

## **BERNINI in ROMA**

If you love art and wish to admire the most prestigious works by Bernini, **Grand Hotel Plaza** has prepared four tours guided by professional historians, who will help you discover the excellences that made the artist famous in the centuries.

**Bernini** contributed to the modelling of the so-called **Tridente** situated in via del Babuino, in via del Corso and in via di Ripetta. The places designed, some of which saw the light centuries later, maintain the concept of a great scenographic theater.

The **first tour** is dedicated to the **Sistine Rome**: by choosing this itinerary, you will have the chance to admire the marvellous **Piazza del Popolo** and to visit the precious **Church of Santa Maria di Montesanto**.

From here you will proceed towards **Porta del Popolo**, having its façade on the square: it is said that the imposing door of the **Mura Aureliane** took the name by the many poplars that covered the area in ancient times. But more likely the place name is related to the origins of **Church of Santa Maria del Popolo**, which is the next stop of the tour. Erected in 1099 by Pope Pasquale II, this church preserves some of the works of the famous sculptor, like the Abacuc and the Angel statue and the Daniele Statue.

Passing by via del Babuino, you will reach **Piazza di Spagna**: you will admire the marvellous Propaganda Fide palace, whose main façade is on the renowned square, scenography to many Italian cinema cult movies. The tour will continue with the visit to the Spanish Embassy by the Holy See. These places preserve renowned artworks like the **Blessed Soul** and the **Damned Soul**. The famous sculptures wanted to function as a powerful instrument of persuasion by showing, as in a mirror, the consequences of our own actions. Before this masterpiece you will feel overwhelmed by its extraordinary emotional charge.

The tour ends with the visit to the church of **Sant'Andrea delle Fratte**, where you will appreciate the extraordinary beauty of the **Angel with the crown of Thorns** and that of **Angel with the Superscription** statues.

The second tour dedicated to **Gian Battista Bernini** starts from the **Campidoglio**: you will get to the **Capitolines Museums and to the Palazzo dei Conservatori**, which host prestigious masterpieces like the Bust of Urbano VIII, the Bust of Medusa and the Two portraits.

You will have the chance to cross **Piazza Barberini**, unique with its **Triton Fountain** and you will admire Palazzo Barberini with the suggestive Fontana delle Api. The tour also includes the guided visits to the Church of Sant'Andrea at the Quirinal and to the Church of Santa Maria della Vittoria: inside the latter you can admire the Cornaro Chapel which hosts the masterpiece: the Ecstasy of Santa Teresa d'Avila.

The last visit of the second tour includes a stop at the **Church of Santa Bibiana**, which represents the famous work of Santa Bibiana, at the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, with the magnificent Bernini's Family Tomb, and at the Church of Santa Prassede, where the Bust of Monsignor Santoni is kept.

We propose you a **third tour** dedicated to the visit of the Vatican: you will have the chance to admire the external St. Peter's Collonade and Baldachin, St. Angel Bridge, with the statues of the Angels and you might have the chance to visit the Vatican Museums by walking through the Scala Regia, the monumental staircase of **Palazzo Apostolico** inside the Vatican City.

**The last Tour** is dedicated to **Rome** and **Campo Marzio**: during the guided tour you will go through Piazza Navona, with its well-known Fontana del Fiume and the Fontana del Moro. You will visit the Church of Santa Maria sopra Minerva which hosts the Elephant and the Obelisk, the Memorial to Suor Maria Raggi and that of Cardinal Pimentelli. At the end, you will visit the Church of San Lorenzo in Lucina with its marvellous Cappella Fonseca

Whether you decide for one tour or the other, we warmly suggest a visit to the **Galleria Borghese**, where, among the many works, you can see masterpieces such as: Apollo and Daphne, Ratto di Proserpina, Enea and Anchise, the Bust of Scipione Borghese, Capra Amaltea, David.

The four tours above described are an accurate selection of the best places to visit in Rome, to offer you a unique experience among the beauties of Rome, its art works and its masterpieces, which made it famous all over the world.

Further information:

### ***Sistine Rome Tour:***

#### **Church of Santa Maria in Montesanto**

- **Opening hours:** from Monday to Friday h.17.30 / h.20.00 - Sunday h.11.00/h.13.30 (Saturday closed)
- **Holy Mass hours:** – from Monday to Friday h.19.30, Sunday h.12.00

(it is not possible to visit the church when religious functions and on)

#### **Church of Santa Maria del Popolo**

- **Opening hours:** working days h.7.30 / h.12.30 – h.16.00 / h.19.00 - Saturday h.7.30/h.19.00 festive days h.7.30 / h.13.30 – h.16.30 /h.19.00
- **Holy Mass hours:** – Sunday and festivities h.8.00 – 10.00 -11.00 – 12.00 - 13.00 – 18.30 Working days h.8.00 – h.10.00 – h.18.30 (the Masses at 13.00 and 10.00 are not foreseen during the months of July and August)
- (it is not possible to visit the church when religious functions and on)

#### **Church of Sant'Andrea delle Fratte**

- **Opening hours:** h.6.30 / h.13.00 - h.16.00/h.19.00
- **Holy Mass hours:** – from October 1st 2018 to June 30th 2019– From Monday to Saturday h.7.00 – 8.00 -10.00 -12.00 -18.00 Sundays and Festivities h.7.00 – 10.00 – 12.00 -17.30 – 19.00

### ***Campidoglio Tour***

Capitoline Museums

- **Opening Hours:** every day h.9.30 – h.19.30

#### **Church of Sant'Andrea al Quirinale**

- **Opening hours:** from Tuesday to Sundays h.9.00 / h.12.00 - h.15.00/h.18.00 Closed on Monday
- **Holy Mass hours:** – Sunday h.10.30

#### **Church of Santa Maria della Vittoria**

- **Opening hours:** h.7.00/ h.12.00 – h.15.30/h.19.15
- **Holy Mass hours** – Sunday h.10.30

Working days- h.7.00 – 8.00 – 18.30

Festives- h.9.00 – 10.30 – 12.00 -18.30 The mass of 12.00 will not be held till September 10.

- **Visiting Hours:** working days h.8.30/h.12.00 – h.15.30/h.18.00 Festives morning only, in the interval between a Mass and another; in the afternoon h.15.30/h.18.30  
it is not possible to visit the church when religious functions and on

### **Church of Santa Bibiana**

- **Opening hours:** working days h.7.30/ h.10.00 - h.16.30/h.19.30 Sundays and festivities h.7.30/ h.12.30 - h.16.30/h.19.30
- **Holy Mass hours** – festives h.11.30 –h.18.30 working days h.8.00 – 18.00

### **Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore**

- **Opening hours: daily opening h.7.00/h.18.45**
- **Holy Masses:** Festives h.7.00 – 8.00 – 9.00 (Paoline Chapel) -10.00 (In latin) -11.00 – 12.00 – 18.00 (Pope Altar) Working days h.7.00 – 8.00 – 9.00 (Sforza Chapel) -10.00 -11.00 – 12.00 – 18.00  
It is not possible to visit the church when religious functions and on

### **Church of Santa Prassede**

- **Opening hours:** Working days h.7.00/h.12.00 – h.16.00/h.18.30 Festive h.7.00/h.12.30 – h.16.00/h.18.30

## ***Vatican Tour***

### **St. Peter Basilica**

- **Costs:** Free Entrance
- **Opening hours:** October 1 -March 31 h.7.00/h.18.30  
April 1– September 30 h.7.00/h.19.00

### **Vatican Museums**

- **Opening hours:** Monday/Saturday h.9.00 – h.18.00 (last admitted visit h.16.00)  
Every last Sunday of the month h.9.00 – h.14.00 (last admitted visit h.12.30)
- **Opening hours:** every Friday from April to October h.19.00/h.23.00 (last admitted visit h.21.00)

## ***Rome – Campo Marzio Tour***

### **Church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva**

- **Opening hours:** Monday/Friday h.6.55/h.19.00 – Saturday h.10.00/h.12.30 – h.15.30/h.19.00  
Sunday h.8.10/h.12.30 – h.15.30/h.19.00
- **Holy Masses:** Monday/Friday h.7.15 – h.18.00 Saturday h.18.00 Sunday h.11.00 – h.18.00

### **Church of San Lorenzo in Lucina**

- **Opening hours:** open daily h.8.00/h.20.00
- **Holy Masses:** working days h.11.00 -18.00 – 19.00 festive h.10.00 -11.00 – 12.00 – 18.00 -19.00

### **Borghese Gallery**

- **Opening hours:** Tuesday/Sunday h.9.00/h.19.00 (last admitted visit h.17.30) 2 hours visiting shifts for a maximum of 360 people – mandatory exit at the end of the shift hours .9.00/h.11.00 – h.11.00/h.13.00 – h.13.00/h.15.00 – h. 15.00 /h.17.00 – h.17.00/h.9.00

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