

All The Things You *Have* To Do In
Rome (Whether You Like It Or Not)

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Here you will find descriptions and interpretations of events, situations, and interactions any American, first time visitor to Rome, Italy will have. Certain things will happen to you, and you won't have a choice. Even though much of vacation is planning what to do, there will always be factors that are out of your hands; this is a chronicle of a few of those factors. With this book you might just expect the unexpected, and really, it will happen to you. Just wait.

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Scuzi

left

right

finally out
of the crowd
so let me tell you
about my trip

tripping

tripped

fell

right

duck

right into this pizza
because I'm fucking hungry

left

pardon my French

quicker

but I don't speak Italian.

left

right

left
left

right

turn

stop.

flash

go.

right

Note: If you want to walk anywhere fast in Rome you better learn how to weave through crowds. Learn when to speed up and when to slow down. Master this art and it almost won't bother you when no one moves out of their way for you.

Self-Portrait

Look it's the "Selfie selfie?! Only €5!" Colosseum!

Pics or it didn't "selfie stick?!" happen.

The internet has provided us "selfie selfie?!" with an opportunity for another self.

Look at your self before you decide which *selfie* self to share.

I'm trying "selfie stick?!" to improve your image.

Image your self as perfect.
Image your self as worth it.
Image your self in the moment.
Document the moment.
Document your self for only €5.

Note: In Rome there are many "kodak moments." Deciding which one is worth taking a picture of, what's worth taking a picture of yourself with, and what's worth asking someone to take a photo of you with is the tourist mathematical equation, and everyone has different answers.

Those Dirty Europeans

Who decided Europeans were dirty?

There's been a baday in every hotel.
Is that because they think we're dirty?

Those dirty Americans.

Either way, just wash your hands.
use the sink inside the stall,
or outside
 two sinks, one bathroom
 are they trying to imply something?

But then again,
all of these public restrooms
don't even extend the curtsey of a seat
anyone is going to need two sinks after that

Note: Are they "dirty" because they aren't ashamed of the body like America is? Or are they "dirty" because misery loves company?

These Fifties Won't Fit In My Wallet

So you want to go shopping?
Maybe go out to eat?

Well, you're going to need
cash.

(and I'm not talking about the emergency \$20 you keep in your phone case.)

I mean hunids'
I mean stacks on stacks
I mean you better rob a (European) bank.
I mean big burlap sacks with dollar
(I mean euro) signs on them.

And stop asking, "Do you take card?"

Note: You will go to the ATM over and over again. But just don't go to the currency exchange place. It's a rip off.

Break Your Neck For The View

Watch
don't
where
you're
trip
going
over
not
where
that
ancient
you
pot hole.
stepping
are
look
up
or
you'll
miss
it.

Look
up.

But

Note: There are a few things that come along with ancient cities, and one of those is cobble stone. In the eternal city of Rome you will find even more trechorous walk ways, large stones that have been shaped by carts and people of the past, so I warn you, watch out.

Were You Raised In A (Italian Word For Barn)?

dirty looks

"scuzi."

try to slide between two people

side eye

more dirty looks

"scuzi."

But it's not worth it
they don't give a shit
and you can tell
by the way they make eye contact
right before a near head-on
collision.

Because these sidewalks were made by Italians
for Italians

and you're going to move out of their way

Note: The streets of Italy are tough (for tourists), but if you look tougher, other people might just move out of your way.