

St. Peters Square Tour, Rome



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Tour Summary

Piazza San Pietro, or St. Peter's Square, sits at the entrance to Vatican City in Rome. Just west of the Tiber River and within a short distance of the Roman Forum and Palatine Hill, the Piazza marks a point of intersection for classical and modern Roman and European histories. Many noteworthy historical figures have left their architectural and artistic fingerprints on the Piazza's development, making this site an ideal introduction to the art and sculpture exhibited in St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums. A gentle walk through the Piazza reveals statues, inscriptions, colonnades, and other visually exciting features.

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Introduction



One of the most popular sites in Rome is Saint Peter's Square, or "Piazza San Pietro."



Millions of visitors flock here yearly, for religious celebrations, worship, pilgrimage, and secular tours.



The Piazza provides an ideal gateway to St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums. It offers prefatory material for the wonders to be seen indoors.



The elliptical geometry of the Piazza lends itself to a concise 45-minute walking tour.



Highlights include the central obelisk...



...the many statues...



...fountains...



...and Bernini's elegant compositions.



Many of the structural and artistic patterns repeat, and can be viewed from any angle...



... making the site ideal for a leisurely exploration of the different figures...



...inscriptions...



...and architecture on display all around.

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