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Discovering Rome

A walk through Rome's masterpieces and the signs of the astronomical culture

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The Roman Civilisation developed the ability of inheriting the knowledge of the conquered populations in different scientific fields, including astronomy. Their interest was especially connected to symbolic and pragmatical aspects such as the identification of the Emperor to Gods and the development of a trustable calendar. Some of these hints are still present in the historical center, close to the greatest Renaissance's pieces of art. A nice walk through the Rome's heart will give us the occasion to discover and admire them.

We will depart from Frascati station to reach the city center by train. At our arrival in Rome, a metro ride will take us to Piazza del Popolo and we will enjoy this atmospheric elliptical plaza, the masterpieces sheltered in the church of S.Maria del Popolo (including Caravaggio's paintings) and the view over Rome from the Pincio terrace. A short walk will take us to the notorious Spanish Steps and down to the homonymous piazza embellished by the Barcaccia fountain. Across the roads and alleys of the centre we will reach the obelisk in Piazza Montecitorio (the only visible remain of the sundial of Augustus) and from there the majestic temple of the Pantheon. A break for a coffee or a gelato will prepare us to walk back. Next to Termini station the church of S. Maria degli Angeli will be our last stop: it is an interesting basilica created by Michelangelo inside the remains of the Baths of Diocletian and housing the Clementine Sundial, an opportunity to talk about the relationship between the Popes and the astronomic studies.

The entire tour will be completed in 3 hours and we will cover a distance of 5 km walking.

It costs 20 euros and includes round -trip train tickets, metro ticket, guide and the audio system.