller than calzone. In Panzerotti Luini's, there is a variety of panzerotti, and you can choose from various fillings and if you want it fried or baked. We tried both and they are very good! It's cheap and it's an alternative to pizza taglio. You buy the food to take away, you can't eat it there. It is one of the most popular places near the Duomo of Milan, go and check it out!

02 286 461 917 - Via Santa Radegonda, 16, Milán, Italia, **Milan**



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## 21 Pizzeria Trattoria Toscana

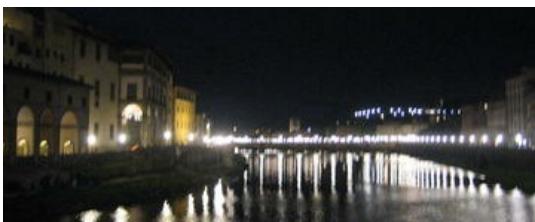
**Héctor mibauleblogs.com:** Here we have some pizzas for dinner and we found it to be quite good value for money and the location is also good, as it is very close to the Tower of Pisa. I think it's a good choice for lunch or dinner and also there is a tourist that, although we did not order it, seemed quite good. The facilities are very correct, both the exterior and interior terrace and bathrooms.



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## 22 Bar Pasticceria Dalowi

**vanesa montoya:** There were five of us looking for a "good, nice and cheap" place when we found this spot, and it was just what we expected: good home cooking at a good price. Neither a "trattoria", nor a restaurant, rather a bar that serves pastries with delicious home-made food. We had a first course of pasta (there is plenty of pasta and sauces) and main course (meat, fish ...), drink and "pastizzi" for dessert (delicious), we paid about 13 euros per person. I must highlight the service provided by the owner (I think was the owner), very polite and nice, also treated us to a yummy shot of homemade limoncello. We left very happy :) It's very close to Palazzo Pitti, and the best part about it for us Spaniards was that they don't seem to have a kitchen schedule like in most places. We went in at 4 or so without a problem.



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## 23 Ciro & Sons

**Fer Tamudo:** On my visit to Florence (Italy) a friend recommended the Ristorante Ciro & Sons. We went there for dinner one night and loved it. It is a welcoming place, with frescoes on the walls, and the room, although small, is well-decorated. The service is good, and prices aren't too bad. It has a lovely outside terrace, and is right in the city centre. If you're in Florence and want a romantic restaurant, this is the perfect spot.



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## Antica Focacceria San Francesco

**Diariodeabordo:** The Antica Focacceria de San Francesco is one of the most traditional restaurants in Palermo. It first opened in 1834 and was renovated in 1902. It's been handed down for five generations and still serves typical pasta dishes and its signature dish: focaccia bread sandwiches stuffed with braised spleen.

050 561 876 - Via Santa Maria 163, Pisa, Italia, Pisa



Culinary Interest

## 24 Gelateria Tre Fontane

**ANADEL:** This gelateria is an institution in Rome and it's located in the spectacular Piazza Navona which should be on every tourist's itinerary. The specialty is tartufo, balls of chocolate covered with chocolate powder. They're superb and come in all sorts of flavors! Enjoying one of these delectable treats in such a famous place is a true pleasure.

**Andrea Rey Roca:** After having read so much about this gelateria, it was the first thing I looked for when I arrived at Piazza Navona. I tried the famous tartufo for the measly price of 4€. Ok, ok...so it's not the cheapest snack in the world but it's worth it. Afterwards, we were ready to explore the square and enjoy the works of Bernini and Borromini.



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## 25 Il Bacaro

**Teresa Marchese:** This is a wonderful place to eat in downtown Rome near the Pantheon and the Piazza Navona, and has a really charming atmosphere, especially at night. There is a pergola covered in ivy that makes it all the more enchanting. Il Bacaro is a historic restaurant in the capital that's capable of combining tradition and modernity. I'd like to make a special mention of the reasonable prices and friendly service.



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## 26 Trattoria Mario

**Filibaco:** I eat with my two children and my wife, which means that we don't have to share a table. Everything is as they said and as I already thought. The place is difficult to find even when you're at the door. The line of people waiting may seem to go on forever but in the end it is short. You have to visit. The highlight is the service friendly, anywhere else with this amount of customers they would be miserable, but here they have a permanent smile.



Tapas Bars

## 27 Nottingham Forest

**TeOh:** If you're tired of going for a drink in a normal bar, this is the place for you. The restaurant has walls hung with objects from all over the world, and the extensive cocktail menu has a lot of international options. There are all the usual drinks, but also experimental things - in capsules, in syringes, cocktails with liquid nitrogen, etc. It's tiny, so it's better to get there early or book in advance, but if you have to wait, it's worth it. The prices range from the normal 8/9 € a drink .. up to 2500 € ... (No joke). Ah it is one of the 50 best bars in the world .. I think I've said it all.

Piazza Navona, Roma, Italia, Rome

39 066 872 554 - Via degli Spagnoli 27, Roma, Italia, Rome

055 218 550 - Via Rosina, 2r | Corner of Piazza del Mercato Centrale...

02 798 311 - Viale Piave, 1, Milán, Italia, Milan



## 28 Bar Pompi

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**Alicia F.:** This is an authentic Roman cafe-pastry shop far from the more theatrical and touristy places of the city. The tiramisu is great! You can get it in chocolate, banana, strawberry, pineapple...and, of course, coffee. It's located right after you leave the city walls near the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran and I assure you that, even if you're not crazy about tiramisu (as was my case), this will make you see the dessert through different eyes. Still not convinced? Well, there is also an interminable variety of sweets, cakes, and ice cream, so dieters be warned! Of course, the Pompi is also a good place to try the famous Roman aperitif from Tuesday to Sunday starting at 18:30. For those we don't know, the Roman aperitif is basically a free buffet that you can access for the price of a drink. The drink is typically a cocktail and varies from 5€ to 8€ in price. Don't expect gourmet, just pasta, pizza, and various snacks. If you go during the weekend (especially in the afternoon), it's absolutely packed.

**Dayana Maltese:** When in Rome do as Romans do! Great Attention & desserts but u must try their Roman aperitif after 6:30pm including starter. pasta. bruschetta & cocktail

📞 39 067 000 418 - Via Albalonga | Via della Croce, Roma, Italia, Rome



## 29 Gelateria Marco

Culinary Interest

**chema:** It is very close to the square. Good and varied ice cream comparable to those that can be enjoyed in Tuscany (the best in the world) The restaurant is open until 23h, at least in summer, and it is strange if you don't see a line of people waiting to order. It's worth a trip there for a good dinner or lunch with an ice cream from this shop.



## 30 Osteria Francescana

**Javier:** In 1995, this restaurant opened in Modena. It is now considered the fourth best in the world by international critics. The chef Massimo Bottura, is a disciple of Ferran Adria. In the restaurant there are 3 types of menus: the "traditional" uses the best products of the region of Emilia Romagna, the tasting menu and an innovative menu with Bottura's most recent creations. The property is very quiet and the food is more than pleasant. The chef is very nice and fun to talk to. A visit to Modena is worth it if only to eat at this restaurant.

**Francesca Ludovica Bevilacqua:** Food is simply amazing, I can't describe it; the fusion of traditional food and ingredients with molecular cuisine will let you astonished.

📞 059 223 912 - Via Stella 22, 41121 Mòdena, Italia, Modena



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## Sugo Restaurant

**Pere Joan Oliver:** Following the advice of users we dined at Sugo. We got the last table on the terrace, and I will tell everything. Great service and quality / price was very good. This is not an extensive food critique, I leave a few pictures of the dishes and the total price, € 33 for two courses, dessert and a bottle of water.



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## Gelateria Grom

**Callejeros Viajeros:** Grom is one of the best ice cream shops around Milan and has been open since 2003 in Torino and, due to the quality of the ice cream, more shops have opened around the country and in cities like Tokyo and Paris. The secret of their ice cream is the quality of the ingredients and, of course, there are all kinds of flavors like chocolate, pistachio and chestnut, and a small tub is 3 €.

📞 066 791 230 - Via di Propaganda 22, 00187 Roma, Italia, Rome



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## Osteria le Logge

**luisfernando:** If visiting the wonderful city of Siena, you must eat in one of the typical osterias. On this occasion, after taking a beating going up into the famous Town Hall tower, our hunger soared and we decided to eat at an osteria. While walking the streets adjacent to the Piazza il Campo we came across this place. The interior still had furniture from an old pharmacy. The small terrace was packed so we had to wait about an hour so we could sit. The meal of Taglierinis, ravioli and spaghetti with cod was truly outstanding and it cost about 10-14 euros per dish. I was able to snap some photos while no one was there, because as always we were the last.



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## Antica Cioccolateria

**Adela Nieto (Babyboom):** It's a kind of bar-restaurant, pretty unromantic as it is in an alley near some loading docks. There's a small terrace and they serve menus which are very well-priced for Venice, although the drinks are expensive, like everywhere. But the highlight of this wonderful place are the large selection of chocolates you can try: white chocolate with hazelnut or almonds, black chocolate, and many more. It really worth sitting even just a little while to try one of their candies!

📞 39 057 748 013 - Via del Porrione 33, Siena, Italia, Siena

San Polo, 276, Venecia, Italia, Venice



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**Al Merca**

**jenhoa:** In the Rialto market-square, this is a place to eat standing in the street. It serves excellent tapas, along with a varied wine list at very good prices, taking into account how expensive it is to eat in Venice. It is a very good place to stop by and rest and warm up a bit with some wine, especially in winter. Mmmmmm!



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**Paolo Atti & Figli**

**ANADEL:** Caprarie Street is a pleasant, bustling shopping area which is near the Piazza San Petronio and Piazza Maggiore. This shop is on the corner of Tamburini, it is a delight for the senses and you shouldn't miss it, you will see an amazing array of fresh pasta, sweets, sausages, all neatly arranged in the windows.



37 Cafés

**Gelateria Della Palma**

**Maria :** No one can leave Rome without sampling authentic "Italian gelato." In the center of town, near the Piazza Navona and the Pantheon, you can find the "Gelateria Della Palma" which offers one hundred different flavors of ice cream. Yes yes, one hundred flavors! You will be impressed even just by the "chocolate" section. Choose the number of scoops, cone type and mmmmmm ... Enjoy!!



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**Erba Luna**

**naxos:** This is an awesome restaurant situated in the village of Montone . It is not 100 per cent tru in the whole of Ital, but it is true that the region of Umbria or Tuscany, you really have to try hard to not eat well. You can walk through almost any town or city and eat at any restaurant or trattoria, and without a doubt the quality / price will be spectacular. And that's basically what we did in Montone. We had thought about recommending another restaurant, but Erba Luna seemed so warm and welcoming (and the food so delicious) that I almost forgot about the other place. The pasta was excellent and the place is really lovely. A good place to have dinner with your partner. Ah! And you can eat for about 20 € per person.

213 San Polo, Venice

Via Drapperie, Bologna

0 668 806 752 - Via della Maddalena 20/23, Rome

390 759 306 405 - Parco delle Rimembranze 16, Montone



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**Ristorante Zio Ciro**

**ANADEL:** This pizzeria serves typical Italian food, Neapolitan to be exact, and has two stores in Rome. This one is behind Piazza Navona, one of my favorite places, and is the one I know. I have to recommend the bruschettas and pizzas, all at a very affordable price and in a most authentic atmosphere. The terrace is in a quiet alley where it's delightful to see visitors from the city walking past and to enjoy the outdoors. Do forget to have a tartufo dessert in Piazza Navona, mmmmmm ...



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**Osteria Da Salvo Costa Azzurra**

**Lequesnoy:** Although the décor is not nice, the kitchen here is especially excellent. Not only can you have fish, but imagine a menu with about 80 different dishes - there is something for every taste: crustaceans, fish sauce, roasted lobster, different types of squid sauce, a true seafood festival. The owner is very nice and will recommend an antipasti and help with anything you need to know. If you are able to continue eating after one dish, you would honestly have to be very hungry. Also the prices are very reasonable!



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**Ristorante Pacific**

**Maria Peiró:** This restaurant was right across from my hotel in Milan. It was recommended by the hotel manager, and if someone from a city recommends something to me, I know it will be worth it! And it was. The Pacific Restaurant offers Chinese food (because all the staff are Chinese) and Italian. Since I am a fan of these two types of food came, it was great for me. Everything was great, in fact, the pizzas were to die for, worthy of a good Italian pizza maker! We went there a couple of nights to have dinner as it was close to "home". The food was good and it was very cheap! For dinner, you could get a main dish pizza (which were huge) and lemon chicken chop, or fried rice, whatever you want. For lunch menus there are also some very good offers starting from 6.80 € to 8 €, depending on the choice. What happened to us is that went sight-seeing during the daytime so we were not able to take advantage of the lunch menu, but it did not



42 Cafés

**Gran Caffe Gambrinus**

**MELITHA BLASCO:** The Gran Caffe Gambrinus in Naples is located on Via Chiaia 1 near the Plaza del Plebiscito. It is one of the iconic cafés of old Europe where intellectuals of all kinds gathered: poets, writers, philosophers, politicians, etc.. It's relaxing to sit at one of their tables and sip a caffè lungo sfogliatella calda a specialty of the house. The sfogliatella is fairly large, made of layers of flaky pastry dough, and filled with custard. It is an absolute delight. Here in Buenos Aires there is a place on Corrientes

39 081 417 582 - Via Chiaia, 1-2, 80132 Nápoles, Italia, Naples

0 39 066 864 802 - Via della Pace, 1, Roma, Italia, Rome

0 039 238 005 680 - 298 Via Certosa, Milan

Via delle Forze Armate - 20147 Milan, Milan

0 415 205 641 - Piazza San Marco 56-59, Venecia, Italia, Venice

43 Cafés

**Caffè Florian**

**Paco Peramos:** This is perhaps the oldest café in the world, dating back to 1720, where countless influential Europeans sat at the tables. I was lucky enough to visit during Carnival and, although a bit pricey, it is worth it to feel transported back in time to the Golden Age of the 'Serenissima'. We went as the 'canons' dictated, i.e. with our 'Venetian' costumes on, and could not count the number of pictures we took. A unique experience. Recommended 100%



## 44 La Tradizionale

Restaurants

**Carles J. Lorente:** I was very fortunate to go to this restaurant on more than one occasion whilst living in Milan. This is a restaurant located in the Porta Garibaldi FS, with a spacious room (actually it's two rooms, which in summer becomes 3 when they open up the outside part), very comfortable and nice. The décor is perfect for me for a "serata" as they call it, peaceful, with the candlelight and it's perfect for dinner, either with friends, family, ... But mostly they host business dinners, executive dinners, etc.. Since some are near major hotels in the city and "Showrooms" of certain major fashion brands, making it a renowned restaurant in the area and always busy (although it isn't necessary to book a table). Lets get down to the most important thing, which is the food. They have many typical Italian dishes, from homemade pasta, to pizzas, salads, meat, fish ... and homemade desserts. The house specialty, as it says on its own poster, is "Carne e Pesce". The pizzas, quite frankly, are not the best I've had in Milan. The meat, on the other hand, is good: alla Milanese Cotoletta, for example, is very good. As for the fish dishes, I recommend a dish that was a mixture of fried seafood (calamari, shrimp, etc.). Personally, I also loved the pasta, it's really good. They are original with their dishes, for example one that I ordered several times was "Paccheri". It's a pasta somewhere

39 028 395 133 - Via Ambrogio da Fossano Bergognone, 16, Milan



Restaurants

## Le Colonnine

**Rodrigo Nieto:** If you're lovers of all the pasta and fine wine that Florence can offer you, I would definitely recommend this restaurant, without a doubt. This restaurant offers a wide variety of Italian dishes and wine. Actually, it's also a wine cellar. If you're a rice lover I highly recommend the sea rice, and if you're still not convinced, look how delicious it looks in the pictures. Exquisite! It's close to Santa Croce, centrally located, and it's an ideal place for dinner. Florence is very compact, so you'll also be close to the good bars and this restaurant offers a nice dinner for around 20 euros, more or less.



Restaurants

## Ristorante Pizzeria Dogana

**Nuria G:** The restaurant Dogana is located very close to the Duomo, on one of the streets in the area. We stopped there because we were approached by one of the waiters. However, at the same time a waiter from another "rival" restaurant began trying to convince us to go to there. They were even arguing with each other. It was a very bizarre scene, but as it was dinner time and we thought it looked good, we followed the waiter and we ended up having dinner there. The restaurant is quite nice, with an enclosed terrace and quite a small dining room inside. As for the food, it was an Italian restaurant with a variety of pasta and, of course, pizza. We ordered tortellini bolognese and baked lasagna. This, along with a bottle of water and a jug of house wine, came out to 28.50 for both. It seemed reasonable as everything was very good. Yes, the tables were a tad small. It is a good option if you are in the area of Duomo.

0 552 346 417 - Via de'Benci 6/R, Florence



Restaurants

## Maya

**Alba Rodríguez Biarge:** A Milanese custom is to start the evening eating an appetizer in one of the many buffet restaurants in town. For 8, 9 or 10 euros you can get a cocktail and a full stomach. This Italian restaurant has a variety of options and is great, but you can find many international restaurants of all cultures and tastes.

390 258 105 168 - Via Ascanio Sforza 41, 20136 Milán, Italia, Milan



Restaurants

## Pasticceria Bucintoro

**Valentina Paro:** The bakery is located on Scaleter St., an area where there were once traditional Venetian bakers. This is the last of the traditional local bakeries. All the pastries are handmade in a small kitchen located behind the counter and they're delicious. You can enjoy delicious Venetian sweets like zaleti, Fugasse, il doge bread, San Martins (you eat them during the San Martino), and the traditional Carnival candies (fritoe and crostoli of all varieties). The bakery also has a lounge with tables to sit and try all these delicacies. The staff is very friendly and helpful in recommending things to try.

041 721 503 - S. Polo 2229, Venice



Restaurants

## Il Leone Rosso

**Xisco Fernandez:** The girl at the desk recommended this place and really seeing how touristy Sorrento is and having come in August it was a great decision. You are left very satisfied with this Italian cuisine. As I was so tired of pizza I ordered the giorno plate that was tagliatelle with crab, so good and cheap. A little bland maybe but it must be the Spanish palette.

Via Marziale, 25, Sorrento



Restaurants

## La Casa Del Caffè Tazza D'oro

**Fernando Díez:** Only a few meters from the Pantheon in downtown Rome, I saw several couples leaving this place with cups of "café freddo," a kind of frozen coffee cream. Others came out with delicious looking concoctions topped with whipped cream. And it didn't stop; people kept entering and exiting this little café. I ended up going three different times when I was in Rome and I even bought several bags of coffee (they grind it themselves) before I went home. There's nothing better on a hot day than a cool café freddo while

39 066 789 792 - Via degli Orfani, 84, 00186 Roma, Italia, Rome



Restaurants

## Mò Mò Republic

**Alicia F.:** Mò Mò Republic is both a restaurant and cultural center located in a renovated historic villa in Monteverde Nuove. The restaurant is known for its simple, high-quality Italian cuisine (you MUST try the fettuccine with mushrooms and truffles), good prices, and modern but casual atmosphere (in other words, no fancy dress required). If you're going to stay in Rome for a while, check out their website from upcoming events like movie nights, book signings, etc. You also have the option to become a "citizen" of the republic and

39 065 373 087 - Piazza Forlanini 10, 00151 Roma, Italia, Rome



Restaurants

## 52 Da Olimpio

**rachel1977:** If you are near the Piazza Barberini feeling hungry, do not hesitate to try this trattoria. This is one of those places where the Romans and tourists mingle (a good sign) and the food is good. Although it's a modest family restaurant, you can taste the best Boscaiola the world. It's the house specialty. The price for two people: A dish w/ bread, 1/2 liter of house wine and water is 26€ to 30€ (depending on what you choose).



Restaurants

## 53 Salsamenteria Storica e Verdiana Baratta

**Ignacio Izquierdo:** The concept of a Salsamenteria is immediately likeable. Imagine a place full of amazing cured meats like hams, salamis, and sausages...now, imagine you can add a bottle of wine or lambrusco to the table. That's a salsamenteria! You go to the counter, pick what you want, and they bring it to the table. This Salsamenteria in the historic district of Busseto has really unusual decor. Verdi went there to eat after working on his operas and over the years it has become something of a temple to the composer. There are items, photos, and drawing of him everywhere. This little museum-cafe is tremendously charming and the owners couldn't be friendlier. You have to try the sauces...they still have the original recipes from 1873. Amazing!

**adrian rodriguez perez:** If you visit Italy, you have to eat 39 052 491 066 - Via Roma, 76, 43011 Busseto, Italia, **Busseto**

Rome



Culinary Interest

## 54 Gelateria del Teatro

**Patricia Jim:** It's not the best ice cream I've ever had in my life, but it was the best gelato I had during my last trip to Rome. It's located on the elegant Via dei Coronari between the Ponte Sant'Angelo and the Piazza Navona. The price is around 2-3€ and a medium cup with three flavors cost 4€.



Restaurants

## 55 Navona Notte

**Luis Miguel Barral:** Very well located - 100 meters from Piazza Navona. Pleasant terrace and inside the same. We ate and dined there 5 times in 6 days and every day we took it easy. Italian home cooking, good quality/price ratio (12-15 euros/diner). Friendly people and diverse clientele, blending tourism and native Rome.



Microsoft Bing

### Places to eat in Italy

1. Pizzeria Trianon
2. Gelateria Dondoli
3. Carlo Menta
4. Pizzeria da Baffetto
5. L'Antica Pizzeria da Michele
6. I Raddi
7. Caffe' Mercanti
8. Taverna Barberini
9. The Mirror
10. Caffe' Concerto
11. Ristorante di Andrea e Graziella
12. Caffe Martini
13. Osteria Da Zi Umberto
14. Bar Tre Scalini
15. Cencio La Parolaccia
16. Il Ragno d'Oro
17. Tira...Baralla
18. Le Antiche Carozze
19. Giolitti
20. Panzerotti Luini
21. Pizzeria Trattoria Toscana
22. Bar Pasticceria Dalowi
23. Ciro & Sons
24. Gelateria Tre Fontane
25. Il Bacaro
26. Trattoria Mario
27. Nottingham Forest
28. Bar Pompi
29. Gelateria Marco
30. Osteria Francescana
31. Sugo Restaurant
32. Gelateria Grom
33. Osteria le Logge
34. Antica Cioccolateria
35. Al Merca
36. Paolo Atti & Figli
37. Gelateria Della Palma
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1 Hotels

## Sheraton Roma Hotel & Conference Center

**guanche:** Rome has two Sheraton hotels, but we stayed at the Sheraton Roma Hotel in the Eur district in the south of the city. The decor of the rooms was not very modern...nothing was lacking, but it seemed like my grandparents' home. The beds are very good though. The hotel food is good and they give you plenty of options at breakfast, but the bar is a little seedy and there's an old singer with a piano. To visit Rome, the subway is a 10 minute walk from the hotel and there are a few buses nearby as well. Another negative point is that they charge 12 euros per day for internet! Keeping in mind that the rooms costs more than 150 euros per night, they should include internet. The hotel has 640 rooms and downstairs there is a small gallery with shops which, while convenient, are rather expensive. Oh, and it has a pool!

390 654 531 - Viale del Pattinaggio 100, Rome



2 Hotels

## Hotel Accademia

**Marcos Gutierrez:** I have very good memories of this hotel. I visited years ago and the room and service were both marvelous. It's practically on top of the Trevi Fountain and the Barberini metro station. There are lots of bars, restaurants, and pizza to-go places in the neighborhood. The building is old but renovated and elegant, with high ceilings and luxurious common areas. We got assigned an enormous triple room with basic furniture, but it was clean and comfortable. The bathroom is what really stood out: two sinks, sterling marble, and a large shower. Despite being close to Trevi Fountain, we didn't notice any outside noise. Not all the rooms are as nice nor have the same level of refinement as ours, so I guess we got lucky. The breakfast buffet is standard for a European 3-star hotel.

**Julian Rodriguez Almagro:** We spent our days in Rome

390 669 922 607 - Piazza Accademia di San Luca 75, Rome



3 Hotels

## Cardano Malpensa Hotel

**guanche:** The Novotel Milano Malpensa is located right next to the airport, so it's not close to the city centre, and is most convenient if you have to stay temporarily with an early flight. Like all Accor hotels, the rooms are quite large and have been recently redecorated. There's a flat-screen TV, desk and sofa, a kingsize bed and a beautiful bathroom with bath and shower. The hotel runs shuttles to Malpensa airport all day, and in the reception you can view a screen showing departure and arrival times of flights. Some rooms have wifi, which is free, but you have to ask for the code. The staff are friendly and helpful. The bar and restaurant are quite expensive: 15 euros for a plate of hams, 20 euros for a chicken breast with vegetables and 6 euros for a glass of wine, but in the area, you won't find anything better.

**minube:** The Cardano Malpensa Hotel is located in Milan

390 331 261 011 - Via Al Campo, 10, Cardano al Campo



Hotels

## Mercure Siracusa Prometeo Hotel

**p4bl0:** This is a great hotel, very new, furnished with many modern elements such as lights that turn on with movement. The interior design is excellent and the staff very friendly and helpful. What I liked was the rooftop pool.

**minube:** The Hotel Mercure Siracusa is located near Siracusa. It offers guests a rooftop pool, jacuzzi and sun bed. For business trips, it offers fully equipped conference rooms. The staff are available on site to support the stay of the guests. It has 93 rooms and a hotel category of 4 stars.

**minube:** The Hotel Mercure Siracusa is located near Syracuse and has a rooftop pool, jacuzzi and solarium. Business travellers will find fully-equipped conference rooms. The staff are friendly and helpful. This is a 4-star hotel.

39 931 464 646 - Viale Teracati 20, Siracusa



4 Hotels

## Hotel D'Inghilterra

**Gonzalo Moreno:** This hotel is on one of the streets behind the Piazza di Spagna. If you like to shop, this is the ideal hotel: all the main shopping streets and brand-name stores are nearby. The only fault I can find with this hotel is that there is a bit of noise from the street. The hotel is wonderfully luxurious and the rooms are the kind that you don't easily forget. I remember coming back from a day exploring Rome, opening up the door to my room and thinking "now THIS is the life!" The service, as you can imagine, is outstanding and what you'd expect from a hotel of this category (and price). It's not ideal for every kind of vacation, but if you have the money and it's a special occasion (I'm thinking honeymoon), then it's the best place in Rome. Trivia 1: the palace across the street belongs to the Lelio family. Trivia 2 (much more interesting): there is a plaque at the hotel entrance in honor of the Polish Nobel

003 966 721 161 - Via Bocca Di Leone 14, Rome



5 Hotels

## Meliá Milano hotel

**Marcos Gutierrez:** I stayed at this hotel in May 2012. My first impressions were very good, but it doesn't really seem like a 5-star hotel. It is located near the Fira de Milano, and the metro is practically next door. The neighbourhood is quiet, without many shops or restaurants - just a hypermarket and a McDonalds. The facade is that of a modern or renovated building, so you get quite a surprise when you enter and see a luxurious but old-fashioned interior. We had a triple room (double bed) overlooking an inner courtyard (no noise) - perfect to rest. The beds were very good, and the bathroom was well-equipped, with plenty of amenities. The TV was stuck on a piece of antique furniture along with the minibar (well stocked). It was fairly clean, although on the desk and furniture there was some dust (I think it's a detail they need to work on, especially for customers highly allergic to it). The breakfast buffet is very varied with great ham. I

01 139 800 834 038 - Via Masaccio 19, Milan



6 Hotels

## Grand Hotel Villa Igiae Palermo - MGallery by Sofitel

**Miguelito:** Palermo is the capital of Sicily. It is a city with charm to visit if you go to the south of Italy. Culturally it is not very rich but it has interesting squares, the theater, the cathedral, the botanical garden, its streets and cuisine, etc. If you like soccer you can go to see the Palermo for pretty cheap. I Saw Palermo-Inter for 30€, I was right by the field by the north goal. There are also nice beaches. From there you can go to Agrigento, Etna, etc.

Salita Belmonte 43, Palermo



Hotels

## Bauer Palazzo hotel

**Eloy Cruz Garcia:** Amazing hotel very close to Piazza San Marco. It's very luxurious and has fantastic service. They hold parties in the basement nightclub on weekends. On check-out day, we were served a glass of champagne when they saw we were waiting. Excellent breakfast buffet on a terrace with spectacular views. The rooms are very nice and decorated in pure Venetian style.

390 415 207 022 - San Marco 1459, Venice



8 Hotels

## Schilizzi Hotel

**Fermin Bernaus Berraondo:** Good value for money, a 10 minute walk to the Piazza del Plebiscito and Via Toledo, the center of Naples. It's in a somewhat dark street that may give you a moment's pause, but in fact, it's a very safe area. The breakfast room is a bit small and uncomfortable and the rooms are a little dark, but overall I recommend the hotel. There are some parking problems in the area. Free wifi in the hotel.

**minube:** The Schilizzi Hotel is located in the central area near Piazza Municipio. It has 8 comfortable rooms that have a modern design with contemporary works of art and a tv with LCD screen. Daily they serve a traditional breakfast with fresh pastries. There is internet service with a cable available in the rooms and is 3 stars.

Via Matteo Schilizzi 16, Naples



9 Hotels

## Teatro Hotel

**Dónde vamos Eva:** The Teatro Hotel is a cozy, simple hotel where you can stay in an exceptional location in the historic center of La Spezia for a good price. Oh, and free wifi! The hotel is located on quiet street and the rooms are simple but clean. Highly recommended for its no-frills value. Close to shops, restaurants, bars, theaters, etc.

**minube:** The Hotel Teatro is a property in the city of La Spezia in the Italian province of Liguria. It's a small place but very nice, renovated, is situated in the historic heart of the city. You'll have a great time.

011 390 187 731 374 - Via Carpenino 31, 19121 La Spezia, Italia, La ...



10 Hotels

## Maison Miramare Boutique Hotel

**Las sandalias de Ulises:** There's so much I could say about this hotel - it really is great, with old-style rooms (it used to be a palace), lovely furniture, and beautiful views ... everything is fantastic, but I loved the breakfast! It's not too extensive, but everything is delicious. With coffees and juices and local pastries, such as ladyfingers and other treats. It's been a couple of years, but I still haven't been able to forget all the details of that gorgeous breakfast.

**minube:** In the Italian city of Cagliari you can find the beautiful Miramare hotel, which has a convenient location due to its surroundings and its closeness to the main tourist attractions of the island. The hotel is in a beautiful palace, which has been perfectly preserved and maintained over the years. It has a great atmosphere.

Via Roma 59, Cagliari



11 Hotels

## Starhotels Savoia Excelsior Palace hotel

**minube:** The Stahotels Savoia Excelsior, a recently renovated hotel, is located in the beautiful city of Trieste. It has an excellent location in the heart of the city and right in front of the Palazzo dei Congressi. It has a total of 155 rooms, all decorated and adequately-equipped. Also, note that it has event and convention rooms.

**minube:** The Stahotels Savoia Excelsior is located in the beautiful city of Trieste and sports a new look due to its recent refurbishment. Its location is excellent, in the heart of the city, and right in front of the Palazzo dei Congressi. It has a total of 155 rooms, all decorated and well-equipped. They also have space for conventions and events.

Riva del Mandracchio 4, Trieste



12 Hotels

## Hotel Michelangelo

**rachel1977:** This hotel really enchanted me ... it's not that it's particularly beautiful (it looks like a great old hotel, though), but the service is just fantastic: the buffet is varied, and high quality (the orange juice is particularly good, made with Valencia oranges), and when you get to the room after having traveled through the city, you can enjoy a bath with bubbles (yes, the bathtub has a jacuzzi!), and sleep in a comfortable bed ... true luxury! The minibar is free, and replenished every day (no alcoholic beverages), and they also have Pay TV, bathrobe, slippers ... And I was facing the train station, which is ideally located. Well connected by train and metro.

**minube:** Hotel Michelangelo is located in Lombardy, Italia. It offers exclusive rooms that are spacious, comfortable, stylish, silent, quiet and comfortable. All rooms are fully



13 Apartments

## Campo Santa Maria Formosa

**Barbara Oggero:** The Campo Santa Maria Formosa Hotel is set in a neo-Gothic palace overlooking a canal full of floating gondolas. It's close to the main attractions of the city. The hotel has 9 rooms all named after famous Venetian painters. My stay was fantastic.

**minube:** A great location due to its downtown located and proximity to St. Mark's Square. It also overlooks the Canal Santa Maria Formosa. The Hotel Casa Santa Maria was recently remodeled and is really comfortable, with spacious, comfy, fully-equipied rooms.

, Venice



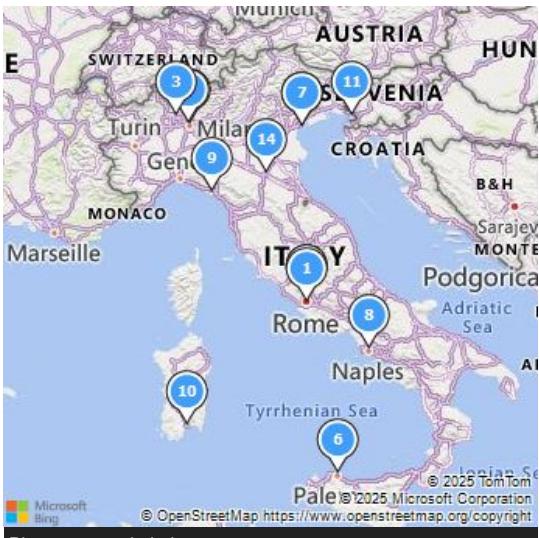
14 Hotels

## Starhotels Excelsior hotel

**ANADEL:** The common parts of the hotel are modern and well decorated, and the hotel itself is more than comfortable. The rooms offer an assortment of teas and delicious Italian chocolate. There's a small TV in the bathroom, and the bed is large and comfortable. It's completely soundproof, which is useful as the station is opposite. In short, perfect for relaxing after a day of walking around the city. As I said, it's opposite the train station, so it is perfect for trips to Ravenna, Modena, or Ferrara. The main square is about 15-25 minutes walk away, through arcades full of shops. If you're travelling from the airport, the bus stops right at the door, the trip takes 30 minutes and it costs 10 euros per person. Breakfast is not very varied, but tasty, and provides more than enough energy for the day ahead. It belongs to the Starhotels chain.

**minube:** The Starhotels Excelsior is a 4 star boutique

Viale P. Pietramellara 51, Bologna



Places to stay in Italy

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390 267 551 - Piazza Luigi di Savoia 6, Milan