



Rome or Bust – FAQ's

We've tried to answer all the questions we could think of but please get in touch if we've missed anything.

There's a lot to consider before signing up for a challenge like Rome or Bust. But we can promise you an incredible journey, breathtaking scenery, and great company, and all for a really amazing charity.

When do I need to register?

As soon as possible!

How much sponsorship do I have to raise?

We ask you to pledge to raise £1,500 but if you can raise more we'd be delighted.

What's the deadline for raising sponsorship?

All sponsorship funds must be with us by 31st October 2024. We also require £800 (£800 includes your £400 non-refundable registration fee) to have been paid to Martha by 31st August 2024.

Where do I send my registration and sponsorship?

Please mark all correspondence 'Rome or Bust' and send it to The Fundraising Team, Martha Trust, Homestead Lane, Hacklinge, Deal, Kent CT14 0PG

How much of the sponsorship goes to Martha Trust?

Obviously we have to deduct our costs for the trip but we'll do all we can to keep these to a minimum. We aim for at least £1,000 per car to go towards the work of Martha.

How do I raise £1,500?

Raising £1,500 may feel like a huge task but we'll help you every step of the way. We've created a fundraising toolkit and a fundraising guide full of useful suggestions and ideas to get you started. And if you struggle to meet your target then get in touch with the fundraising team (details below) and we'll do all we can to help.

What happens if I can't raise the minimum sponsorship?

Without enough funding to cover the costs of the challenge you won't be able to participate but we will always try to work with you to help you raise the outstanding sponsorship.

Is a registration fee required?

We ask for a non-refundable registration fee of £400, payable on registration, and a further £400 of your sponsorship to be paid to Martha by 31st August 2024. The £800 payable prior to setting off is included as part of your total £1,500 sponsorship. The £800 registration fee is non refundable.

If you are struggling to raise sponsorship, please contact the Fundraising Team on 01304 610448 or email fundraising@marthatrust.org.uk and we'll do all we can to help



When does the registration fee have to be sent to Martha Trust?

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What costs are met by Martha Trust?

Martha Trust will organise and pay for:

- channel crossing from Dover to Calais
- overnight hotel accommodation
- return flight
- a celebration meal in Rome

What do I need to pay for?

You will need to pay for your fuel, toll charges (est. total 219 euros), Crit'Air sticker, travel insurance, meals and drinks (with the exception of the celebratory meal in Rome) and of course all costs related to the purchase of your vehicle including MOT, tax and insurance and breakdown cover (should you choose to take it out).

Can I take any type of car, jeep or van?

Yes, as long as it's roadworthy, eligible for a Crit'Air sticker and has a current MOT certificate and third party liability insurance. We ask that you try and source a car for less than £500 (although any cars are welcome)

Why do we need a Crit'Air sticker?

In France Crit'Air stickers are mandatory for driving in low-emissions zones, which means some older cars are unable to travel within these zones. We recommend therefore that you check your vehicle is eligible for a Crit'Air sticker before purchasing your vehicle. You can check online at <https://www.certificat-air.gouv.fr/simulation>

You will need to know your Euro status for the vehicle which you can find out at <https://www.checkcardetails.co.uk/car-registration-check>

Our route will go through low-emissions zones in France and Switzerland (Geneva) so your vehicle will need a Crit'Air sticker or you risk getting a fine. French Crit'Air stickers are also recognised in the Geneva differentiated traffic zone so there's no need to buy another.

Crit'Air stickers can be purchased online at <https://www.certificat-air.gouv.fr/> and cost €3.11 + €0.59 postage (ie €3.70 per vehicle). We recommend allowing at least 28 days for delivery of your sticker although the website does state 10 days but in our experience it can take longer.

Please note: other websites (without any link with the Ministry of Ecological Transition) offer the supply of the Crit'Air sticker at a much higher cost than the real price.

Please be aware that failure to display a correct Crit'Air sticker could prohibit travel through differentiated traffic zone during enforcement hours and comes with a potential fine in both France and Switzerland. In France they can fine you up to €180 and in Switzerland 500 swiss francs.



Estimated Tolls

The estimated tolls from Dover to Rome for the trip are 219 euros.

How many people can you have in a car?

The sponsorship, ferry crossings and overnight accommodation are calculated on two people sharing a car. If you wish to have more than two people in your car we ask you raise an additional £750 per person in sponsorship.

Can team members share the driving?

Yes, but it's not necessary as we ensure all drivers get regular breaks.

Can we stay at a different hotel to the one booked?

Yes, but you must let us know in advance and cover the costs of the alternative hotel yourself.

Is there a prize for getting to the destination each day?

No, this is not a race.

What happens if I break down?

We suggest that you take spare parts for your vehicle as these won't be provided. You could also arrange for European breakdown cover for the trip. If you are unable to repair your car then you'll travel in another team's vehicle.

Can I extend my stay in Rome?

Yes, although you'll obviously have to cover any additional costs yourselves and you must let us know in advance so that we can arrange your return flight.

Please note if you choose to extend your stay the cost of the flight may be higher. We will only pay the equivalent amount to the original flight home; you will need to pay any difference in costs including any administration charge incurred. You are also responsible for booking and paying for your hotel rooms for any additional nights you wish to stay on. We will happily pass the contact details of our travel agent on to you to contact to make your arrangements.

Driving in Rome

The center of Rome is full of ZTL zones (zona traffic limitato – limited traffic zone) which means it's inaccessible to private cars.

Only taxis, vehicles with disability placards, and residents who live or work in the area have access to enter ZTL areas in the center of Rome's historic center. Here we'll go over the various parts of the center of Rome where you could encounter a ZTL area with links to the city's official online resources for more information.

Entering a ZTL area

At each entrance to a ZTL zone there is an illuminated sign and a placard. The illuminated sign will indicate if the ZTL is active or not.



Varco attivo = you CANNOT enter

Varco non attivo = you CAN enter

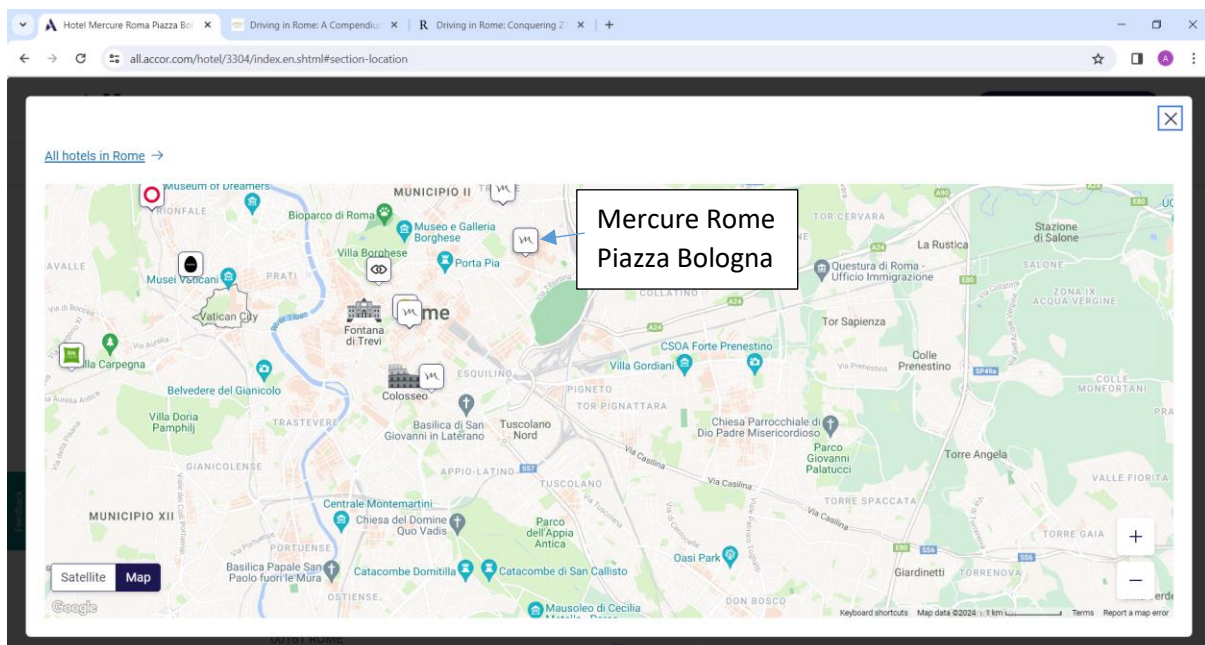
A fine for driving through a ZTL zone without authorization can vary between €84-€335. Fines are mailed to the registrant of the vehicle, so if you are driving a rental car the rental company will receive the fine and charge you accordingly.

The hotel we will be staying at in Rome is outside of the ZTL zone – Mercure Rome Piazza Bologna <https://all.accor.com/hotel/3304/index.en.shtml>

The scrapyard has also confirmed that they are outside of the ZTL zone.

For those wishing to bring their cars back with them, there is limited parking available at the hotel on-site indoor car park available (15 spaces), cannot be pre-booked, subject to availability on arrival, €25 per day.

The hotel is situated 100m/3 minute walk from the metro station and also from the bus station. You will need to use public transport or taxi to get into the historic centre of Rome. The Mercure Roma Piazza Bologna is a few steps from the metro stop, close to Roma Termini and Roma Tiburtina stations. Thanks to its convenient location in the elegant Piazza Bologna area, you can quickly reach the historic centre and its wonders, such as the Colosseum, Circus Maximus and the Museums of Villa Torlonia.



Who should I contact for more information?

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