



So you're considering visiting the Eternal City. Rome is one of the true gems that Europe has to offer the would-be tourist. Sights such as Vatican City, the Colosseum or the Trevi Fountain will make you fall in love with the city.

Getting there:

- From Dublin - direct flights daily with both Aer Lingus and Ryanair.
- From Cork - Aer Lingus have direct flights every Wednesday and Sunday.
- From Belfast - Aer Lingus have direct flights every Monday and Friday.

To and From the Airport:

- **Fiumicino** - Rome's main airport is well-connected to the centre during the day by a direct train and slower trains. The direct train between Fiumicino and Termini costs €9.50 and takes approximately 30 mins. It departs from and arrives at track 22 at Termini.
- **Ciampino:** - A smaller airport dealing mainly with budget airlines. It is connected to Line A metro station Anagnina (about 30 mins by metro from Termini) by Cotral buses; ticket costs €1.03 and leave every half hour.

Where to stay:

- **Blue Hostel** - This is more of a cheap hotel than a hostel. It is within a stone's throw of the Colosseum and close to the main Termini Train Station. Ideal for couples or small groups.
- **Mosaic Hostel** - This hostel offers a cheaper option with dorm rooms available. In the heart of the city and close to all major attraction.
- **Short stay apartments** - We think a great option for Rome is getting an apartment between a few of you. There are loads of

websites but have a look at these two websites to get you started:-

- www.accomodationsrome.com
- www.friendlyrentals.com

Top things to do:

- **Colosseum and Roman Forum** - See where Ancient Rome began, where triumphant Emperors would parade and debate and where Gladiators did battle. Unmissable.
- **Vatican City** - Boasting St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel and miles of artwork this is quite simply a must see.
- **Spanish Steps** - A masterpiece of the XVIII century, the square, with its irregular shape, extends itself at the feet of Pincio hill; the French Church Trinita dei Monti (1502) is located at the top.
- **Fountains & Squares** - Rome is famous for its many Piazzas and Fountains. The fountains are said to have been built so people could hold private conversations and the fountains noise would prevent eaves-dropping!

Nightlife:

- www.pubcrawlrome.com - Pub crawls run daily from the top of the Spanish Steps. A great way to meet people and get to know the nightlife.
- **Testaccio** - dance the night away in the "hot spot" of the Roman movida.
- Mingle in the University area of **San Lorenzo**, with its population of students and countless pizzerias, pubs and wine bars.

Top Tips:

- [Angel Tours Rome](http://www.angel-tours-rome.com) - these are English speaking tour guides. They are mostly history students who love the topics they are talking about. Also, they take far smaller groups than most operators.
- The Trevi Fountain - visit the fountain late at night, it's mobbed during the day. Trust us, you will be blown away by this place.
- Make sure your hostel doesn't have a curfew!

