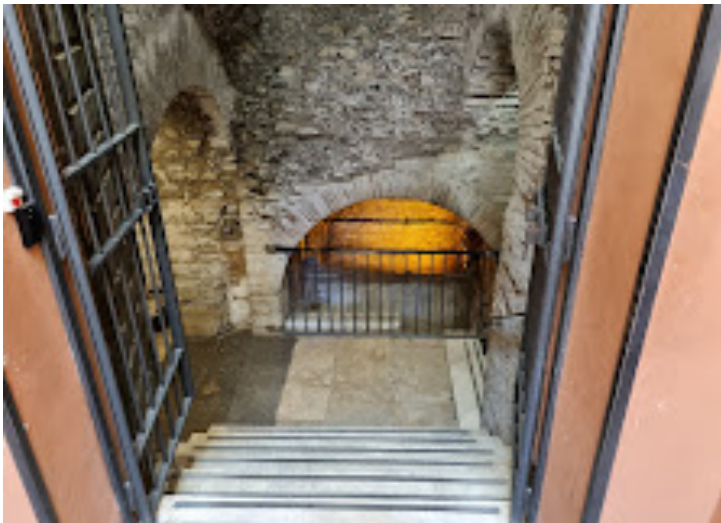


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Catacombs & Roman Basilicas

Underground Catacombs on the Appian Way (Catacombe San Callisto)
Roman Basilicas





The Catacomb of Callixtus is one of the most notable for containing the Crypt of the Popes, which once contained the tombs of several Popes from the 2nd to 4th centuries.

The Basilica of Saint Mary Major, or church of Santa Maria Maggiore, is a Major papal basilica as well as one of the Seven Pilgrim Churches of Rome and the



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Basilica di San Giovanni in Laterano

This was the first church where you could be baptized and originally only adults could be baptized. Original Roman construction.



Basilica Santa Maria Maggiore

The basilica enshrines the venerated image of Salus Populi Romani, depicting the Blessed Virgin Mary as the health and protectress of the Roman people. This is the largest (Maggiore) of the eight Mary churches in Rome. The church was built in 432 by order of the Pope, and the first church for the Blessed virgin Mary.



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