

Pallazo Barberini

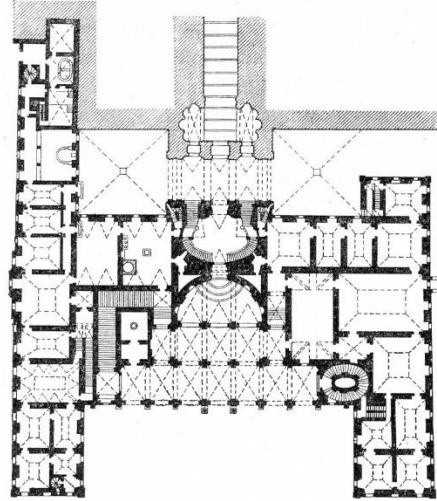
Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Antica

Via delle Quattro Fontane, 13.

Metro: Barberini, line A.

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8:30 AM – 7:00 PM (Closed Monday) 7 €



Palazzo Barberini is an imposing Baroque building that **houses the Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Antica**, the National Gallery of Ancient Art. Commissioned by Pope Urban VIII, the mansion **surpassed the elegance and luxury of every other palace** owned by the Roman nobility of the period.

Il Palazzo

In 1623, Maffeo Barberini, who was made Pope Urban VIII, ordered the construction of the estate to Italian architect Carlo Maderno, who is responsible for the design of [St Peter's Basilica's](#) façade. The construction started in 1625 - finished in 1633 by **Bernini**, after Maderno's death.

In 1949, the Italian State bought the palazzo to house the Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Antica, which was created from the donations of pieces of art by several noble Italian families.

Exhibitions

The National Gallery of Ancient Art features **over 1,400 works of art of renowned artists from the thirteenth to the eighteenth century**, including **Tiziano, El Greco, Caravaggio, Tintoretto or Raphael** and his famous portrait, La fornarina.

One of the most noteworthy halls is the **oval salone, covering the entire height of the building**. The salon's ceiling has a vast fresco by the Italian Baroque artist Pietro da Cortona, depicting the Allegory of Divine Providence and Barberini Power.