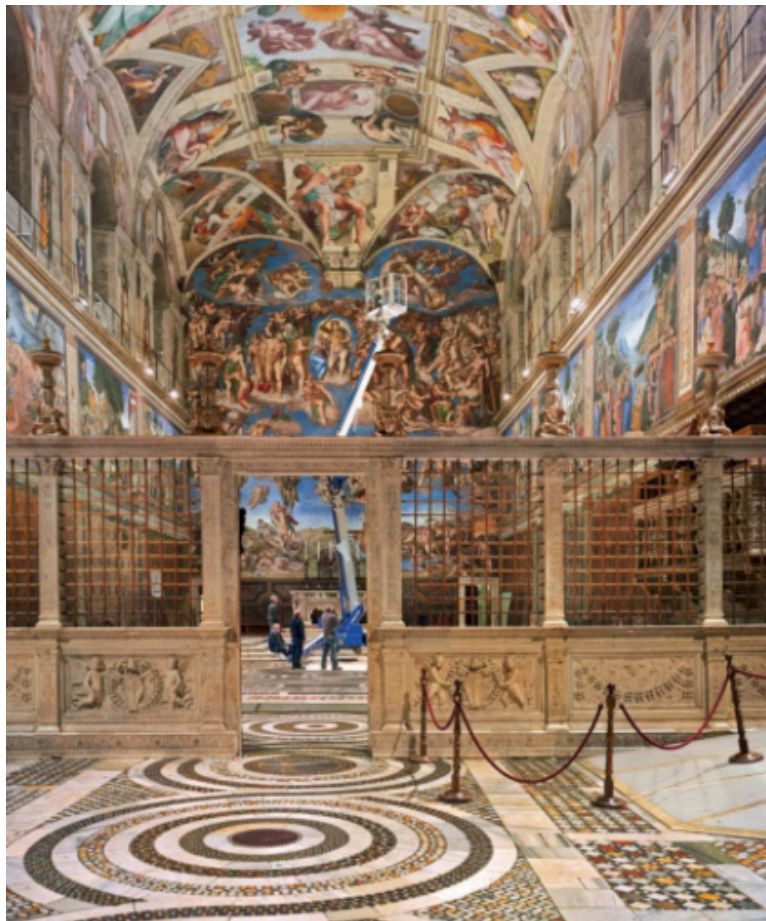


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Sistine Chapel painted in fresco by Michelangelo between 1508 and 1512 is a cornerstone work of Renaissance art. The Chapel is the large papal chapel built within the Vatican between 1477 and 1480 by Pope Sixtus IV, for whom the chapel is named. The ceiling was painted at the commission of Pope Julius II.





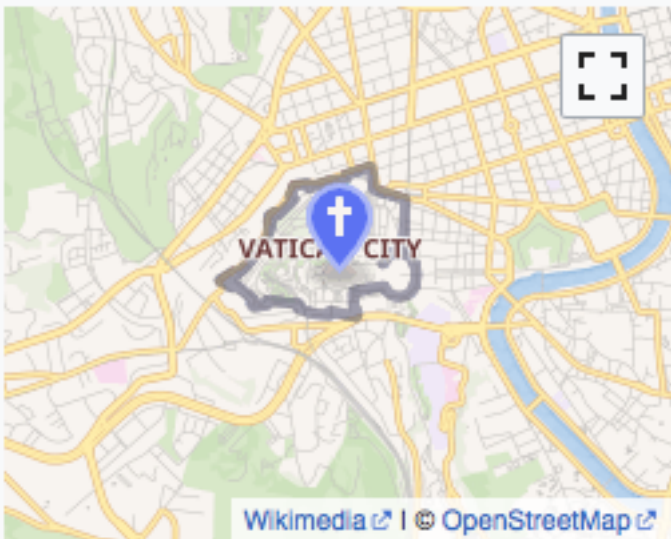
Touring the Vatican Museums could take weeks if not months. The Art and Artifacts are incredibly impressive and being on a tour did not give me much time to look or study any of the pieces, but I really did enjoy the Museums. They call this off season but you would never guess that based on the amount of people.

Even though they are both situated in the Vatican City, **St. Peter's basilica does not constitute part of the Vatican Museums.** Unlike the Museums, the basilica is free to enter and you don't require a ticket to get in. That being said, the entrance lines snaking across the square outside can be very long. Jul 19, 2019





Main façade and dome of St. Peter's Basilica, seen from St. Peter's Square



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41°54'08"N 12°27'12"E

The **Papal Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican** (Italian: *Basilica Papale di San Pietro in Vaticano*), or simply **Saint Peter's Basilica** (Latin: *Basilica Sancti Petri*), is a church built in the Renaissance style located in Vatican City, the papal enclave that is within the city of Rome, Italy. It was initially planned by Pope Nicholas V and then Pope Julius II to replace the aging Old St. Peter's Basilica, which was built in the fourth century by Roman emperor Constantine the Great. Construction of the present basilica began on 18 April 1506 and was completed on 18 November 1626.<sup>[2]</sup>





Panorama of St. Peter's Square



