# JSB Rome Scavenger Hunt Sights



All photos must clearly show that you present at the sight -i.e., your face must be in the photo. Credit will not be given for photos with more than three students.

# 10 REQUIRED SIGHTS TO SEE

## 1. Archangel Michael on the Castel Sant'Angelo

The bronze statue of the Archangel Michael: This sculpture shows the Archangel putting his sword back in its sheath. It is located on the top of Castel Sant'Angelo (also known as Hadrian's Masoleum). This fortress is connected to the Vatican by a corridor built as an escape route when the Pope was in danger. The fortress also played a prominent role in the movie "Angels and Demons." **Be sure that your photo clearly shows the Archangel sculpture on the top.** 

#### 2. Palazzo Chigi Roma

When in Rome and catching a taxi to bring you back to the Palazzo Chigi, if you don't add 'di Ariccia' to the end of your instructions, you will end up at the Palazzo Chigi in Rome! The Prime Minister of Italy, Giuseppe Conte, lives here.

#### 3. Trajan's Market

Emperor Trajan dismantled an entire mountain to build a shopping center. Be sure your photo shows the curved section of Trajan's Market. It is the most famous part.

# 4. The Non-Catholic Cemetery

Hundreds of famous writers, poets, artists, scientists, and diplomats such as Percy Bysshe Shelley and John Keats, are among those buried at Rome's Non-Catholic Cemetery. In fact, Shelley once wrote about the cemetery, "It might make one in love with death, to think that one should be buried in so sweet a place." Include in one of the notable graves listed at <a href="http://www.cemeteryrome.it/graves/notable.html">http://www.cemeteryrome.it/graves/notable.html</a> in your photo (and specify which one it is). John Keats' and William Wetmore Story's graves are among the most popular choices for this requirement. Be sure to check opening times and be respectful of the "no groups" rule by liting the number of people you visit with the 3-5. <a href="http://www.cemeteryrome.it/visit/visit.html">http://www.cemeteryrome.it/visit/visit.html</a>

# 5. Angel with a Column on Bernini's Angel Bridge

Known as Bernini's Angel Bridge, there are 10 breathtaking statues of angels decorating the sides of the bridge that crosses the Arno river. It's a Bernini extravaganza! One of the angels is holding a column. Make sure your photograph features the angel holding a column.

#### 6. Giordano Bruno in Campo de' Fiori

Giordano Bruno was a philosopher who was burned at the stake in 1600 for proposing that the Sun was a star and that there were an infinite number of worlds with intelligent life in the universe. Now he has a statue honoring him and his work. Make sure your photograph includes Mr. Bruno's statue. It is located in one of Rome's most popular squares.

#### 7. The Nile from Bernini's Four Rivers Fountain

A famous Bernini sculpture known as the Four Rivers Fountain sits in one of Rome's most popular piazzas. The piazza is oval because it used to be a Roman horse racetrack. In the sculpture, Bernini celebrates four of the world's major rivers with individual sculptures. The four rivers are the Ganges, the Danube, the Rio de la Plata, and the Nile. **Your photograph should clearly indicate the sculpture that represents the Nile River, the river of Egypt.** To make sure that you have the right one, it is helpful to know that the Nile is portrayed with a cloth covering his head because back in the 1600's when this fountain was built, people didn't know where the Nile had its source.

## 8. Trajan's Column

Trajan's Column is a column that features a comic-strip like feature that spirals around it and graphically tells the tale of two of Emperor Trajan's great military achievements. According to legend, when the golden urn that held Trajan's ashes was exhumed from its base, his skull and tongue were still intact and told of his escape from hell.

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#### 9. Bernini's Elephant and the Obelisk

Is it possible that Bernini was a Bama fan?! Let's hope not. But, he did sculpt an incredible elephant. Emperor Diocletian brought the obelisk (the square column on top of the sculpture) to Rome from Egypt around the year 300 AD. Considering that the obelisk is about 2500 years old, it looks pretty good. In the 1600's, the obelisk was discovered buried deep beneath the church's garden and Bernini created the sculpture placing the found obelisk on top of the elephant. Be sure to notice the Chigi symbol on the sculpture while you are there. It was the last commission that Pope Alexander VII gave to Bernini.

#### 10. Michelangelo's Moses in Saint Peter-in-Chains Church

This sculpture is part of the tomb of Pope Julius II, and was restored by one of your guest lecturers, Antonio Forcellino. Within the church you will also find the relic of the chains that bound Saint Peter in Jerusalem. **Your photograph must be of the Moses sculpture inside the church.** Since it is in a church, be sure to dress appropriately and check on the times that the church is open.

#### CHOOSE 5 OF THE FOLLOWING SIGHTS TO SEE

Below are 20 more sights throughout Rome. After locating the sights on a map, select 5 that sparked your interest during the Prep class when you saw photos of all of them. Add these 5 optional sights to your required 10. You will have to weigh your decisions for the optional sights based on items that you are interested in seeing and those that are 'on the way' and will allow you to complete the project in a timely manner.

#### 11.SPQR

Rome's official symbol comes from the Latin phrase 'Senatus Populusque Romanus' meaning 'The Senate and People of Rome.' This reflects the belief that the Roman people, not a king, controlled Roman society. SPQR is on flags, arches, fountains, and even manhole covers. Clearly include something in Rome with "SPQR.

## 12. Church of St. Mary of Prayer and Death

There is actually a church dedicated to death in Rome! It is the Church of St. Mary of Prayer and Death. There are skeleton sculptures on either side of the main door into the church. **Your photo should show one of the skeletons at the main door to this church.** 

#### 13. Ecstasy of St. Teresa

The Ecstasy of St. Teresa is one of two sculptures that Bernini did that many felt were far too sensual to be placed in a church. See if you agree. Since it is in a church, be sure to dress appropriately and check on the times that the church is open.

## 14. Temple of Hercules

The Temple of Hercules is one of the oldest and most distinctive structures in Rome. It was constructed in the year 2 BC!

#### 15. Column of Marcus Aurelius

Marcus didn't do it. It was the people after he died who wanted to commemorate his military victories and did so in the same way that Trajan's were celebrated.

## 16. Turtle Fountain

Boys and turtles! In 1588, the writer Girolamo Ferrucci called the Turtle Fountain "the most beautiful and perfect fountain in Rome." It certainly is one of the most delightful. The turtles were added when the fountain was restored in 1658, some think Bernini added them.

#### 17. Mouth of Truth

An ancient lie detector. The mouth of this famous sculpture is the "Bocca della Verita" (the "Mouth of Truth" in English). Legend has it that if you've lied and you stick your hand in it (the mouth), then the sculpture will bite it off! It played a prominent role in the movie "Roman Holiday". A small entrance fee is required if you want to test and see if you are telling the truth, but you are not required to enter to be able to

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see it. You can see and photograph the sculpture through the gate.

## 18. Chigi Symbols at Sant'Andrea della Valle

Sant'Andrea della Valle is a church that features the Chigi family's symbol of 6 mountains and a star prominently on each corner. The church was used as the scene for the first act of the famous opera 'Tosca' and its dome is the second largest in Rome after St. Peter's. You won't have to go inside, but you may want to go inside (if so, dress appropriately). Be sure that your photo shows at least one of the Chigi symbols on the corners of the church.

#### 19. Tempietto

Tempietto, a little temple. It is considered the first true Renaissance building in Rome. Designed by Bramante, some say that it is also the most perfect example of Renaissance architecture.

#### 20. The Foot on Pie' de Marmo

There is a street in Rome where, to the side, there is literally a sculpture of a big foot just sitting there – or should I say standing there! The street is Pie' de Marmo. Find the foot!

#### 21. Broken Bridge

Ponte Rotto or Pons Aemilius. This is Rome's oldest bridge made of stone and dates back to 2 B

#### 22. Mussolini's Balcony at Palazzo Venezia

Palazzo Venezia served as Mussolini's headquarters when he ruled Italy. In the center of the front façade is a balcony from which he addressed massive crowds outside and below during the Fascist era. **Be sure that your photograph of the Palazzo includes the historic balcony.** 

## 23. The Fountain of Santa Maria in Trastevere

An octagonal fountain in front of the church of Santa Maria in Trastevere was designed by one of Bernini's famous students, Carlo Fontana. The church is considered one of Rome's best and it sits in the heart of one of Rome's most vibrant neighborhoods with a maze of picturesque narrow cobbled alleyways. While you are only required to photograph the fountain in front of the church, if the church is open and you are dressed appropriately, pop inside to enjoy its beauty.

#### 24. Borromini's Dome from inside San Carlo alle Quattro Fontane

Borromini was one of Bernini's biggest rivals for art and architectural commissions. The dome of San Carlo alle Quattro Fontane is one of Borromini's most famous accomplishments. It's not round. It's oval – a very difficult geometry to work out in designing of a dome. The construction of this was a huge mathematical accomplishment. **Your photograph must be of the dome as it is seen from the inside of the church.** Since it is in a church, be sure to dress appropriately and check on the times that the church is open.

#### 25. Bernini's Fidelity and Her Dog

Equal time for the dog lovers among us. This busy intersection of Via delle Quattro Fontane and Quirinale features a Bernini fountain sculpture at each corner. One of the sculptures is of Fidelity (Diana) and her dog. Don't forget to watch out for traffic as you get your pic with Fidelity.

## 26. Circus Maximus

It's off to the races! Find the Circus Maximus where Romans went to watch chariot races like those made famous in movies like *Ben Hur* – their version of Nascar. Naschariot? More recently it was the site of a Rolling Stones concert in 2014 and is where Italians went to celebrate their winning the World Cup in 2006. On your mark, get set, go!

## 27. Knights of Malta Keyhole

Rome's version of a 'hole in a wall'. Stand in line to peek through the keyhole of the Knights of Malta's wooden gate and find a perfectly framed view of Michelangelo's dome of Saint Peter's. See if you can get a good photo through the keyhole. It's quite tricky to do. Fortunately, for this assignment all you need is a photo in front of the keyhole itself.

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#### 28. Magnum in Rome

After a long day of scavenging in Rome, you may need an ice cream break. Magnum, the world-famous producer of Belgian chocolate covered ice cream, has opened a store in Rome where you can design your own ice cream bar! Your photo just needs to be of the Magnum Rome store. You don't have to indulge, but if you do, it makes for a much 'cooler' photograph. Pun intended!

#### 29. Capuchin Crypt

Several underground burial vaults lie below the medieval church of Santa Maria della Concezione. The vaults contain small chapels decorated with the skeletal remains of over 3,700 Capuchin Friars. There is a message written in the crypt that declares "What you are, we once were. What we are, you someday will be." **Your photograph must be inside the crypt.** Since it is in a church, be sure to dress appropriately and check on the times that the crypt is open. There is a cost of 4-6 Euros to enter.

# 30. Piazzale Giuseppe Garibaldi on Gianicolo Hill

Some say this is the best view in Rome, even though it's not one of the famous seven hills of Rome! You be the judge. In your photo either include yourself with the view in the background (being sure to capture the Victor Emanuelle II Monument / Altare of the Fatherland), or the equestrian monument dedicated to Giuseppe Garibaldi, an Italian general and nationalist.