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Familiarise yourself with Rome using our handy map of the city. It will help you get to grips with the key areas covered in this guide.

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Need to know

From drinking fountains to erratic drivers, here are some of the basics for navigating the city's streets and sights.

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Fancy spending a night in an art gallery? Or kipping in the home of a former emperor? Get up to speed with our pick of the best hotels, from large and luxurious to boutique and beautiful or just quietly quirky.

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Food and drink

Rome is full to bursting with restaurants and trattorias serving the best in Italian cuisine. Our guide will point you to the top spots for pizza, pasta and grander dining too, as well as some harder-to-find purveyors of international flavours.

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