

1. REPLY to an enquiry.

Mr Ashton is going to Rome with his wife on a short break in June. He has written you to enquire about hotels and itineraries in town. His wife is an Art teacher and they would like to visit both ancient sites and Baroque Rome. You have found for them the following hotel and now you must write him a **reply including your ideas for a tour**.

BRITANNIA HOTEL, ☆☆☆☆ Available double rooms from Tue 4th to Fri 7th Jun 2019, for 3 nights

~~€ 608~~ **€ 532** breakfast included

Air Conditioning Flat-screen TV **Included:** 10 % VAT **Not included:** EUR 3 city tax per person per night.

Just 200 metres from both the Opera House and Repubblica Metro, the elegant Hotel Britannia is set in a 19th-century building. It offers an extensive American breakfast and free Wi-Fi.

Rooms at the Britannia Hotel feature free minibar, a marble bathroom, and a small aquarium. Some have a private terrace.

Cappuccino and fresh fruit juice, together with Italian cheese and pastries are served each morning. Breakfast can also be served in guests' rooms. - The attentive staff operate a 24-hour reception, and are available to book trips and museums. Car hire and airport shuttle services are also available. - The Quirinale Presidential Palace and the Trevi Fountain are less than a 15-minute walk from the hotel. Termini Station is 600 metres away.

2. Read and answer the questions:

The Galleria Borghese houses the largest private collection of art in the world.

Originally conceived by Cardinal Scipione Borghese, the building project was commissioned to architect Ponzio. However, when he died suddenly, the project was handed to Vasanzio.

The building was designed to recall a suburban Roman villa, in classic style in accordance with the Cardinal's personal taste. Vasanzio covered the original structure built in a "U" formation, with a new façade with niches and classical sculptures (which were later removed). This splendid neoclassical mansion drew the avenue up to a regal, elevated end.

The museum entrance via the arcade is accessed by a double stairway leading to the Museo Borghese on the ground floor.

Above, on the first floor, is the extensive Galleria Borghese which gives its name to the entire complex.

Scipione Borghese was an art enthusiast, particularly for classical and contemporary works, (less so for Medieval works). He gathered a large collection under his roof, including ancient sculptures and paintings by several artists including Titian, Raphael and Caravaggio. Later, Olimpia Aldobrandini, Paolo Borghese's wife, added to the riches of the museum her collection, which already featured works previously owned by Lucrezia D'Este and the Cardinal Salviati.

The fluctuating fortunes of the centuries have led to various acquisitions and losses for the Museum: notably the sale of 500 works of art to Napoleon by Camillo Borghese, found today in the Fondo Borghese in the Louvre, in Paris. There have also been significant acquisitions: Raphael's "Deposizione Baglioni", illegally transported from Perugia in 1600 and donated to Scipione, and Correggio's Danae, purchased in 1827, to name but two.

Added to these renowned painted works, the museum hosts the splendid and equally famous sculptures of Bernini, including his "David", the "Ratto di Proserpina", "Apollo e Daphne"; then Canova's reclining "Paolina Borghese"; Tiziano's "Amor Sacro e Amor Profano", Caravaggio's "David con la testa di Golia", and Rubens' "Pietà", all contribute to this stunning collection.

This parallel universe carries the observer through time, observed by the watchful eyes of characters captured on canvas and stone, immortalized by masters' hands.

1. Where is the Borghese Gallery located?
2. Which style is the Villa?
3. Who started the art collection?
4. Why is the Gallery famous?
5. Why does the Louvre in Paris have a "Fondo Borghese"?

3. Translate:

- Come faccio ad arrivare a Piazza di Spagna ?
- Quanto dista il Foro dal Colosseo ?
- Quanto ci si mette in autobus dalla stazione all'albergo?
- Quanto si paga per entrare ?
- Quali sono le principali attrazioni turistiche (= le cose da visitare) a Roma ?
- Non ti puoi perdere piazza Fontana di Trevi !
- Chi ha costruito / progettato la Cupola di San Pietro ?
- Quali sono gli orari di apertura dei Musei Vaticani ?
- Occorre prenotare ? è richiesta la prenotazione ?
- Vuole che prenoti per lei ?