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COFFEE

Coffee is taken either standing up at the bar or, for a significantly higher price, sitting down at a table. In Rome, cafes are crammed with business people taking their lunch and afternoon coffees. In the summer, most cafes offer a delicious *granita di caffè con panna* (frozen coffee with fresh whipped cream).

The Lion Bookshop and Café, V. dei Greci, 33/36 (☎06 32 65 40 07; www.thelion-bookshop.com), near P. di Spagna. Turn right on V. dei Greci from V. del Corso. This English-language bookstore has a cafe where you can thumb through cookbooks, while you sip your espresso (€1.50-2.50) and listen to rehearsal music waft in from the conservatory across the street. Open M 3:30-7:30pm, Tu-Su 10am-7:30pm. AmEx/MC/V.

Bar Giulia (a.k.a. Cafe Peru), V. Giulia, 84 (☎06 68 61 310), near P. V. Emanuele II. Bar Giulia serves what may be the cheapest (and most delicious) coffee in Rome (€0.60, at table €0.70) and adds your favorite liqueur at no charge. You may have to crowd surf to get your cup of fresh-squeezed orange juice. Open M-Sa 5am-9:30pm.

Caffè Tazza d'Oro, V. d. Orfani, 84-86 (☎06 67 92 768). Facing away from the Pantheon's *portico*, the sign is on the right. This famous coffee shop makes the highest quality coffee in Rome, and has an extensive collection of teas. Try the signature *regina arabica* or the summer favorite, *granita di caffè* with fresh whipped cream (€1.50). Espresso €0.65; cappuccino €0.80. Internet €1 per 15min. Open M-Sa 7am-8pm.

Sant'Eustachio Il Caffè, P. S. Eustachio, 82 (☎06 68 80 20 48). Turn right on V. Palombella behind the Pantheon. Rome's "coffee empire," this cafe was once frequented by Stendhal. Though the coffee is excellent, the average struggling artist may not be able to afford the habit. *Gran caffè speciale* €2.10, at table €3.60. Open M-Th 8:30am-1am, F 8:30am-1:30am, Sa 8:30am-2am.

Caffè della Pace, V. della Pace, 3-7 (☎06 68 61 216), off P. Navona. This laidback spot looks more like an antique gallery than a cafe. But on warm evenings the young and beautiful drink their *prosecco* (€3), espresso (€2), or *apertivi* (€6) at a table outside. Open daily 9am-2am; closed M mornings.

L'Impiccione Viaggiatore, Ancient City, V. della Madonna Dei Monti, 28 (☎06 67 86 188; www.limpiccioneviaggiatore.com). Go through the park at the beginning of V. Cavour, off V. dei Fori Imperiali. This neighborhood travel store has a full library of guides in English, French, German, Italian, and Spanish for patrons to peruse while sipping espresso (€0.70-€1.50) or desserts (*tiramisu*; €5). The owners will even help with travel planning. Free Internet for customers. Open daily 8:30am-midnight.