

PONTIFICAL VILLAS OF CASTEL GANDOLFO

PRATICAL INFO

Guided tour of the Barberini Garden

Who has never wished to visit, at least once in a lifetime, the Pope's Gardens? That magnificent and secret place overlooking the lake of Castel Gandolfo, where the splendour of art and the glory of nature co-exist in admirable equilibrium? It took a man like Pope Francis to make this dream practicable and accessible to all. It was his decision to open his gardens to whoever may wish to visit them.

From 1 March 2014, through a system of bookings and multilingual guided tours, described here in detail, the papal Gardens of Castel Gandolfo are regularly opened to the public. This initiative will begin with the opening of the Barberini Garden, the most accessible and also the least known. Visitors entering the villa, which belonged to the Barberini family before passing to the Holy See by the concordat of 1929, will be able to admire extraordinarily evocative natural and archaeological contexts. From the Magnolia Garden to the Path of Roses, from the Path of aromatic Herbs to that of the Lilies, from the square of the holly oaks to the Belvedere Garden. The area of Villa Barberini was the site of Emperor Domitian's Villa, and the visitor may pause among the ruins of the imperial Theatre or discover the crypto-portico, a grand and romantic ruin, worthy of the imagination of Piranesi. Looking out over the Piazzale Quadrato or the Belvedere Gardens, there is a panoramic view of all of Latium, extending out to the blue line of the sea.

Pope Francis could not have offered us a more beautiful gift.

Antonio Paolucci

Type of visit	group or individual with compulsory guide
Visiting days	from Monday to Satur-
Duration of the visit	90 minutes
Languages available	Italian; English. By special request: French, Spanish and German (tours.musei@scv.va)
Method of purchase	obligatory online booking and purchase on the Vatican Museums website

PRICES

Barberini Garden	
€ 450,00 fixed price	€ 650,00 fixed price
for groups of up to 15 persons	for groups of up to 25 persons

Barberini Garden
€ 26,00 fixed price
for individuals and groups of up to 25 persons

N.B. At the time of the visit, there may be no additions to the number of participants who have previously

USEFUL INFORMATION

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The garden is not currently accessible to wheelchair users or persons with reduced mobility. Visitors are advised to wear comfortable shoes
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A cloakroom service is not currently available
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Only small bags and rucksacks are permitted
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It is possible to bring plastic bottles only
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Photography is permitted without the use of flash
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Animals are not permitted
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Food may not be consumed during the visit
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Smoking is not permitted in the tour area
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It is forbidden to pick flowers, plants and herbs
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There are no on-site parking facilities
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Access is granted only to visitors who are appropriately dressed (shirts without sleeves, shorts and mini-skirts are not permitted)
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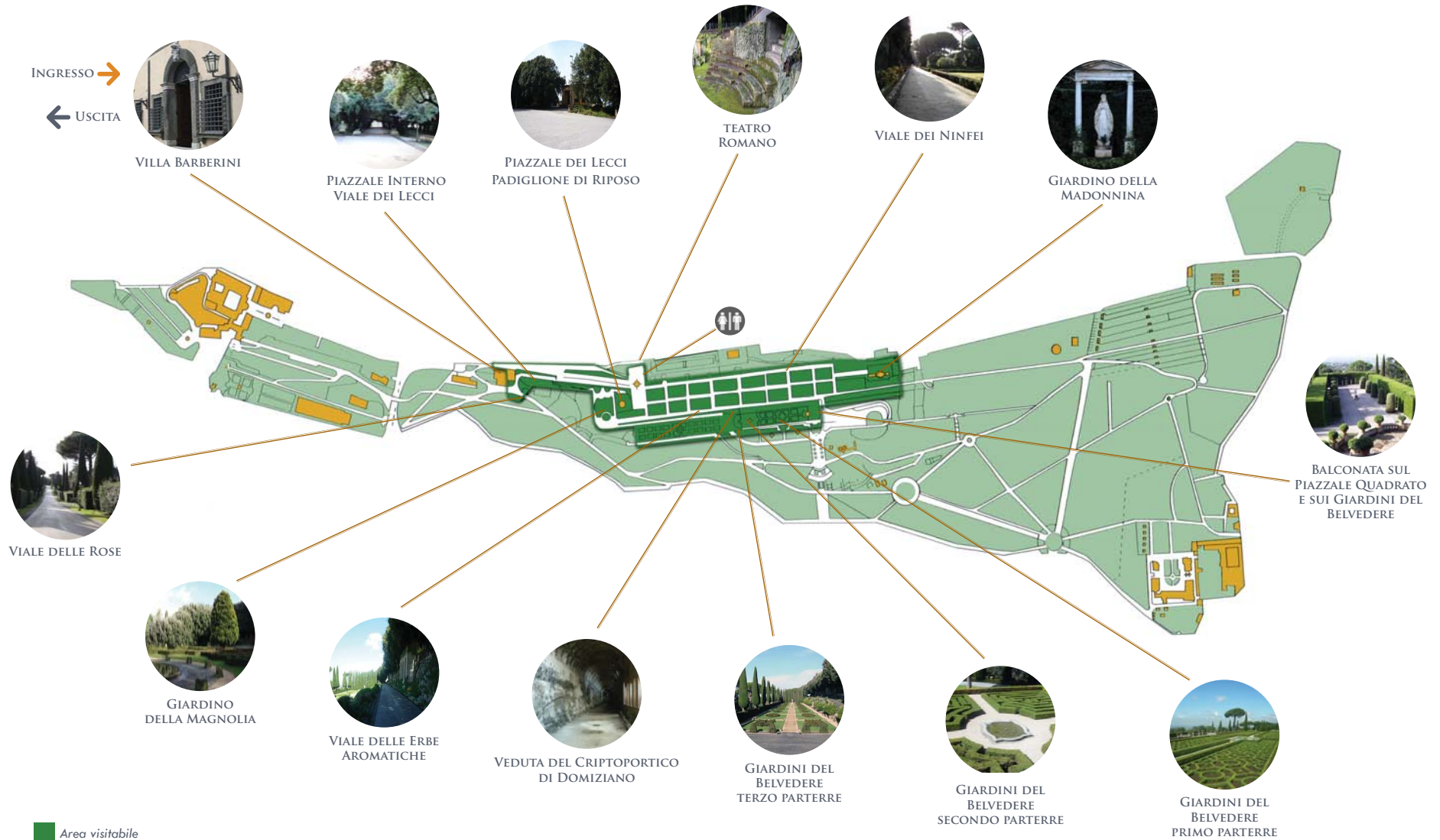
The guided tour is confirmed also in adverse weather conditions
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Visitors may be subject to security checks
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The tour itinerary is subject to change due to unanticipated activity on the part of the Holy See or Vatican City State

VILLE PONTIFICIE DI CASTEL GANDOLFO

GIARDINO BARBERINI ITINERARIO DI VISITA GUIDATA*



* L'itinerario di visita è suscettibile di variazioni per impreviste attività della Santa Sede o dello Stato della Città del Vaticano



Pontifical Villas – Barberini Garden
Strada Provinciale 71/b
Via Carlo Rosselli – opposite Piazzale Urbano VIII
Castel Gandolfo (Rome)

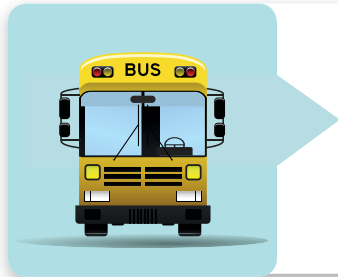


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How to get there



Bus

Metro Line A, direction Anagnina. Get off at the end of the line at Anagnina.
From the **Bus Terminal** for **COTRAL lines**, take the Rome – Castel Gandolfo bus.
Get off at the Castel Gandolfo stop and follow the signs for the town centre (10 minutes on foot).

Train

Termini Station, Rome – Albano railway line. Get off at Castel Gandolfo station.
From the station, follow the signs for the town centre (15 minutes on foot).



Road

Strada Statale 7 “Via Appia Nuova” leaving Rome and follow the signs for Castel Gandolfo.
Various car parks, free and paid.
According to the chosen car park, follow the signs for the town centre (from 5 to 15 minutes on foot).