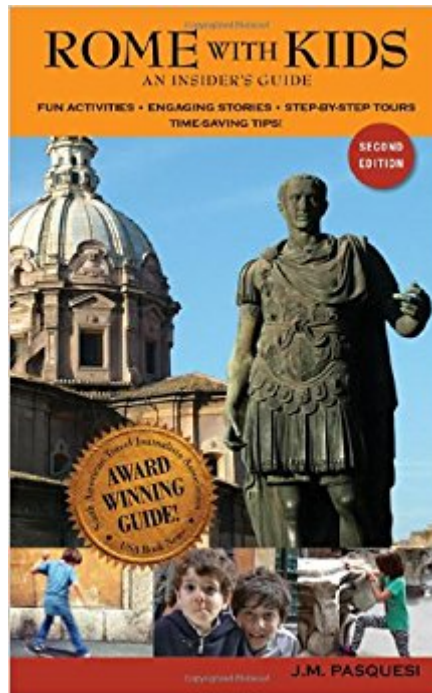


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# Rome With Kids: An Insider's Guide



## Synopsis

SILVER MEDAL winner for Excellence in Travel Writing from North American Travel Journalists. 6 awards in all! Scrambling around ruins; exploring underground excavations; searching for secret passageways, gladiators, ancient lie detectors and creepy skeletons--Rome with kids is a dream! J.M. Pasquesi's multi-award-winning guide to Rome with (or without!) Kids brings each sight to life, telling you what to see and how to see it, with plenty of stops for pizza and gelato. bite-sized history and engaging stories fun activities and time-saving tips step-by-step tours, color photos, and reference maps Family-friendly restaurants and accommodations This comprehensive guide, complete with where to shop, play, rent bikes, surf the Web and more, lets you conquer Rome with ease! As a former Rome resident with a background in classical studies, J.M. Pasquesi has the insider's know-how makes a trip you and your children will treasure. Rome with Kids received awards from the North American Travel Journalists Association and the National Best Books Awards of USA Book News .RWK has a host of prestigious endorsements, from the Director of the Italian Government Tourist Board of North America to professors of Classical Studies, Loyola University.

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...well-researched, extremely readable....valuable even for the childless. -- John F. Makowski, Associate Professor of Classical Studies, Loyola University of Chicago, Department of Classical Studies  
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Ok, I was thrilled with this book, but having actually finally used it in "anger" there are some glaring problems. Potentially a 5 star book but: (1) it is out of date -- The Palatine hill is almost entirely closed off - where they suggest walking to see Circus Maximus is gated off. You can't see it. Very sad 6 year old who had watched Ben Hur's chariot racing scene and was really excited to look down on the real place. (2) The maps are WRONG. (Even ignoring the above problems) My goodness. Hire a cartographer. No resemblance to reality. (3) The maps have no actual PATH marked on them.. Perhaps given how wrong they appear, this is a good thing. (4) Timing - the Palatine Hill to the Colosseum was a poor choice - the Palatine joint ticket booth was a HUGE boon - do it. Lines at the Colosseum are insane. But do yourself a favor - skip the Palatine and walk directly to the colosseum while your kids have energy to climb and run around. Ciao! (update - I'm not being fair to the author really -- it definitely formed the basis of our vacation visits - it's just the actual use case to plans walks was far less than optimal - and this review applies to the 2011 edition - I haven't seen the 2014, so giving the benefit of the doubt :))

I went to Rome on vacation with my wife and 1 year old. We had a great time and this book helped a lot in giving us times and places to focus on for the most fun for our kids. Now, word of caution, our kid was WAY jetlagged and so she slept during most the day. The wife and I used that time to visit museums and other "boring" things. (by the way, the Vatican is not very stroller friendly and deadlifting a stroller with a baby inside up and down the narrow stairs of the Vatican museum was no fun). When the baby woke up later in the day, this book was a great and we learned that Piazza Navona had a great merry-go-round, which my daughter loved to go on and was a great place to go out around. We also learned that Piazza Populo was a great family hang out spot - our daughter ran around having the time of her life and climbing on everything with all the Italian kids. It was great! Just so you know, I recommend this book and hope you have a great time in Rome with the

family.

I spent 28 years showing Italy, and primarily Rome to teenagers. I bought this because I am taking my 9 and 6 year old grandchildren to Italy and I wanted to find some things for the even younger. Although I know all these sights I have read the entire book and even bought a second one when I lost the first on an airplane. It is so well organized by historical periods and city zones that you won't miss anything. At first I thought the kids would be bored in Rome but now I can't wait. Buy it, read it first on the way and then carry it around . You'll find all the good info, the good eats, and the laughs.

I have been to Italy several times, but next year I hope to take two grandchildren. I feel that I know the area pretty well, but planning is quite different when going with youngsters. I found this book to be easy to read, with colorfully blocked out sections for just the information that I was looking for...a way to help children understand many of the sights and history of Rome.

This is a great guide for finding things to do in Rome that kids like. We would not have gone to San Clemente or to the Pincio gardens, my daughter's favorite parts of our trip, if we had not had the guide. It is small and fits well in a purse. It is, however, not comprehensive enough for adults. We spent 8 days in Rome and needed the more comprehensive maps, shopping and restaurant and attraction guides of the "Eyewitness Travel Rome" to cover all we wanted to do.

My daughter (11) and I loved planning our trip to Rome with this book! It ended up being the only book we carried with us as we toured the Eternal City. The information was great with wonderful tidbits to keep the interest level high. There are terrific pictures throughout although without a frame of reference for size, we were always surprised to find out something was MUCH bigger than we thought it was going to be! That was always good for a laugh. Since we were staying nearby, the recommended gelato stand between the Pantheon and Piazza Navona became our regular nightcap and it is the best in the city! Great tip! We even sent another family there. We homeschool so this was our field trip and this book was invaluable for our needs. Our copy has been our notebook and is full of written notes, highlighting, post-it notes, and drawings. Thank goodness the printing is such great quality. We wouldn't part with it for anything! Ciao!

This is one of the best if not the best travel book on Rome for families with children. The book is organized by different sections of Rome, focusing on sightseeing choices, explanations of highlights

geared to kids, but also valuable to other travellers. Food options are incorporated into the different sections----not candlelight dinner places but low key, informal atmospheres geared to quick meals. I only wish the author travelled to other destinations!

Bought book for granddaughter's trip to Rome. Her parents enjoyed the book as much as their daughter. Perfect introduction for a first European trip.

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