Roman Topography*

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Abstract

A basic introductory bibliography to the topography and monuments of the ancient city of Rome.

1 Topography of Rome

1.1 Edited by Mary Jaeger, University of Oregon

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1.2 Archaeological Guides:


A convenient, very well illustrated guide to the major archaeological sites of ancient Rome.


Long considered the definitive guide by a major figure in Roman topography, Coarelli’s famous Guida is now available in a revised English version by J. J. Clauss and D. P. Harmon of the University of Washington.

1.3 Topographical dictionaries:


Richardson’s Dictionary gives definitions (e.g., of domus, insula, atrium, horti, villa, etc.) and useful lists (e.g., under Domus, all known owners). It has no map, which is an inconvenience. However it works nicely in conjunction with the maps on the website The Illustrated History of the Roman Empire (www.roman-empire.net/maps/rome1).


Steinby’s Lexicon, now the definitive reference work of this kind, includes entries by a number of scholars active in research on Roman topography. It covers Christian as well as pagan buildings constructed within the Aurelian walls through the early seventh century CE, with major bibliography included. Most, but not all, articles are in Italian.

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http://www.roman-empire.net/maps/rome/

http://cnx.org/content/m36624/1.2/
1.4 Topographical websites:

1.4.1 Rome:

The Illustrated History of the Roman Empire.
A virtual plan of Rome:
Stanford Digital Forma Urbis Romae Project.
formaurbis.stanford.edu/docs/FURmap.html
An extremely helpful, multi-faceted introduction to a key tool for the study of the ancient city, the Severan Marble Plan (Forma Urbis Romae).

The Ara Pacis
http://cdm.reed.edu/ara-pacis/
A wonderful site on the Ara Pacis, created by Charles S. Rhyne, Professor Emeritus of Art History at Reed College, providing excellent illustrations, background, references, etc. to this extraordinary monument.

The Rome Reborn Project
www.romereborn.virginia.edu

The Rome Reborn aims to create three-dimensional digital models illustrating the urban development of ancient Rome from the first settlement in the late Bronze Age (ca. 1000 B.C.) to the depopulation of the city in the early Middle Ages (ca. A.D. 550). The current version centers on the city as it was in 320 CE.

The Digital Roman Forum Project
dlib.etc.ucla.edu/projects/Forum

The Roman Forum Project under the auspices of UCLA’s Experiential Technology Center combines digital models of the Forum Roman at various historical periods with online resources for the study of its main structures. The site includes a link to open an interactive version of the ancient forum in Google Earth.

1.4.2 Outside of Rome:

Everything Ostia:
www.ostia-antica.org
The Princeton Encyclopedia of Classical Sites
icarus.umkc.edu/sandbox/perseus/pecs/index.html

http://cnx.org/content/m36624/1.2/