

ROME

Italy



10 more stops for your list

Colosseum, Forum, Trevi Fountain, Vatican already on your list, right?

Here's a few suggestions that might not be: **Baths of Diocletian** Unique for its size and state of preservation, the 4th C baths now houses an interesting museum taking you into Michelangelo's grand cloister, an oasis of calm just a short walk from the main train station.

Santa Maria degli Angeli The Basilica started by Michelangelo in 1563 sits over part of Diocletian's baths, housing a holy water-font by Rossi and, ordered for the holy-year in 1700, a meridian line runs along the left side. **Victor**

Emmanuelle Terrace Locals refer to the large white building as the wedding cake. Head straight for the top, then take the glass elevator (fee) to the

Quadrighe Terrace, opened in 2007 it offers fab panoramic 360 degree views over the city **Palazzo Massimo** Set in a 19th C Palace close to the train station, add these four floors to your list for sculpture, mosaics, coins - and don't miss the painted garden fresco on the 2nd floor - ticket includes access to 3 further museums. **4 Main Basilicas** After walking your socks off in St Peter's,

stroll down Via Merulana, visit S. Maria Maggiore with mosaics from 5th-13th C at one end and S. Giovanni in Laterano for the 13th C cloister at the other - then just beyond, the delightful S. Paolo fuori le Mura **Scala Santa** Houses the Holy Staircase, brought to Rome in 326AD - reputed to be the stairs leading to the judgement hall of Pontius Pilate's palace in Jerusalem - the very stairs climbed by Jesus himself - has been attracting pilgrims for centuries. If you choose to climb 28 stairs on your knees, chances are there's plenty of pilgrims in front of you, so plan at least 20 mins - located facing S Giovanni **Ostia Antica** A bit off the usual tourist trail - the Harbor City of Ancient Rome is worth 30mins on the train - wander the endless remains of a city founded in 620BC, home to 60,000 where ruins of villas, shops, baths, fresco's and mosaics await - sit on the stone steps of the theatre or stroll among dozens of statues and row after row of columns - don't forget to stop at the small on-site museum too. **The Roman Food Tour** Take a break from the monuments and taste Italy... this 4 hour tasting tour in a non tourist area is a real treat.

