

Rome Historical Trail

Benvenuto a Roma – Welcome to Rome. The Transatlantic Council is happy that you are visiting Rome and hope you will have time to take this Boy Scout/Cub Scout Historical Tour.

Please answer the questions or indicate that you have completed the tasks on this form and send it to the Transatlantic Council office, together with a check for \$3.00, in order to receive the BSA Rome Historical Patch.

1. Do a bit of research and determine the names of the brothers who founded Rome. Who raised them?

2. Visit at least 5 places chosen from the following,

Roma Centro (downtown Rome):

___ * **Colosseo** (Coliseum): Find out about it: how old, what it was used for?

___ **Foro Romano a Palatino** (Roman Forum and *Palatine Hill): Take a picture, draw the ruin, or write about the ruin you like best.

___ **San Pietro in Vincoli** (St. Peter in Chains): Find Michelangelo's statue of Moses. Who commissioned Michelangelo to sculpt the statue and what was its original purpose?

___ **Boca della Verita** (Mouth of Truth): What happens when you don't tell the truth?

___ **Trevi Fountain**: Make a wish with your back to the fountain and throw a coin in over your shoulder. That will happen, in the future, if you do this?

___ **Pantheon**: How old is this building? What was it originally used for? What do you notice about the ceiling?

___ **Piazza Navona**: What was the area used for in ancient Rome? Find Bernini's Four Rivers Fountain.

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___ **San Pietro Basilica** (St. Peter's Church): What shape is the church? Who sculpted the "Pieta" statue? Find the statue of St. Peter: what is unusual about his foot? Climb to the top of the dome, if you have time.

___ * **Musei Vaticani** (Vatican Museums): To see the Sistine Chapel, you need to enter here. Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel?

___ **Campidoglio** (Capitoline Hill): Find the place where all Romans must register to be married. Visit the *museums & find the statue of Romulus & Remus. One ticket allows entry to both museums.

___ **Vittorio Emanuele II Monument** ("wedding cake"): Find the guards - why are they there? Who was Vittorio Emanuele II?

___ **Piazza di Spagna** (Spanish Steps): Count the steps, notice the shape of the fountain at the bottom. Find Italy's first McDonalds.

___ **Villa Borghese** (former estate, now a large city park): Visit the gardens, lake, *zoo or *museum.

Outside Roma Centro (requires bus, train or car):

___ * **Catacombe** (Catacombs) Try to visit one of the catacombs. What were they used for?

___ * **Ostia Antica** (Similar to Pompeii, but covered by the Tiber river rather than by a volcano): Why was this city important to Rome during the Imperial period?

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3. When in Rome, do as the Romans! Do at least two of the following:

___ **Eat Italian pizza** in a restaurant (Roman style with thin crust), at a snack bar (thick crust or filled with ham and cheese "Pizza Romana"), at a bakery (fornaio), plain (Pizza Bianca), with tomato sauce (Pizza Rossa), and mozzarella with a red sauce (Pizza Margherita). Was it good?

___ **Visit an open air market:** Monday – Saturday: Camp dei Fiori, Piazza Vittorio Emanuele, Testaccio, or San Giovanni. Sunday – Porta Portese flea market.

___ **Learn some Italian words** (e.g., ice cream = gelato; ticket = biglietto; bridge = ponte; road = via)

4. What did you like best about your visit to Rome? Why?
