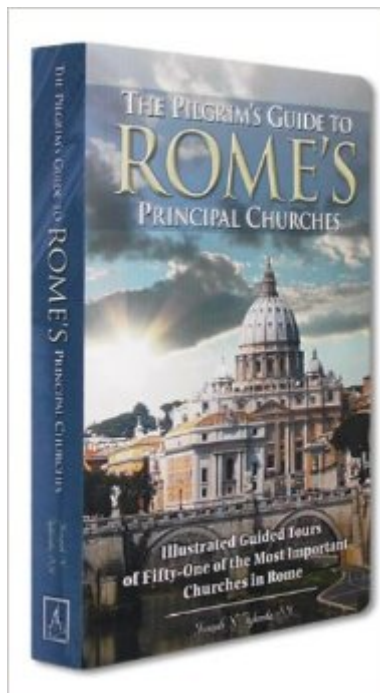


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# The Pilgrim's Guide To Rome's Principal Churches: Illustrated Guided Tours Of Fifty-one Of The Most Important Churches Of Rome



## Synopsis

A guided tour of fifty-one of the most important churches in Rome. Includes a history of each church, descriptions of the interior and exterior, a numbered floor plan, photographs, and details of the church's spiritual, architectural, and artistic treasures. Whether you plan on visiting Rome and using this as a guide or reading it to learn about the "Eternal City," this book offers the modern pilgrim essential information on the fifty-one most significant churches in the city. Special treatment is given to St. Peter's Basilica, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, St. Paul Outside-the-Walls, and St. Lawrence Outside-the-Walls. "I have been to Rome 8 times, and this book comes with me every time! The floor plans for 50 of the most popular churches in the city of Rome are laid out for you, as well as what to see while you're in there. The author even thought to make the highlights of each church into a 'walking tour', so you're seeing the items in the order you'd be walking it, rather than criss-crossing inside every church. It give the history of the building as well as the names and dates of great artwork to be found."

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I heartily concur with the other reviewers' praise of this book. I saw all of the open churches in the book over a month's time. Now for some helpful additions for the traveler: 1) This is a HEAVY book. That's nice for the illustrations and the armchair traveler and for later reference. But, if you are actually lugging it around Rome or in already loaded suitcases elsewhere on your journeys, this will be a major consideration. 2) This is an encyclopedic work, and you should plan on using it as such. Almost every painting, sculpture, tomb, etc. is identified. That is nice at first, but your eyes will soon

glaze over the text just as it would if you tried to read a reference book straight through. 3) The authors are rarely judgmental and comparatively spend little text on the real gems in most of the churches. They really can't and still annotate everything else. You will need to carry around a second source which will be a little more finicky. 4) The authors don't and couldn't include all of Rome's churches. So, you will need to do some research to see if they missed some of the churches that hit your own interests. In my case, it was Sant' Ivo alla Sapienza, which I can't imagine visiting Rome and not seeing. 4) This book contains no information about the opening times of the churches. You will need to factor in how you will determine those ahead of time, probably on the internet. These times seem to change wildly, and no book could keep up with them. Only one of the listed churches was completely closed for renovation. 5) This book describes architecture but really does not help you understand it. I found a wonderful companion to this book to be George Sullivan's Not Built in a Day: Exploring the Architecture of Rome. (It's lightweight to boot!

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