

Santa Maria in Cosmedin

The church was built in the 6th century, and restored and renovated in the 12th century, when the bell tower was erected and the portico rebuilt. Under the portico there is the ancient mask of a river god, called Bocca della Verità ("Mouth of Truth") because of the popular belief that it bites liars' hands off.

It is now a great attraction for tourists and Romans alike, even if there are always some people who are too afraid to stick their hands inside.

Address: Piazza Bocca della Verità **Open:** 9.00 - 13.00; 15.00 - 18.00

Useful Info: Preferably no visits during mass times.

Temple of Vesta

The circular temple built in the second century B.C was dedicated to Hercules Victor.

It is the oldest marble building still preserved in Rome.

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Temple of Fortuna Virilis

The rectangular temple was dedicated to Portunus, the deity protecting the port.

It dates back to the second century B.C. and it has been restored several times and used as a Christian church.

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San Nicola in Carcere

The church, so-called because of the presence of an ancient prison, was built in the 11th century on the ruins of three pagan temples and renovated at the end of the 16th century.

On both sides of the church you can still see the columns of two temples.

Address: Piazza Bocca della Verità **Open:** 10.00 - 19.00

Useful Info: Visits only by prior appointment: +39 06 6869972.

Theatre of Marcellus

This theatre resembles the Colosseum. Begun by Julius Caesar near the temple of Apollo, it was finished in 13 B.C. by Augustus, who dedicated it to his nephew Marcellus, who had died prematurely. The theatre was 130 metres in diameter, about 30 metres high, and could hold 15,000 spectators.

During the Middle Ages it was used as a fortress by noble families; in the 16th century it was turned into a palace by the Savelli family and in the 18th century passed into the hands of the Orsini family. Their homes are still visible in the upper part of the theatre.

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Jewish Museum of Rome

The building was constructed shortly after the unification of Italy in 1870. The building which had previously housed the ghetto synagogue was demolished, and the Jewish community began making plans for a new and impressive building

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		Fri	9.00 - 14.00 (Last entrance @ 13.15)
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