

MUSEI CAPITOLINI



The Musei Capitolini date from 1471, when Pope Sixtus IV donated to the People of Rome a group of bronze statues that until then had been at the Lateran. Successive popes enlarged the original core collection with works found during excavations in and around Rome. Some were transferred from the Vatican; others, such as the Albani Collection, were purchased specifically for this museum. Around the middle of the 18th century,

Pope Benedict XIV founded the Capitoline Picture Gallery. At the end of the 19th century, soon after Rome's proclamation as Italy's Capital (1870), many ancient art pieces - dug out in excavations carried out for the creation of the City's new districts- were added to the Museum's collections. The museums' collections are displayed in two of the three buildings that enclose Piazza del Campidoglio - **Palazzo dei Conservatori** and **Palazzo Nuovo** (the third is Palazzo Senatorio). These two buildings are linked by an underground tunnel which houses the **Lapidary Gallery** and leads into the ancient **Tabularium** (beneath Palazzo Senatorio), whose monumental arches overlook the Roman Forum. The Palazzo Nuovo houses the collections of ancient sculptures assembled in the past by the Roman nobility; their arrangement has remained mostly unchanged since the 18th century. They include a famous collection of busts of ancient philosophers and Roman emperors, the statue of the Dying Gaul, the Capitoline Venus and the reclining male statue popularly known as "Marforio", which dominates the courtyard.

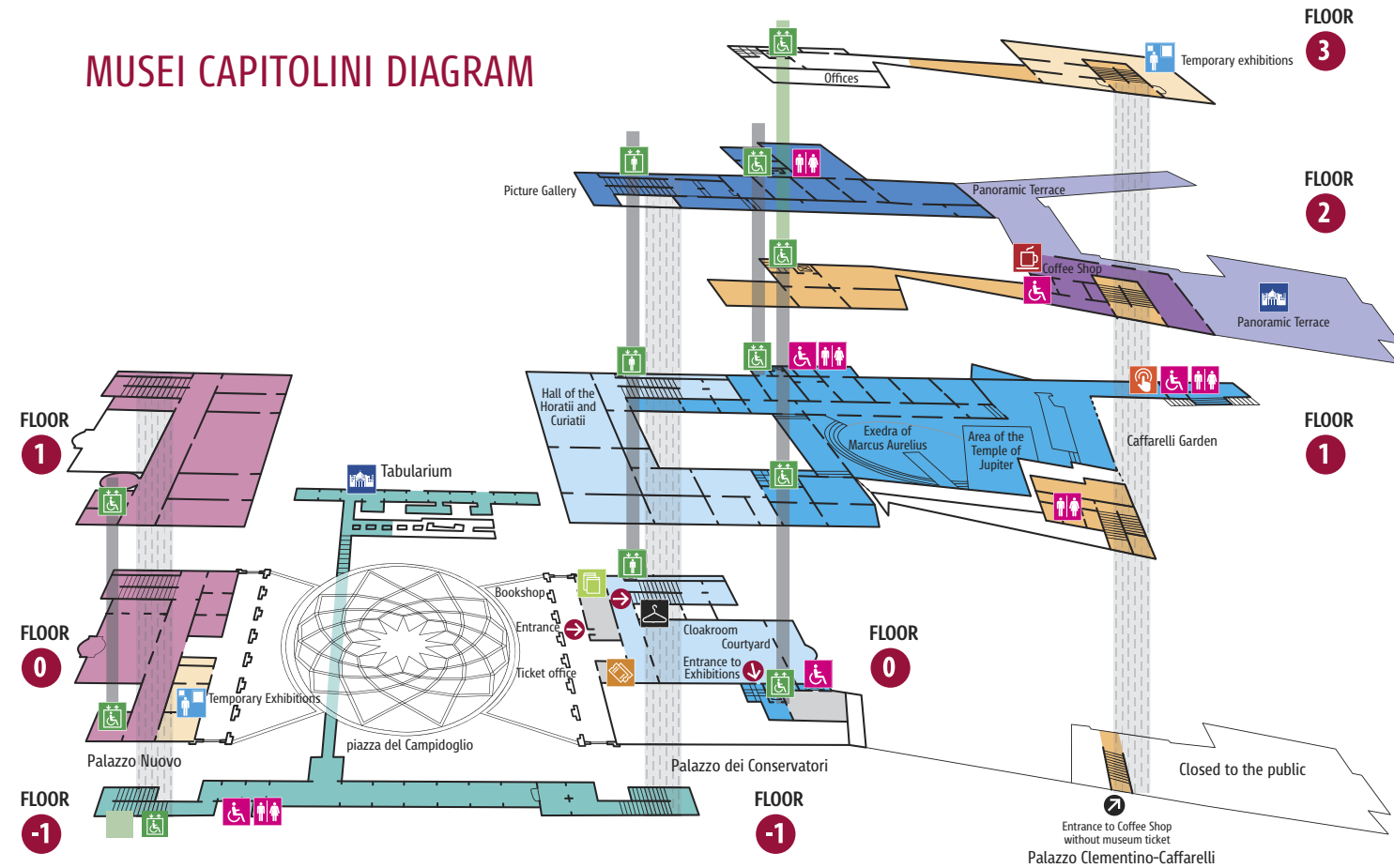


The **Conservators' Apartment** was the original architectural core of the Palazzo dei Conservatori; it is adorned with splendid frescoes depicting the history of Rome. The stately atmosphere of these rooms is heightened by the ancient Roman bronzes on display: the Capitoline She-Wolf, the Boy With Thorn and the Capitoline Brutus. On the first floor of the palace, a large recently-built **glass-roofed hall** houses the ancient equestrian statue of Marcus Aurelius which once stood in Piazza del Campidoglio, and the imposing remains of the Temple of Jupiter. Part of this hall is devoted to the most ancient period of the Capitoline Hill's history, spanning from its earliest settlement to the erection of the temple, and including displays of the finds from recent excavations.

The rooms adjoining the glass hall contain artworks from the ancient gardens (horti) on the Esquiline Hill. The galleries connecting the Marcus Aurelius hall to the apartments of Palazzo dei Conservatori house the Castellani Collection, an example of collecting practices in the 19th century.

On the second floor, the **Capitoline Picture Gallery's** works are arranged in chronological order from the late Middle Ages to the 18th century. They include two paintings by Caravaggio (The Fortune Teller and St. John the Baptist), a very large canvas by Guercino (The Burial of St. Petronilla) and a good number of works by Guido Reni and Pietro da Cortona. **Palazzo Clementino-Caffarelli** hosts the Capitoline Coin and Medal Collection, with a great number of coins, medals, gems and jewels on display. A separate area is reserved for temporary exhibitions.

MUSEI CAPITOLINI DIAGRAM



- Tabularium - View over the Forum
- Palazzo Nuovo
- Palazzo dei Conservatori
- Conservators' Apartment
- Palazzo dei Conservatori Museum
- Capitoline Picture Gallery
- Palazzo Clementino-Caffarelli
- Temporary Exhibitions
- Coffee Shop
- Panoramic terrace

- Entrance
- Entrance to Coffee Shop without museum ticket
- Ticket office
- Cloakroom
- Capitoline Bookshop
- Multimedia Area
- Restrooms
- Restrooms for visitors with disabilities
- Lift
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- Stairway

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