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CITY RULES

If you want to live like a local, it's important you get some tip on how you can be a perfect citizen and a very welcomed guest. Here you can find tips from Roman hosts.

Arrival. Once you have arrived at your apartment, don't get suspicious if your host asks for your ID card. In Italy, all the hosts have to share their guest's personal details with the central police station within 24 hours of their arrival. A tourist tax may also be due and can be paid in cash. Make sure you ask for the receipt once you have paid for it.

Tourist tax . All visitors who stay in an accommodation within the territory of the municipality of Rome have to pay the "Tourist tax" established by the City Council. Tourist tax has to be paid cash at the check-in and it amounts to 3,50€ per person per night (with a maximum of 10 nights). Children up to 10 years of age are exempted.

Trash. Always ask your host how to properly recycle in your area. All Roman citizens recycle. The city is very big and each neighborhood follows different rules to collect trash and recycle it. Ask around! And if you want to know more about it, please consult this website www.amaroma.it/en.

Public water. You can drink the public water in the city. You can also fill your travel mug with tap water, so you don't waste plastic. While walking around, you'll see many fountains: here, we call them "big noses" because of their shape. Use them for a splash of refreshing water when the weather's hot. But please don't waste it. It's very important for Rome.

Museums. There are many people from all over the world also wanting to see our Museums, so sometimes you'll find a line to get in. It's often possible to avoid this by buying your tickets online. Try it! Do you know that many public Museums are free on the first Sunday of the month?

Public transports. You will fall in love with Rome by walking or by cycling around, but if you are going to need to speed things up a bit, take the subway or the bus. You can also buy through-tickets, convenient if you are staying for several days.

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Respect. Rome is an open air Museum, where history has left a unique testimony. It's a majestic city that needs a lot of work in order to preserve its treasures. So, help up us: respect the monuments and use the benches to sit down if you are tired. Don't write on the walls and don't leave your trash behind.

Waste. Cuisine in Rome is delicious, and portions are very big, whether you are a guest at someone's home or at a restaurant. Remember to not get carried away with your order. Romans will be very happy if you finish your plate of cacio e pepe pasta, but if you are going to leave something they are not going to take it well...(we don't like food waste). In order to taste more specialties, don't order more than you need, just stay a bit longer instead! Trust us, it's worth it.

Clothing. Remember that you won't be able to visit the many beautiful churches of Rome if you are not dressed properly. Don't wear tank tops or shorts. Always carry a jacket in your backpack to cover your shoulders, if necessary.

Amenities and products. Only buy tickets for events from authorized retailers. If you are looking for a cab, only get in an authorized one. They are white and carry the sign 'taxi' on the roof and have taximeters inside. Don't buy from street vendors: this way you won't support the complex web of exploitation. Explore the small shops where you'll find local artisanal products. And always ask your host for local tips.

Air conditioning. In Rome blows the Ponentino wind, the one that rises in the evening, during the warmest seasons. Legend says that this wind arrives when it's time to rest, to dine and to make love. It's a great ally to save energy. When the wind is up in the city, you don't always need to turn the AC on. Most of all, make sure to turn it off when you leave your listing, or you'll waste power for no reason. The same goes for the lights and the heating system during winter: if you don't need them, please turn them off. Thank you!