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Now is the perfect time to visit Rome...and AutoVenture is the perfect way to see it

Ciao Deston,

For more than 30 years, Angelo Amorico has been introducing visitors to the romance and glory of Italy...his Italy. As an AutoVenture guide and chauffeur, he knows what visitors want to experience, where they can best relish the finest cuisine, and how to help them go beyond an ordinary trudge from museum to ruin. Angelo knows how to bring visitors closer to the culture.



Angelo spent a few minutes with us to convey why now is the perfect time to book a trip to Italy:

AutoVenture: Why is *this* the best time to come to Italy?

Angelo: Right now, it's less crowded, there are good deals on hotels and in restaurants. Best of all, the dollar has gained strength over the euro, making this a more affordable time to come.

AutoVenture: What are some of the hot new events or exhibits tourists should come see NOW?

Angelo: Currently at the Chiostro del Bramante, there is The Myth of Julius Caesar, a show that showcases the man himself, with 200 items dating from ancient times up until the 20th century. It lasts until April 5.

It may not be new, but I always make sure my visitors try the Trattoria "Da Pietro." It's special because it's a typical Roman restaurant (small) where locals go and the food is the best in town. The special dishes are "pasta al tartufo" (truffles), "pasta alla carbonara" (bacon and eggs), "pasta alla matriciana" (bacon and tomato), and "fettucine alla Bolognese." Sounds simple, but the preparation is amazing.

If travelers hurry, they can catch the Picasso exhibit at the Vittoriano. The show is called Picasso 1917-1937, the Harlequin of Art, with more than 180 works. It is the first major Rome show on this Spanish master in 55 years—but it only lasts until February 8.

AutoVenture: How did you get started in this business?

Angelo: I was offered a job as a driver for an American tourist visiting Italy. I enjoyed showing visitors the gems that make Italy such an unforgettable destination. Thirty years later, I am still in the business. It is such a pleasure to show off my hometown.

AutoVenture: Where can AutoVenture clients expect to meet you once they arrive in Italy?

Angelo: We meet our clients at the hotel or at the airport. We'll begin with a tour of Rome that includes the Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, Colosseum and Forum. Then, of course, we'll go by the Vatican. But we also go off the typical tourist path. We take our friends to

Aventine Hill and Gianicolo Hill, where they can see the best views of Rome, and they are not visited that much by large groups or tour companies.

AutoVenture: Name five places in Rome where a guide can enrich your experience.

Angelo: First, there's the Vatican, Ancient Rome, Pantheon, Piazza Navona and the Borghese Gallery. An AutoVenture guide will know all their history and importance. Each of these places has so much history behind it, that only a seasoned guide can make you visualize how it was really was in the past.

AutoVenture: There must be plenty of tour guides in Rome. What makes an AutoVenture a cut above the rest?

Angelo: AutoVenture guides not only learn about the city, they understand what American tourists are looking for. We have very strict hiring guidelines. AutoVenture guides are local, he or she must be proficient in English, and must be educated, caring and passionate about their work. And this is golden: we enhance the experience by skipping the lines (which are very long in the summer) at the popular tourist sites. Why spend your valuable vacation time standing in line? We not only bring you closer to the culture, you bring you closer to more things without waiting around.

AutoVenture: Let's talk food. How does an AutoVenture guide help? How will a tourist know they are going to the best local places and not just one that advertises or tips the most?

Angelo: AutoVenture guides know all the best restaurants in Rome: the best trattorias, pizza, seafood and meat restaurants in town. To avoid an overpriced tourist trap, one rule of thumb is to dine in restaurants located off the main piazzas.

Let Angelo take you on a tour of his Rome, to experience its warmth and riches as only a native could. In every country, AutoVenture relies upon local, native, English-speaking guides to enhance your traveling experience.

AutoVenture takes all of the hassle out of arriving in a new place or country. [Download a brochure](#) or [visit us online](#) to find out why AutoVenture is the best choice for bringing you closer to the culture.

Sincerely,

Mike and Rob Strandoo

