One day itinerary: Children

With plenty of history and culture to uncover, Rome is packed full of fun child-friendly activities designed to inspire, educate and entertain all at once. From classes where youngsters can learn how to be a Roman gladiator, to action-packed amusement parks and traditional Italian puppet shows, there’s so much to do in The Eternal City. Discover where to take your children during a trip to Rome with this two-day itinerary.

Begin the day early with a 15-minute drive or a 30-minute walk to The Colosseum.

THE COLOSSEUM
Piazza del Colosseo 1, 00184 Rome

Instantly recognisable from postcards and history books, The Colosseum is Rome’s most iconic structure. Take your children on an eye-opening tour of the ancient arena and walk in the footsteps of the gladiators who fought to the death here, cheered on by Roman Emperors and tens of thousands of spectators.

Then, take a 10-minute drive to Gladiator School.

GLADIATOR SCHOOL
T: 006 5160 7951 | Gruppo Storico Romano Gladiator School, Via Appia Antica 18, 00179 Rome

With The Colosseum fresh in your mind, this is the perfect time to visit Gruppo Storico Romano Gladiator School. Begin in the museum and browse ancient artefacts such as swords and helmets (which you can try on), before taking part in a costumed gladiator-style training session and ‘tournament’.

Make your way to Luneur Park, which is a 15-minute drive away.

LUNEUR PARK
Via delle Tre Fontane 100, 00144 Rome

If you’re visiting Rome at the weekend, Luneur Park is a definite highlight for children under 12. The amusement park has been designed with a ‘Garden of Wonders’ theme and is packed full of imaginative attractions such as a giant Ferris wheel, a golden labyrinth, exciting rides, adventure challenges and interactive workshops.

Next, take a 15-minute drive to Teatro Verde.
TEATRO VERDE
T: 006 588 2034 | Circonvallazione Gianicolense 10, 00152 Rome

The “Green Theatre” has been running since 1979, and is entirely dedicated to entertaining children and families. Performance season runs from October through May and features everything from award-winning puppet shows, musicals and plays to workshops, storytelling sessions and playtime. Seat your kids with the other children in the first few rows of the production hall or watch one of the vibrant performances as a family in the seats further back. Shows start at 3pm or 5pm and are certain to keep everyone entertained.

*Take a 20-minute drive to reach Bartolucci.*

BARTOLUCCI
T: 006 6919 0894 | Via dei Pastini 96-98-99, 00186 Rome

Discover the art of Italian woodwork and treat your children to a figurine from the charming family-run Bartolucci toyshop. The magical store is filled with a wonderful collection of traditional handmade and painted wooden toys, available to buy. Naturally, the most popular character is Pinocchio, which children will instantly recognise from the Walt Disney movie.

*To get back to the hotel, it’s a 15-minute walk or drive.*

All journey times are approximate and subject to variation.