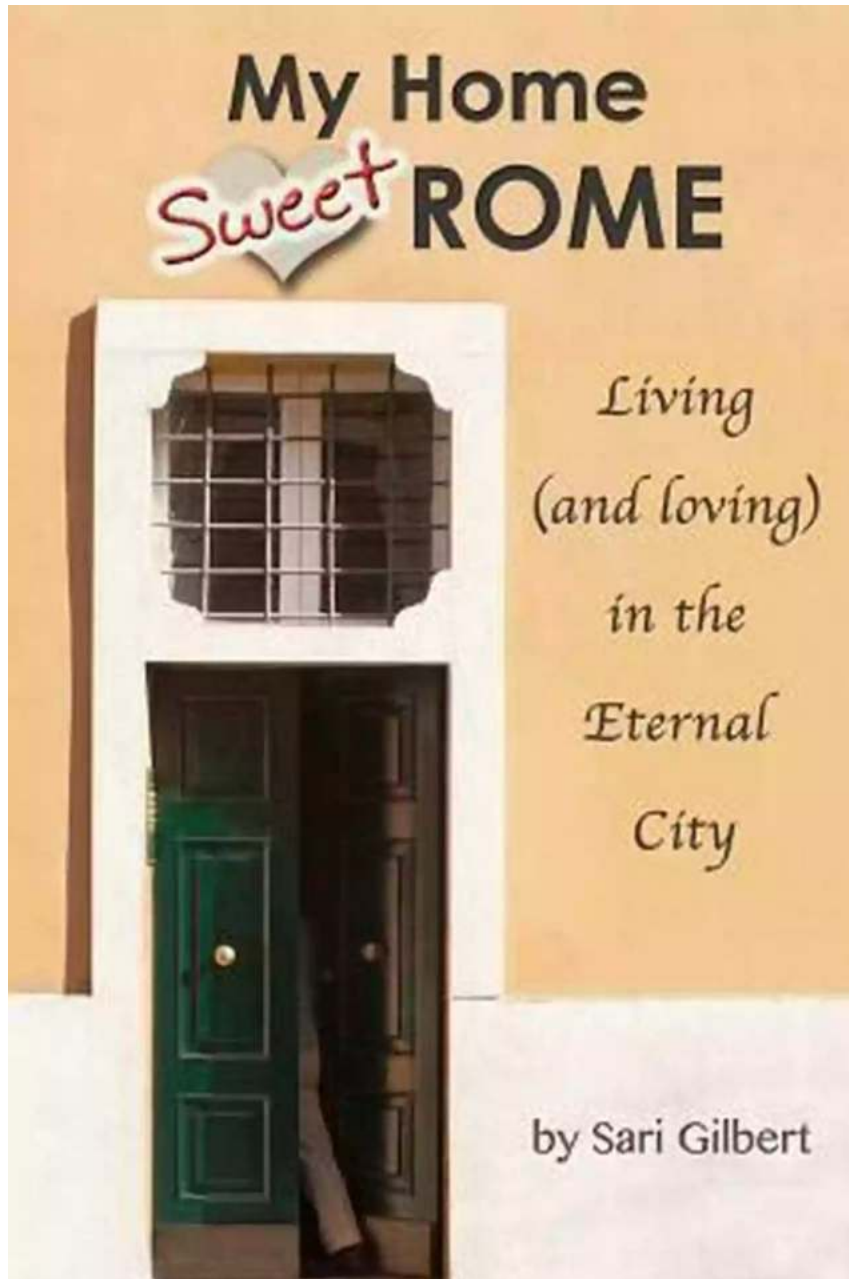


# My Home Sweet Rome - The Ultimate Guide to the Eternal City

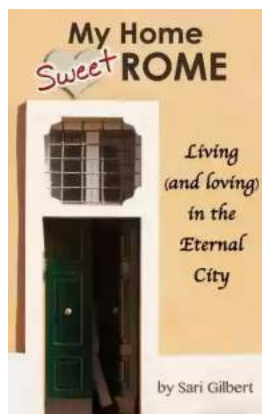


Rome, the capital city of Italy, is often referred to as the Eternal City. With its rich history, stunning architecture, and vibrant culture, Rome is a destination that offers something for everyone. In this comprehensive guide, we will take you on a

virtual tour of My Home Sweet Rome, showcasing the best attractions, food, and hidden gems the city has to offer.

## Exploring Ancient Wonders

Begin your journey through Rome's history by visiting the iconic Colosseum. This ancient amphitheater, built in the 1st century AD, once hosted fierce gladiator battles and other public spectacles. Marvel at the grandeur of its architecture and imagine the stories that took place within its walls. Don't forget to capture the perfect Instagram shot! Next, head to the Roman Forum, a sprawling plaza filled with the ruins of ancient government buildings, temples, and arches. Take a leisurely stroll through history as you explore the remnants of the Roman Empire.



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## Art and Culture

Rome is a city of art, and nowhere is this more evident than in the Vatican Museums. Home to some of the world's most renowned masterpieces, including the Sistine Chapel and Raphael's Rooms, this is a must-visit destination for art

lovers. Admire the intricate details of Michelangelo's frescoes and embrace the silence and serenity within the Vatican's walls.

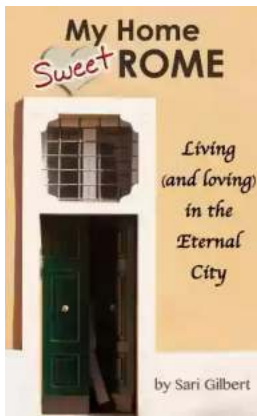
## **Culinary Delights**

No trip to Rome is complete without indulging in the city's culinary delights. From classic pasta dishes like carbonara and amatriciana to mouthwatering pizzas straight out of a wood-fired oven, Rome is a food lover's paradise. Grab a gelato from one of the local gelaterias and savor the authentic flavors of Italy. For a truly unique experience, visit Testaccio Market, a food lover's haven where you can sample local delicacies, from freshly baked bread to regional cheeses and cured meats.

## **Hidden Gems**

While Rome is famous for its well-known attractions, it's the hidden gems that truly bring out the charm of the city. Explore the vibrant neighborhood of Trastevere, with its narrow winding streets and colorful facades. Discover quaint cafes and trattorias serving traditional Roman cuisine, and immerse yourself in the local atmosphere. Stroll through Villa Borghese, a sprawling park filled with fountains, sculptures, and beautiful gardens. This peaceful oasis offers a respite from the bustling city center, perfect for a relaxing afternoon picnic.

My Home Sweet Rome is a city that captivates hearts and souls. With its historical landmarks, world-class art, delectable cuisine, and hidden treasures, Rome offers an unforgettable experience for every visitor. Whether you're a history buff, an art enthusiast, or a food lover, Rome is a destination that promises to leave a lasting impression. So, pack your bags and get ready to embark on a journey through time and culture in My Home Sweet Rome!



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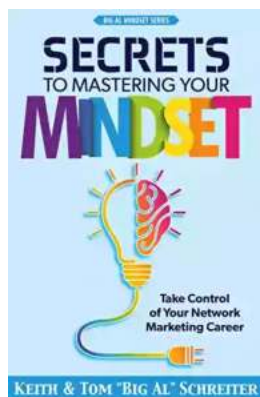
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It's a wonderful place to visit, but would you want to live there? Sari Gilbert, who has lived for close to 40 years in what many have called the Eternal City, answers with a resounding “yes..... but”. A native New Yorker who moved to Rome after finishing graduate school and then became a journalist, Gilbert's book “My Home Sweet Rome: Living (and Loving) in the Eternal City” describes what life is really like in the Italian capital: to sum it up, “fascinating, and delightful, but not at all easy”. Many foreigners have moved to Italy, but relatively few have decided to stay on for the rest of their lives, unless they are married and have put down family roots. Gilbert uses her own particular status – as an attractive and single woman, as a journalist for major U.S. and Italian news organs, and as an American – as a magnifying lens to examine the various aspects of Italian and Roman life. She gives us an unveiled view of the country’s politics, its stifling bureaucracy, its contradictory social customs, everyday concerns and gastronomical habits. Gilbert also takes us through the less pleasant phases of recent Italian history: Mafia, terrorism, the assassination attempt on the life of the first (but not the last) non-Italian Pope, the meteoric rise of Silvio Berlusconi. In

the process, we learn what it is like to work in Italy as both a foreign correspondent and a local reporter for Italian newspapers. Even more intriguing perhaps, Gilbert sheds light on what love and sex are really like with Italian men, be they average Giuseppes or high-placed movers and shakers. Subjects include: Italy, Rome, Living abroad, Italian men, Love, Italian politics, Italian history, Italian food, Mafia, Terrorism



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