

Palatine



The Palatine is one of the most famous hills in Rome. Here, according to tradition, Romulus founded Rome in 753 B.C., a date confirmed by the remains of some huts dating to the 8th century B.C. The Palatine was the hill where the emperors established their residence and where the Farnese family in the 16th century created the first botanical garden in the world.

During the Middle Ages the area of the circus was occupied by fortifications, as proved by the Frangipane Tower at the end of the valley, also called the Moletta because of the mills which were fed by a canal running through the valley.

Address:	Via di San Gregorio, 30	Tel:	(+39) 0639967700
Open: Mon - Sun	02 Jan -15 Feb		8.30 - 16.30 (Last entrance @ 15.30)
	16 Feb - 15 mar		8.30 - 17.00 (Last entrance @16.00)
	16 Mar - Last Saturday of March		8.30 - 17.30 (Last entrance @ 16.30)
	Last Sunday of March - 31 Aug		8.30 -1 9.15 (Last entrance @ 18.15)
	1 Sept - 30 Sept		8.30 - 19.00 (Last entrance @ 18.00)
	1 Oct - Last Saturday of Oct		8.30 - 18.30 (Last entrance @ 17.30)
	Last Sunday of Oct - 31 Dec		8.30 - 16.30 (Last entrance @ 15.30)
Casa di Augusto:			11.00 - 15.30 Mon, Wed, Sat, Sun
Cost:	General Admission: €8,00; Reduced: €4,00; Prices are subject to change with no notice..		
Closed:	1 Jan, 25 Dec		
Metro:	Linea B: Colosseo	Bus:	3, 60, 75, 81, 85, 87, 117, 175, 186, 204, 673, 810, 850
Useful Info:	Advance ticket reservation: € 1.50.		
	Reservations recommended for groups over 12 people at a cost of € 25,00.		

Circus Maximus*



The long valley down the Aventino hill was once occupied by the Circus Maximus, the largest arena of ancient times. It was 600 metres long and 200 metres wide, and could hold up to 300,000 spectators. According to legend, it was built by the Etruscan king Tarquinius Priscus, it was enlarged first by Caesar and then by Augustus, who raised the Egyptian obelisk, which is now in Piazza del Popolo, in its centre.

The circus was used for chariot races, which were won by the first driver who crossed the finish line after seven laps. The circus was used for centuries, with the last shows being held there in the 6th century A.D. The imperial palace looked onto the Circus Maximus; its imposing ruins are still visible on the Palatine hill.

Metro: Line B: Circo Massimo