

Rome

In mid August I went to Rome, Italy -- the "Eternal City", as they also call it. For me it is always a big event, because I spent my first 26 years of my life in Rome. When I go to Rome I revisit my youth, slowly walking through the beautiful unknown areas of the city with their unique charm coming from centuries of history.

What is intriguing about Rome is that you will always discover something new: hidden squares, buildings and the people in their settings -- gems you will never forget.

The "Fountain of the Turtles" is my favorite spot. It is very difficult to find it because it is carefully hidden. But you will be rewarded for your persistence because it is an absolute delight. It will overwhelm you with its beauty and delicate composition from its location in the middle of a small, insignificant square.

However, one word of advice; do not go to Rome in July-August. The heat is too intense to enjoy it. The best months are January, February, March, April, May, June, September, October, November and December.

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