

Galleria Borghese

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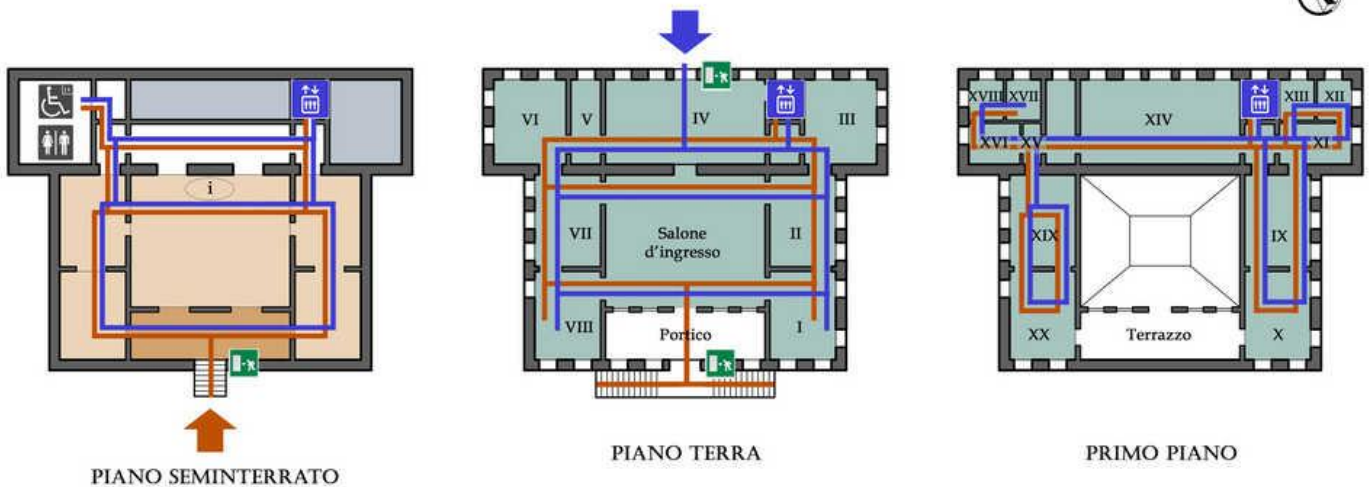
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ROMA. MUSEO E GALLERIA BORGHESI

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They say the best museum in Rome is the city itself. That may be so, but the Galleria Borghese is still a gem worth seeing. Its collections are housed in a magnificent 17th-century villa and offer a compact course in the Italian aesthetic. In just 20 rooms, you are exposed to antiquities, the Renaissance and the beginnings of baroque art. Visits to the Galleria in the northeast corner of the sprawling Villa Borghese park are by reservation, which allows you the pleasure of seeing the **Bernini sculptures** from every angle without being crowded out.

The gallery features an important part of the collection begun by Cardinal Scipione Borghese (nephew of Pope Paul V), between 1576 and 1633.

As well as an avid art collector of **Caravaggio's works**, the **Cardinal was Bernini's first sponsor**. Thus, the museum counts with an extensive collection of both artists.

The exhibitions are found on the mansion's bottom and top floor. The first floor houses works of art by renowned artists such as **Tiziano, Raphael, Caravaggio, Rubens and Botticelli**.

The ground floor is dedicated to classic antiquities from the first to the third centuries AD. This part of the museum is the most surprising with fascinating mosaics and impressive sculptures, as well as impeccably preserved frescoes that decorate the mansion's walls and ceilings.

The sculptures by **Bernini** and Canovas found in each hall make the visit to this museum even more special.

Since this museum is extremely popular, **booking in advance is mandatory** and only those with a pre-paid admissions ticket will be let in.