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5TH GLOBAL MESSIANIC YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

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WELCOME TO THE 5th GLOBAL MESSIANIC YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE - IN ROME



Shalom! Benvenuto!

READY TO BE RIGHT

On behalf of the Muchan Planning Committee and Chosen People Ministries, we would like to welcome you to Muchan Rome! This is the 5th Global Young Messianic Adults Conference and we are so excited that you're here. We are looking forward to a great time as we gather together to worship the Lord and celebrate our shared Messianic identity being READY to serve our Messiah in His world.

We are going to be so blessed with inspired worship led by Joshua Aaron, challenging biblical teaching by Dr. Jacob Rosenberg and the insightful historical/cultural teaching from the awesome Professor Z.

Through Muchan conferences, we hope to help young Messianic believers thoughtfully navigate their heritage and faith in today's challenging environment. We do this by looking back to the past for inspiration, building community for the present, while asking God the question, "What would you have me do now and in the future."



We hope that you leave Muchan this year more READY to serve the Lord in your lives than when you first came. Yeshua said, *"You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."* (Luke 12:40, ESV).

Yours together in Messiah,

Lawrence and Louise Hirsch
Visionaries and Co-founders of Muchan
Celebrate Messiah in Australia

About MUCHAN

Muchan means **READY** in Hebrew and we are ready to move forward as the next generation of young Messianic Believers who are talented, passionate, multi-faceted instruments of Adonai. Muchan is a conference for Young Messianic Believers to thoughtfully navigate their heritage and faith both in today's challenging culture and in antiquity. We ask, "Are you READY for the Lord to show up in your life? And are you READY to be a change-agent for Him?"

READY TO BE RIGHT

Biblical Theme: Ready To Be Right

When in Rome, we explore Romans!

What is your true, God-given identity as a follower of Yeshua?

When we say Ready to be Right, we are referring to God's righteousness and how it applies to followers of Yeshua. It turns out that if you don't know the righteousness of God, you will never know the real you and how it can impact you today, and the world tomorrow.

In Romans, Paul informs the readers of the true standing of Jewish and Gentile people before God and about what Yeshua's sacrifice has really done for those who put their faith in Him. Through all of this, Paul demonstrates why Jewish people and all creation desperately need the Messiah.

Historical Theme:

Rome and the Jews: Do you want the good news or the bad news?

According to the Talmud, Messiah still sits at the gates of Rome, dressed in rags and waiting until it is his time to be revealed. Jewish people have had a colorful history in Rome for over 2000 years, since before the time of Yeshua. Professor Z will explore the love-hate relationship that still exists between the Church of Rome and the Jews. So is/was Rome good for the Jews? You decide!



Why ROME ?

The real question is “Why not Rome?”

Are you kidding? Did you really just ask that? Why not Rome? Mild winters. Tremendous history. Pizza and pasta every day! And a place with both a historically significant Jewish community as well as a modern one. Plus, there is a whole book of the Bible dedicated to the people here!

Rome has a vibrant Jewish quarter and incredible architecture and ruins. It is the seat of Catholicism and the city with some of the best art in the world. From the Colosseum to the Forum to the Arch of Titus and much more, you are going to love it.

Muchan: A Brief History

We choose a Muchan city and country based on its Jewish historical qualities. At our very first conference in Berlin, we learned about the Holocaust and even traveled to Auschwitz in Poland. We met local Messianic believers and shared a Saturday morning Shabbat service with them. At our second conference, held in Paris, we learned the harsh realities of modern antisemitism rising in France and Europe. We didn't meet too many local believers because, in reality, France doesn't have many believers, let alone Messianic believers. We blessed and prayed for the few who were working among the closed Jewish community of Paris. At our third conference, in Madrid, the biblical theme was the growing Messianic Jewish community in the Book of Acts. We also learned about the once vibrant Golden Age of Judaism in culture, art, science, commerce, literature and rabbinic thought even though today's local Jewish population in Spain is quite small. In our last Muchan conference in Prague, we delved into the radical side of Yeshua and learned about the history of Yiddish and Ashkenazi influence in eastern Europe.

For more information on the history Jewish people in Italy, click below:

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rome

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_the_Jews_in_Italy



Hotel - Parco Tirreno

Via Aurelia 480, 00165 Roma RM, Italy

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www.parcotirreno.it



<https://goo.gl/maps/sRLHgBACP1q>

Our Hotel is situated just 2.5km (1.5 miles) from St. Peter's Square, Rome! (ALL LOCATIONS APPROXIMATE)



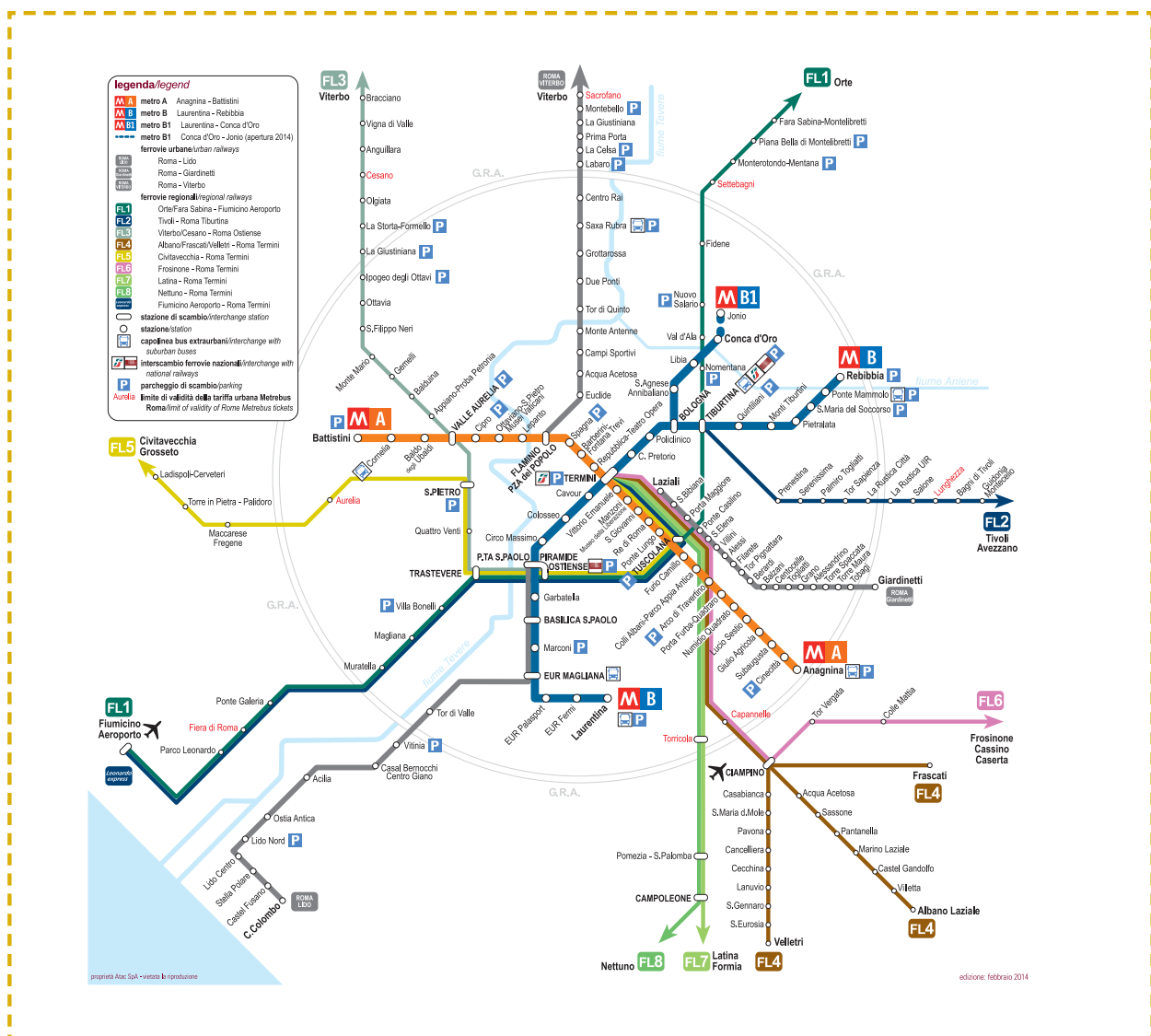
Rome - Subway map and information

The Rome Metro (subway) is called **Metropolitana** by Italians. The metro runs approximately every 7-10 minutes, from 5:30am until 11.30pm every day (until 0:30am on Saturdays). Please note that there may be special holiday hours which may affect your plans on New Year's Eve. Ordinary tickets can be bought throughout the metro stations from vending machines or booths. Tickets can also be purchased in newsstands and "tabacchis" (a tobacco shop which sells much more than tobacco). Buses work in a similar way. To find routes to the hotel or to other locations, Google maps works pretty well.

- **1,75 Euros** (1 Ride or 75 minutes)
- **6,00 Euros** (1 Day until midnight)
- **16,50 Euros** (3 Days)
- **24,00 Euros** (7 Days)

Metro Map

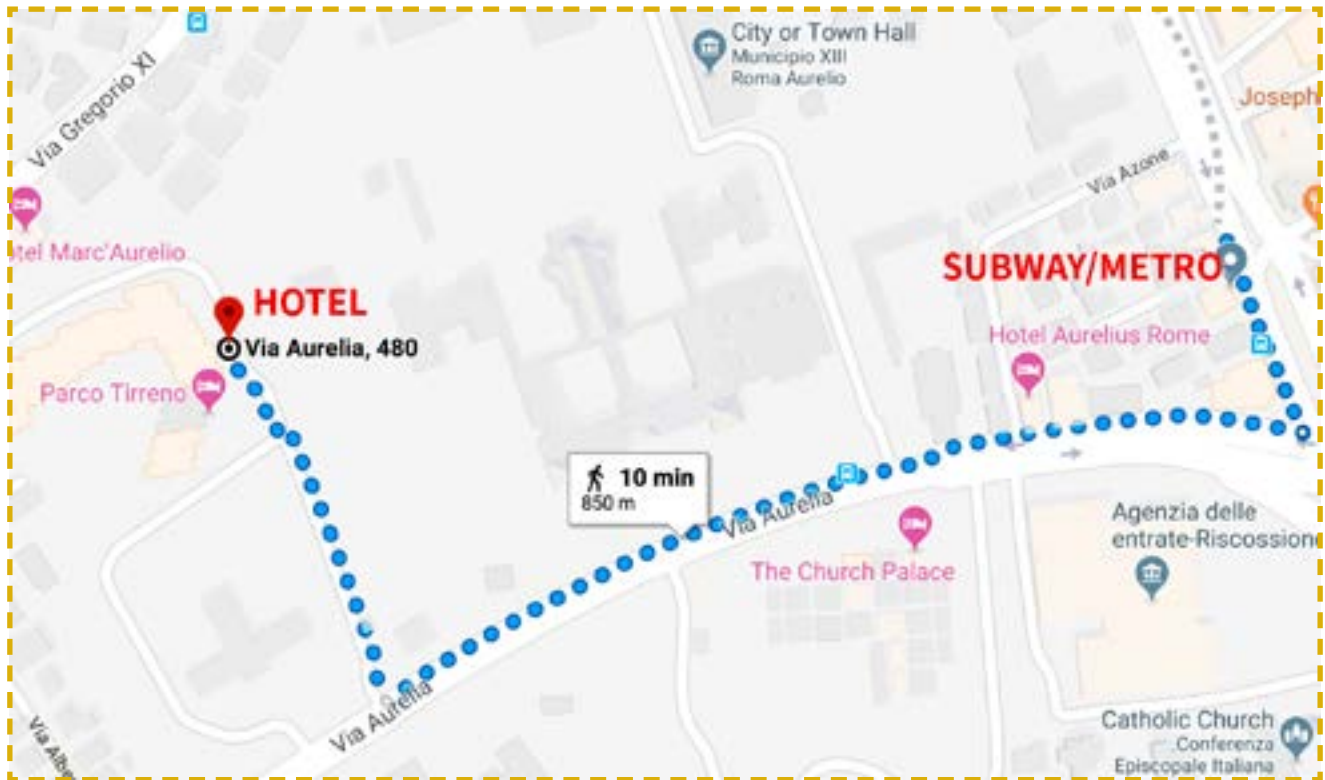
See at <https://romemap360.com/rome-metro-map#.W9NB-mhKg2w>.



Rome - Travel from the airport

Metro Stop: The Parco Tirreno hotel is a short walk from the metro.

The closest metro station is the **Cornelia station on the orange line**.



Via Aurelia 480, 00165 Roma RM, Italy

**WELCOME! YOU WILL SEE MUCHAN PEOPLE
IN THE LOBBY WAITING TO GREET YOU!**

Other modes of transport from Leonardo da Vinci-Fiumicino Airport (FCO)

Taxi: You can get a taxi for 30-50 Euros (depending on traffic). Additionally, if you know others arriving at the same time, you could share a taxi.

Shuttle bus info: Recommended! Visit <http://www.sitbusshuttle.com/en/fiumicino>. Choose from Fiumicino Airport to Circonvallazione Aurelia 19. It is about an 11 minute walk to the hotel from there. This should cost between 10 and 15 Euros round trip.

Rome - Tourism

During the conference, there will be a guided tour visiting many famous Rome landmarks, such as the Jewish quarter, Colosseum, Forum, Altare della Patria, Capitoline Hill, Plaza Venezia, and Trajan's Column. This tour won't give us entry passes but if you would like to visit places such as the Vatican, the Colosseum, the Forum or Castelo Sant'Angelo during your free time ([see the schedule on page 11](#)), please make sure that you book on legitimate websites. It is also wise to purchase a guided tour (available from many tour companies) of the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel as they can help you skip the line. The costs range from \$45 to well over \$150.

Tourism Websites:

www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/en.html (The Official Vatican Website)

www.citywonders.com/vatican-tours (Guided tours and "skip-the-line" passes)

<https://www.coopculture.it/en/colosseo-e-shop.cfm> (Official Colosseum, Forum, Palatine Hill Website -

Purchase "skip-the-line" passes and access to all 3 attractions)

Rome - Tourism (dos and don'ts)

DO THIS	BUT MAYBE DON'T DO THAT
<p>DO BUY a ticket to the Colosseum, Palatine Hill, and the Forum on a legitimate website</p> <p>DO SEND back the bread basket at a restaurant, it will often cost you 5 Euros just for bread</p> <p>DO SPECIFY tap water or bring a bottle of water with you in a restaurant. Bottles of water can cost you 3 euros or more</p> <p>DO ORDER Caffe for a small strong espresso, or Caffe Americano for a drip coffee</p> <p>DO INSIST on the meter if you take a taxi and make sure it is an official Rome taxi.</p> <p>DO BRING something to cover your shoulders and/or knees when visiting churches</p> <p>DO CHECK the exchange rate between your currency and euros before you change money at accredited exchange shops</p> <p>DO WATCH your wallets and purses to guard against pickpockets (bring a copy of your passport along)</p> <p>DO BRING a water bottle to fill up throughout the day</p>	<p>DON'T TAKE PICTURES with people dressed as gladiators, they will ask you for money</p> <p>DON'T DINE in restaurants near tourist traps. They are expensive and not very tasty</p> <p>DON'T TIP the server at a restaurant. Believe it or not, this is not required in Italy; it is already built into the price</p> <p>DON'T SIT DOWN at a coffee shop. It will cost you way more than if you stand at the counter or take it to go</p> <p>DON'T SKIP VALIDATING your metro or bus ticket. Avoid fines by validating them on the bus or the machines on the train platforms.</p> <p>DON'T TAKE PICTURES in certain areas in the Vatican (e.g. the Sistine chapel)</p> <p>DON'T USE an ATM card when the bank is closed in case there are any issues</p> <p>DON'T WAIT to book tickets to tourist attractions like the Vatican or the Colosseum, buy them ahead of time from legitimate websites</p> <p>DON'T ACCEPT toys or flowers or gifts from people on the street, they will pressure you for money afterward</p>

Rome - Top Smartphone Apps for your visit!

1.



ROME AIRPORT APP - All of the services offered at Fiumicino and Ciampino Airports at your fingertips, with the new Aeroporti di Roma official app.

[iPhone](#)

[Android](#)

2.



DUOLINGO

Learn a language for free. Forever.

[iPhone](#)

[Android](#)

3.



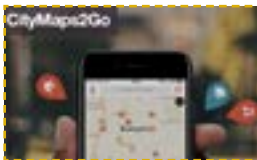
POCKET GUIDE

Let the city talk to you - location based audio tours, right from your smartphone!

[iPhone](#)

[Android](#)

4.



CityMaps2Go

CityMaps2Go is the ultimate app for travelers who want to be prepared wherever they go.

[iPhone](#)

[Android](#)

5.



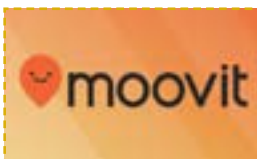
Rome Metro

These apps enable you to move easily within the capital of Italy using its three metro lines.

[iPhone](#)

[Android](#)

6.



Moovit

Helps you to get around Rome on Metro, Train, Light Rail or Bus.

[iPhone](#)

[Android](#)

7.



WC Rome

Possibly the most important app you can download for your trip. .

[iPhone](#)

[Android](#)



Muchan Schedule <https://muchanconference.com/schedule>

Conference Schedule

December 2018

January 2019

	Thursday DECEMBER 27	Friday DECEMBER 28	Saturday DECEMBER 29	Sunday DECEMBER 30	Monday DECEMBER 31	Tuesday JANUARY 01	Wednesday JANUARY 02
07:00		Breakfast 07:00 - 09:00	Breakfast 07:00 - 09:00	Breakfast 07:00 - 09:00	Breakfast 07:00 - 09:00	Breakfast 07:00 - 09:00	Breakfast 07:00 - 09:00
08:00		Exercise Class 07:30 - 08:30	Exercise Class 07:30 - 08:30	Prayer and Devotions 07:30 - 08:30	Exercise Class 07:30 - 08:30	Prayer and Devotions 07:30 - 08:30	Prayer and Devotions 07:30 - 08:30
09:00							Closing Session 09:30 - 11:00
10:00		Session 1 09:30 - 12:00	Session 3 09:30 - 12:00	Group Tour 09:00-13:00	Session 7 09:30 - 12:00	Free Time	
11:00							
12:00 noon		Lunch 12:00 - 13:30	Lunch 12:00 - 13:30		Lunch 12:00 - 13:30	Lunch 12:00 - 13:30	
13:00			Workshops 13:30 - 15:00	Free Time make your own meal plans!	Workshops 13:30 - 15:00	Free Time	
14:00		Photo Scavenger Hunt 13:30 - 17:00	Coffee Break				
15:00			Session 4 15:30 - 17:30	Session 5 15:00 - 17:30			
16:00			Havdalah		Coffee Break 16:30 - 17:30	Session 8 15:30 - 17:30	
17:00					Worship Session 16:30 - 17:30		
18:00	Dinner 18:00-19:30	Shabbat Dinner 18:00-19:30	Free Evening make your own meal plans!	Dinner 18:00-19:30	New Year's Eve celebrate wherever you choose!	Dinner 18:00-19:30	
19:00							
20:00	Opening Session 19:30 - 21:30	Session 2 19:30 - 21:30		Session 6 19:30 - 21:30		Session 9 19:30 - 21:30	
21:00							
22:00							

Workshops

There will be three (3) workshops offered twice, once on **Saturday December 29th at 13:30**, and once on **Monday December 31st at 13:30**.

See the schedule on the previous page or at <https://muchanconference.com/schedule>

1. Brian Crawford

Chosen People Answers: Providing Responses to our Critics

Have you ever been stumped by a question from a rabbi, or been unsure how to respond to a secularist with serious intellectual objections? Do you want to have more tools at your disposal to address the questions and grow in confidence? Come join Brian Crawford, the Project Director of Chosen People Answers, and learn how we can meet the challenges of our critics with a reasonable and coherent faith in Yeshua.

2. Heather Rosenberg

Why don't I hear the Lord?

God wants you to join Him on the journey He has in mind for your life. But it can be hard to hear Him and hard to follow. Join this session for practical guidance in thinking through your spiritual habits and hangups, and learn skills and methods to move forward.

3. Louise Hirsch and Ryan Karp

Can I Do That? Reaching Jewish People In Your Everyday Life

It is our heart and passion that Jewish people know their Messiah. And reaching them doesn't have to be street outreach, grand publicity campaigns or leaving flyers on windshields. With a little chutzpah, effort, and encouraging stories, be prepared to return home with renewed hope and confidence to share the Messiah with Jewish people around you.

Main Session / Speaker Bios

Dr. Jacob Rosenberg



Jacob (Jake) came to the Lord through an encounter with God at the age of 5. A voracious reader, he would stay up into the middle of most nights reading every book he could find. However, his faith did not always affect his decisions and he started towards a goal to make a million dollars by the time he was 20. While working at some of the largest companies in the world, his Dad encouraged him to pray to see if his life decisions were the same as God's plan for his life. He challenged God to stop him if he could...he lost his job that week and found himself back in school studying religion and theology, leading to a BA in Religion, a Masters of Divinity, and a PhD in Historic Theology.

Along the way, God has blessed him with an incredible wife, Heather, wonderful children, and a life he could not have dreamed of while living in that tiny little kingdom of his own design. God changed his heart and then gave Jacob the desires of the heart; something he could not have prayed for but God was gracious enough to give.

He earned his PhD in Theological Studies from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School writing on Jewish missions in the United States between 1880-1920. While at Trinity, Jake was a Field Education Mentor and recipient of two awards, The Leaders in Ministry Scholarship and The James Fox Memorial Award. Jacob Rosenberg holds a license with the [IAMCS](#). In addition, Jake is the head of the Theology Committee for the Union of Messianic Congregations.

Professor Z.



Professor Z is a Jewish believer from Buenos Aires, Argentina, and has a PhD in Jewish History and Chocolate Chip Cookie Baking. Her roots are in Eastern Europe since her Jewish parents emigrated from there to South America, but her fascination has been with medieval Jewish communities and Jewish Christian disputations.

She concentrated her Masters' research on the Tortosa Disputation, where the Pope and the King of Aragon pitted a Jewish believer against a group of rabbis to convince them from the Talmud that the Messiah had already come. Professor Z has a BA in Judaic Studies, a Master of Arts' degree in Intercultural Studies and another Master's in Medieval Jewish History (specializing in Spain). She also holds a third Master's (of Philosophy) degree in Medieval Jewish History, as well as her PhD. She is currently a professor at the Charles Feinberg Center for Messianic Jewish Studies in New York City and teaches courses in Biblical Hebrew, Exegesis, Jewish History, Jewish Ethics (Pirkei Avot), and the theology of the Siddur.

Music / Worship

with **Joshua Aaron**



Joshua Aaron is an award-winning, Messianic Jewish singer and Integrity Music songwriter. He resides near the Sea of Galilee with his wife Jeannie and their five children. He continues to maintain citizenship in both Israel and the United States of America.

His 2012 album release “You Are Holy” won Joshua two Independent Music Awards for his original songs, “Hoshiana” and “You Are Holy”; and Joshua’s recent album entitled “Every Tribe” reached #1 on iTunes for “world” genre and #1 on Amazon in three categories: International, Praise & Worship and Christian Contemporary Music upon its release in December 2016.

Whether leading **3 million worshipers in Krakow, Poland**, singing “**Gadol Elohai**” (‘How Great is Our God’ in Hebrew) or through his worship **songs on YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/user/worshipinIsrael>** (with well over 18 million views!), you’ll always find Joshua praising the God of Israel and passionately singing of the soon return of the Jewish Messiah, Yeshua.

<http://joshua-aaron.com>

How Great Is Our God	How Great Is Our God	גדול אלוהי
Gadol Elohai	How great is our God,	גדול אלוהי
Shiru ki	sing with me	שירו כי
Gadol Elohai	How great is our God	גדול אלוהי
Kol echad Yirei	and all will see	כול אחד יראה
Ki gadol Elohai	How great is our God	כי גדול אלוהי
Shem me'al kol shem	Name above all names	שם מעל כול שם
Otcha rai le'halel	Worthy of our praise	אותך ראוי להלל
Libi yashir	My heart will sing	ליבי ישיר
ki gadol Elohai	How great is our God	כי גדול אלוהי

Workshops / Speaker Bios

Brian Crawford



Brian received a call to share the Gospel with Jewish people after visiting Israel in 2005, and has served with Chosen People Ministries in New York since 2011. Brian's focus is Messianic Apologetics (defending our faith in Jesus to a Jewish audience). He is Project Director for **Chosen People Answers**, a new online community focused on making a case for Jesus as the Messiah of Israel. In 2015, Brian received his Master of Divinity from the Feinberg Center for Messianic Jewish Studies and is currently pursuing a Doctorate of Ministry in apologetics at Biola University. Brian has been married to Liz since 2007, and has two young children.

Heather Rosenberg



Heather Rosenberg serves as Director of Children's Ministry at Adat Hatikvah in Deerfield, Illinois. She holds both a Bachelors and Masters degree in Old Testament and worked in higher education for 15 years before staying home with her two crazy awesome kids. She is married to Rabbi Jacob Rosenberg who she met in Israel while a student there. Together they have moved across the United States from California to New York and finally to the Chicagoland area where she is slowly adjusting to the winters. When she isn't dreaming of the beach she is reading or listening to books. Have any recommendations? She would love to hear from you!

Ryan Karp



Ryan is the Chicago Branch Director of Chosen People Ministries and earned a Bachelors & Masters Degree in Biblical Studies. He has served as a missionary in Philadelphia, the Washington DC area, New York City and now in Chicago. He has led missions trips, started young adult Messianic groups, discipled new believers, led a Messianic congregation, and more. Ryan is passionate about reaching Jewish people with the gospel and training others to do the same. He is married to Jessica whom he met while they were in NYC working in Jewish ministry. Together they have two boys and are expecting their third child in Spring 2019.

Louise Hirsch



Louise was born in South Africa. In 1990 she began serving in Jewish ministry with her husband Lawrence. In 1994, the Hirsch family moved to Australia to take up their vision of sharing the Gospel with Jewish people there. In 1995, she and Lawrence co-founded Celebrate Messiah. Lawrence and Louise have been involved in planting several messianic congregations and have had the privilege of leading many Jewish people to faith in Messiah. Louise continues to work within the Jewish community and her congregation to reach them with their Messiah. They have four children and one grandchild.

Opportunities with Chosen People Ministries!

<http://muchanconference.com/who-is-chosen-people-ministries>



Chosen People Ministries was founded in Brooklyn, New York in 1894 by a Hungarian immigrant, a rabbi named Leopold Cohn, who became a believer. Rabbi Cohn saw physical and spiritual needs in the Jewish community around him, and he responded! Since then, Chosen People Ministries is a ministry in 17 countries globally.

Chosen People Ministries desires to see Jewish people come into a saving relationship with their Messiah. We have many workers who creatively evangelize and disciple Jewish seekers on the streets, university campuses, in congregations, and around a friend's dining table. Sometimes a spiritual need cannot be met until the physical needs are met. Chosen People Ministries has benevolence ministries including food and clothing distribution, visiting of shut-ins and other practical aid. There is no limit when it comes to fulfilling the Lord's command to make Him known.

The Charles Feinberg Messianic Center offers a Master of Divinity in Messianic Jewish Studies, as well as a certificate program to equip young people with the tools to be educators, outreach workers, and congregational leaders.



Short-term service opportunities include **eXperience Israel**, **Outreach Israel**, **Shalom New York** and annual outreaches to Israeli backpackers in **India**, **New Zealand** and **Brazil** (details to be published soon). These are great opportunities to step out and dedicate some time to ministry and service (and a bit of travel!) in Israel, Brooklyn or beyond!

Chosen People Ministries loves to invest in young people for the growth of the next generation, to lead our Messianic Jewish Movement in reaching those who don't yet know Yeshua. That is why we happily sponsor the Muchan Conference. Why not send the President of Chosen People Ministries, Dr. Mitch Glaser mitchglaser@chosenpeople.com a thank you and/or even a little description of how the Muchan Conference has impacted your life!



Planning Team

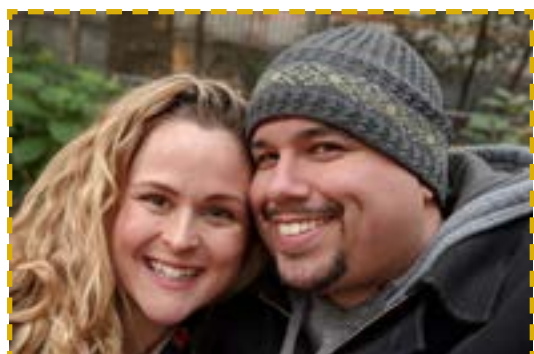


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Lawrence and Louise Hirsch are the visionaries for the Muchan Conference, having traveled Europe and realized that history, heritage and opportunities to teach the Bible to a global community of Messianic young people while fostering community and new friendships were necessary to bring unity to this next generation!

They live in Melbourne, Australia and work with Celebrate Messiah, of Chosen People Ministries Global Ministries.

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Ryan and Jessica Karp are part of Chosen People Ministries, USA where Ryan leads a vibrant work in Chicago among students, coordinating creative outreaches on campuses, and partnering with seekers and new believers in one-on-one mentoring ministry. Together, they want to raise up a new generation of Messianic outreach and expression.

They have two young boys and are expecting their third child in Spring 2019.

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Rachel and Steve Davis live in Tel Aviv and both made Aliyah when they turned 30, redirecting their lives to live and serve in the Land. Rachel is active in preparing and training groups to come and serve in Israel as well as the daily one-on-one ministry with mothers in the parks and the logistics for Muchan conferences.

Steve is a graphic designer and website builder with holyland-design.com. They have three children (two boys and a girl). Rachel is a part of Beit Sar Shalom, Israel - part of Chosen People Ministries Global Ministries

email: rgoldstein@chosenpeople.com

Resources for Muchan Attendees:



www.ifoundshalom.com

I Found Shalom is an unprecedented collection of testimonials from Jewish people who have accepted Jesus as their Messiah. These are short videos of different people from across the globe sharing their stories and experiences in their spiritual journeys of faith. You will find doctors, lawyers, teachers, hippies, rich, poor, businessmen and musicians/artists...and as well as secular, observant and orthodox Jewish people. This website is helpful when you are sharing with a Jewish person about Yeshua. Sometimes the privacy of one's own home is a great way to explore the Gospel and watch a compelling video.



www.Isaiah53.com

Of all the prophecies of the Messiah in the Bible, Isaiah 53 has had the most impact. This website helps to shed light on the chapter and offers a free book **Isaiah 53 Explained** to help you and your Jewish friends better understand this life-changing passage. In addition, you can watch videos about how Isaiah 53 has affected Jewish people and download Bible studies for small groups. Make sure to make use of this site when communicating with the Jewish people in your life. Don't forget to check out our Hebrew version of the same site www.isaiah53.co.il.

<https://store.chosenpeople.com> Check out books to help you in your studies:



[Israel, the Church
and the Middle East](#)



[The Gospel According
to Isaiah 53](#)



[To The Jew First](#)



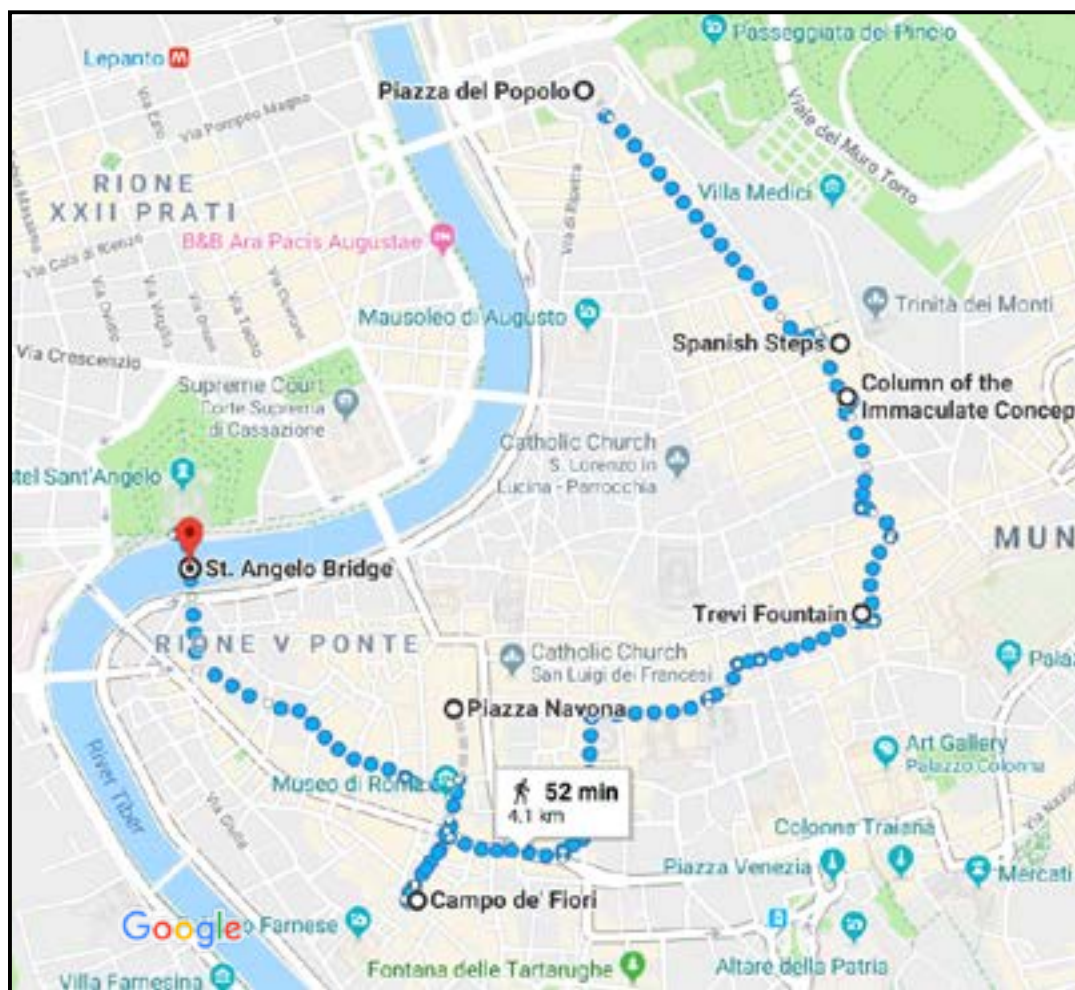
[The People, The Land,
and the Future of Israel](#)

Photo Tour (self-guided scavenger hunt)

Here's what we're going to do...

You're going to get out there, have fun and discover Rome.

Take photos, serious, zany, creative... you decide,
send them and we'll share them later!



let's go! (all distances approximate)

1. Take the Orange Metro line from the Cornelia stop toward Anagnina.
2. Take the Metro 6 stops and get off at the Flaminio Stop.
3. The Piazza Del Popolo is about a 2 minute walk south of Flaminio.

1. Piazza Del Popolo



The Piazza del Popolo (meaning The People's Square) is located inside the northern gate of the city, which was once called Porta Flaminia. The square is situated at the beginning of Via Flaminia and was the main entrance to the city during the Roman Empire.

Once on the main route to the north, Piazza del Popolo is still strategically located. Three important streets part from the square: to the left, Via del Babuino; to the right, Via di Ripetta and to the centre the Via del Corso, one of the main shopping streets of Rome.

An Egyptian obelisk dedicated to Ramesses II, called Flaminio Obelisk, is located at the centre of the piazza. Erected in the Circus Maximus during the tenth century, it was transferred to Piazza del Popolo in 1589. Many visitors come to Piazza del Popolo to see Santa Maria del Popolo, a basilica that features two magnificent canvases by Caravaggio and splendid Renaissance decorations.

send your pics to rkarp@chosenpeople.com with the subject: "piazza del popolo"

and now

- | | |
|---|-----------------|
| 1. † Head south on Piazza del Popolo toward Via del Babuino | ~20m/65ft |
| 2. † Continue onto Via del Babuino | ~550m/0.3 miles |
| 3. † Continue straight onto Piazza di Spagna | ~69m/225ft |
| 4. ↶ Turn left to stay on Piazza di Spagna | ~37m/125ft |
| 5. ↷ Turn right to stay on Piazza di Spagna | ~37m/125ft |

Total Travel: 9 minutes (700m/0.45 miles)

2. Piazza di Spagna and The Spanish Steps



The Spanish Steps (Italian: Scalinata di Trinità dei Monti) are a set of steps in Rome, Italy, climbing a steep slope between the Piazza di Spagna at the base and Piazza Trinità dei Monti, dominated by the Trinità dei Monti church at the top. The monumental stairway of 135 steps (the slightly elevated drainage system is often mistaken for the first step) was built in 1723–1725 linking the Bourbon Spanish Embassy, and the Trinità dei Monti church that was under the patronage of the Bourbon kings of France. The stairway was designed by

architects Francesco de Sanctis and Alessandro Specchi.

In the Piazza di Spagna at the base of the steps is the Early Baroque fountain called **Fontana della Barcaccia** (“Fountain of the longboat”), built in 1627–29 and often credited to Pietro Bernini, father of a more famous son, **Gian Lorenzo Bernini**,

In the piazza, at the corner on the right as one begins to climb the steps, is the house where English poet **John Keats** lived and died in 1821; it is now a museum dedicated to his memory, full of memorabilia of the English Romantic generation. On the same right side stands the 15th-century former cardinal **Lorenzo Cybo de Mari**’s palace, now Ferrari di Valbona, a building altered in 1936 to designs by **Marcello Piacentini**, the main city planner during **Fascism**, with modern terraces perfectly in harmony with the surrounding baroque context.

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onwards!

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| 1. ↑ Head south on Piazza di Spagna toward Via Borgognona | ~125m/400ft |
| 2. ↶ Turn left to stay on Piazza di Spagna | ~20m/65ft |
| 3. ↶ Turn left onto Piazza Mignanelli | ~5m/15ft |

Total Travel: ~2 minutes (150m/0.1 miles)

3. Column of the Immaculate Conception



La Colonna della Immacolata/The Column of the Immaculate Conception is a 19th century monument depicting the Virgin Mary, located in the Piazza Mignanelli, towards the south east extension of **Piazza di Spagna**. It was placed aptly in front of the **Palazzo di Propaganda Fide** (offices for promulgating the faith), now renamed the **Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples**.

The monument was designed by architect **Luigi Poletti**, and the figure on top was sculpted by Giuseppe Obici, commissioned by **Ferdinand II, King of the Two Sicilies**.

Since December 1953, **Pontiffs** have visited the monument annually and offered bouquets of flowers at the base to commemorate the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**. The **Corinthian column** itself was sculpted in ancient Rome, and was discovered in 1777 during the construction of the monastery of **Santa Maria della Concezione** located in this area, the site of the former **Campus Martius**. The original column once bore the goddess **Minerva** carrying a shield, now lost in history. At the base are four statues of Old Testament prophets each accompanied by a quote of a biblical verse in Latin, including David (by Adam Tadolini), Isaiah (by Salvatore Revelli), Ezekiel (by Carlo Chelli), and Moses (by **Ignazio Jacometti**).



Moses is seen with a forked beard and horns that some say are horns of light while others claim that the horns are representative of Moses from the Latin Vulgate.

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keep going!

1. † Head south on Piazza Mignanelli toward Piazza di Spagna ~5m/15ft
2. ↗ Turn right onto Piazza di Spagna ~20m/60ft
3. ↖ Turn left to stay on Piazza di Spagna ~30m/100ft
4. † Continue onto Via di Propaganda ~110m/350ft
5. † Continue onto Via di Sant'Andrea delle Fratte ~90m/290ft
6. ↖ Turn left onto Largo del Nazareno ~30m/100ft
7. † Continue onto Via del Nazareno ~65m/215ft
8. ↗ Turn right onto Via della Panetteria ~ 15m/50ft
9. ↗ Turn right onto Via della Stamperia ~190m/625ft
10. ↗ Turn right onto Piazza di Trevi ~20m/60ft

Total Travel: ~7 minutes (~575m/0.35 miles)

4. The Trevi Fountain



This is one of the most famous fountains in the world. The fountain is the largest **Baroque** fountain in the city and has appeared in several notable films: **Federico Fellini's La Dolce Vita**, the eponymous **Three Coins in the Fountain**, and **Roman Holiday**. The majority of the piece is made from **Travertine** stone

Competitions had become popular during the **Baroque** era to design buildings, fountains, as well as the **Spanish Steps**. In 1730 **Pope Clement XII** organized a contest in which **Nicola Salvi** initially lost to **Alessandro Galilei** – but due to the outcry in Rome over a Florentine winning, Salvi was awarded the commission. Salvi began work in 1732 and it was finished after his death by Guiseppe Pannini in 1762. It was officially opened and inaugurated on May 22, 1762 by **Pope Clement XIII**.

Coins are purportedly meant to be thrown using the right hand over the left shoulder. This was the theme of 1954's **Three Coins in the Fountain** and the Academy Award-winning song by that name which introduced the picture.

An estimated 3,000 euros are thrown into the fountain each day. In 2016, an estimated €1.4 million (US\$1.5 million) was thrown into the fountain. The money has been used to subsidize a supermarket for Rome's needy; however, there are regular attempts to steal coins from the fountain, even though it is illegal to do so.

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now let's set out for the Piazza Navona

1. ↑ Head west on Piazza di Trevi toward Vicolo del Forno ~25m/80ft
2. ↑ Continue onto Via delle Muratte ~200m/650ft
3. ↶ Turn left onto Via del Corso
4. ↷ Turn right onto Via di Pietra ~85m/275ft
5. ↑ Continue straight onto Piazza di Pietra ~60m/200ft
6. ↑ Continue onto Via dei Pastini ~40m/130ft
7. ↷ Turn right onto Via della Guglia ~50m/165ft
8. ↶ Turn left onto Via in Aquiro ~50m/165ft
9. ↑ Continue straight onto Piazza Capranica ~35m/115ft
10. ↷ Turn right onto Via del Collegio Capranica ~120m/400ft
11. ↑ Continue onto Via delle Coppelle ~140m/460ft
12. ↑ Continue onto Via di S. Agostino ~95m/310ft
13. ↷ Turn right onto Piazza delle Cinque Lune ~30m/100ft
14. ↑ Continue onto Piazza di S. Apollinare ~20m/65ft
15. ↑ Continue onto Piazza di Tor Sanguigna

Total Travel: ~11 minutes (850m/0.5 miles)

5. Piazza Navona



Built in the 1st century AD, the Piazza Navona is built on the site of the ancient **Stadium of Domitian**, and follows the form of the open space of the stadium.

Piazza Navona was transformed into a highly significant example of **Baroque** Roman architecture and art during the pontificate of **Innocent X**, who reigned from 1644 until 1655

It features important sculptural creations: in the center stands the famous **Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi** or Fountain of the Four Rivers (1651) by **Gian Lorenzo Bernini**, topped by the Obelisk of Domitian, brought in pieces from the **Circus of Maxentius**

Piazza Navona has two other fountains. At the southern end is the **Fontana del Moro** with a basin and four Tritons sculpted by **Giacomo della Porta** (1575) to which, in 1673, Bernini added a statue of a Moor, wrestling with a dolphin. At the northern end is the **Fountain of Neptune** (1574) also created by Giacomo della Porta. The statue of Neptune, by Antonio Della Bitta, was added in 1878 to create a balance with La Fontana del Moro.

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are you ready for the next stage?!

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| 1. ↑ | Head west on Piazza Navona toward Via della Cuccagna | ~5m/15ft |
| 2. ↶ | Turn left onto Via della Cuccagna | ~90m/300ft |
| 3. ↶ | Turn left onto Piazza di S. Pantaleo | ~25m/80ft |
| 4. ↶ | Turn left onto Corso Vittorio Emanuele II | ~20m/65ft |
| 5. ↷ | Turn right onto Via de' Baullari | ~130m/425ft |
| 6. ↷ | Slight right onto Piazza Campo de' Fiori | ~30m/100ft |
| 7. ↶ | Turn left to stay on Piazza Campo de' Fiori | ~40m/130ft |

Total Travel: ~4 minutes (340m/0.2 miles)

6. Campo de' Fiori (Field of Flowers) and Statue of Giordano Bruno



The Campo de' Fiori became a center of community and commerce throughout the centuries. Since **Ancient Rome**, the area was unused space between **Pompey's Theatre** and the flood-prone **Tiber**. In 1456, under **Pope Callixtus III**, Ludovico Cardinal Trevisani paved the area as part of a large project to improve the area. Executions also took place there.

In the plaza is the hooded statue of Giordano Bruno looking defiantly toward the Vatican. Bruno was an Italian Dominican friar, philosopher, mathematician, poet, and cosmological theorist. On Ash Wednesday in the year 1600, he was hung upside down naked before being burned at the stake due to the charges of heresy.

The speculation is that the charges were as follows:

- holding opinions contrary to the **Catholic faith** and speaking against it and its ministers;
- holding opinions contrary to the Catholic faith about the **Trinity**, divinity of Christ, and **Incarnation**;
- holding opinions contrary to the Catholic faith pertaining to Jesus as Christ;
- holding opinions contrary to the Catholic faith regarding the **virginity of Mary, mother of Jesus**;
- holding opinions contrary to the Catholic faith about both **Transubstantiation** and **Mass**;
- claiming the existence of a **plurality of worlds** and **their eternity**;
- believing in **metempsychosis** and in the **transmigration** of the human soul (reincarnation);
- dealing in magics and divination

He was also charged with Pantheism: Pantheism is the view that everything is part of an all-encompassing, immanent God. All forms of reality may then be considered either modes of that Being, or identical with it. Some hold that pantheism is a non-religious philosophical position. To them, pantheism is the view that the Universe (in the sense of the totality of all existence) and God are identical (implying a denial of the personality and transcendence of God).

The statue was erected in 1889 by **Ettore Ferrari**, a leader of the Italian Masons. According to a 2008 article in the New Yorker by **Joan Acocella**, a noted American journalist, "Every year, on the anniversary of his execution, various groups of **freethinkers** — **Masons, atheists, pantheists** — gather at the monument, and a representative of **Rome's** government places a wreath at its feet."

A statue of a stretched human figure standing on its head designed by **Alexander Polzin** depicting Bruno's death at the stake was placed in **Potsdamer Platz** station in **Berlin**, Germany on March 2, 2008.

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and the last stage...

1. ↑ Head northwest on Piazza Campo de' Fiori toward Via de' Baullari ~25m/
2. ↗ Turn right to stay on Piazza Campo de' Fiori ~30m/
3. ↖ Turn left to stay on Piazza Campo de' Fiori ~20m/
4. ↗ Turn right to stay on Piazza Campo de' Fiori ~10m/
5. ↖ Turn left onto Via del Pellegrino ~ 200m/
6. ↗ Turn right onto Via Sora ~45m/
7. ↖ Turn left onto Corso Vittorio Emanuele II ~ 350m/
8. ↗ Turn right onto Largo Ottavio Tassoni ~45m/
9. ↑ Continue onto Via del Banco di Santo Spirito ~ 150m/
10. ↑ Continue onto Ponte Sant'Angelo ~ 150m/
11. ↗ Turn right onto Lungotevere Castello

Total Travel: ~13 minutes (~1km/0.6 miles)

7. Castel Sant'Angelo (Mausoleum of Hadrian)



Castel Sant'Angelo is now a museum, but was originally commissioned by the **Roman Emperor Hadrian** as a **mausoleum** for himself and his family. The building was later used (in the 14th century) by popes as a fortress and castle. **Pope Nicholas III** connected the castle to **St Peter's Basilica** by a covered fortified corridor called the **Passetto di Borgo**. The fortress was the refuge of **Pope Clement VII** from the siege of **Charles V's Sacking of Rome (1527)**



The site and nearby bridge was the site of hundreds of executions until the 18th century. According to legend, the ghost of a young woman, **Beatrice Cenci**, appears at midnight between Sept 10th – 11th. She is seen wandering j the bridge holding her own severed head. In 1577, after suffering abuse from her father and failed attempts to garner the help of the pope, Beatrice killed her father Francesco and confessed. She and her family were sentenced to death even amidst the efforts of the people of Rome to stop the proceedings. Their

vast wealth was seized by the Vatican. Decommissioned in 1901, the castle is now a museum, the Museo Nazionale di Castel Sant'Angelo

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