



# ROME SCAVENGER HUNT

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*(if you haven't already!)*

- scavenger hunts for 14 sights
- on Amazon in paperback & Kindle



# **ATTENTION: FUTURE SPECIAL AGENTS (YOU)** **& CASE OFFICERS (GROWNUPS)**

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**CONGRATULATIONS! THE SIA (SECRET INTERNATIONAL AGENCY) HAS CHOSEN YOU TO BECOME A SPECIAL AGENT.**

The SIA carries out secret assignments, collecting intelligence in all corners of the globe. ("Intelligence" is spy-speak for "information.") Currently, we are in dire need of agents, but few have what it takes.

## **HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BECOME A SPECIAL AGENT?**

Travel to Rome, led by your case officer. (A case officer accompanies agents on missions, and is a parent/trusted adult.) Then, complete a series of missions in the city. Similar to a scavenger hunt (only better), your missions require collecting valuable intel (short for "intelligence"), using it to break codes, then breaking The Final Code on page 10.

- 1:**The Mission list & map are on p.4.
- 2:**Missions 1-4 are at 4 outdoor sights: no need to go indoors, no need to buy admission tickets, and no set order.
- 3:**Complete Missions 1-4 to get the info to break The Final Code & become a Special Agent.\*
- 4:**Let your friends/family know about your trip! With your Case Officer, choose the best pics from your Mission to share.
- 5:**Case officers: check out our website, **ScavengerHuntAdventures.com/contest** for our photo contest (with cool prizes) & more missions.

\* Using this hunt with our Mission Rome scavenger hunt book? Complete this hunt -and- the hunt in the Mission Rome book & become an **Elite Special Agent!**



## IMPORTANT NOTES

- **Materials Needed:**

- pen/pencil                      - camera
- piece of paper (if viewing this on a screen)

- **Code Keeper:** Choose your most dependable team member to keep track of the clues you write down.

- **Intel Collection:** Do NOT search online for answers (unless completing the Virtual Scavenger Hunt\* or if OK'd by your case officer). Using a GPS is fine.

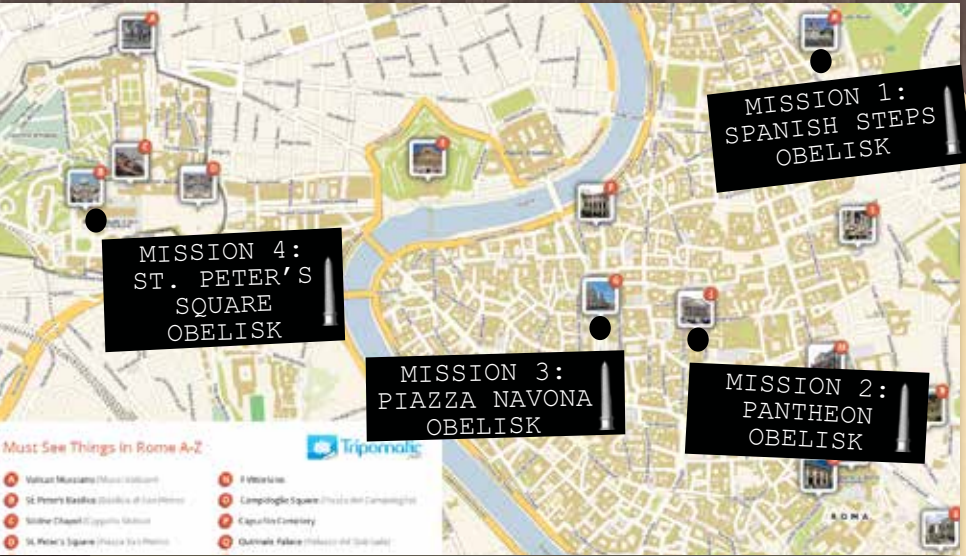
TO CONCEAL THEIR REAL IDENTITIES, SPECIAL AGENTS ALWAYS USE CODE NAMES. FOR EXAMPLE, JAMES BOND'S CODE NAME IS 007. THINK OF YOUR OWN CODE NAME TO USE DURING YOUR MISSION IN ROME.

SIGN YOUR CODE NAME HERE:

GOOD LUCK, THE SIA IS COUNTING ON YOU.

\* **Virtual Scavenger Hunt:** If you're not actually in Rome or if your trip got cut short, your "intel" can be gathered online with your case officer as a virtual scavenger hunt.

# MISSION MAP



## ROME'S OBELISKS

Your missions are at four of Rome's main sights, more specifically the **obelisks** at these sights. Rome has more obelisks than any other place in the world - even more than Egypt, the country that invented them. Imagine, over 2,000 years ago, hauling these all the way from Egypt (a land Rome conquered), crossing the Mediterranean Sea, ..... then hoisting these up with ancient cranes.

Romans liked obelisks so much, they constructed their own, copying the Egyptian ones, complete with hieroglyphics ("*hi-row-glif-ics*") (Ancient Egyptian writing).



Specially-built  
"Obelisk  
Boat"

# SPANISH STEPS



Climb the Spanish Steps. Examine the obelisk and its hieroglyphics.

FIND THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS LIKE THIS ONE...

These carvings may look like Ancient Egyptian writing, but they're actually "fake." Ancient Egyptians didn't carve these, Ancient Romans did - to make you think the obelisk came from Egypt. The Romans copied hieroglyphics from a real Egyptian obelisk (Mission 4).

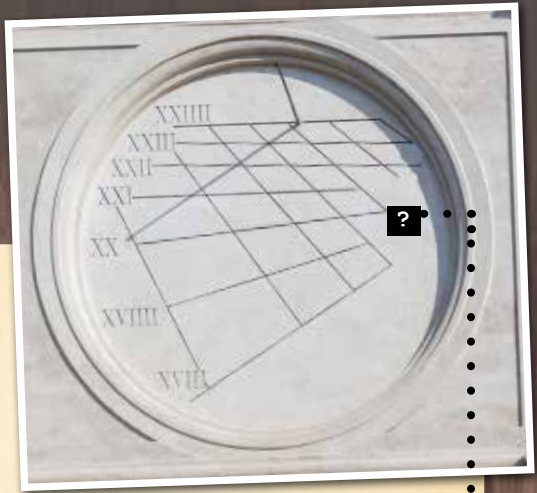
Snap pics of this obelisk's hieroglyphics. Later, compare them to the real hieroglyphics in Mission 4. (If you did Mission 4 first, compare the Mission 4 pics to the Spanish Steps obelisk.)

HOW MANY STARS (1 TO 5) WOULD YOU GIVE THE ROMANS' COPY JOB?



Some Roman carvers got sloppy and copied the hieroglyphics **upside down**. (Maybe you can spot some of their mistakes!)

After completion around the year 270, this obelisk got moved around town a few times (and even broke apart), until finally making it here in 1789. What month was it hoisted up here?



Hint: Look around its base for the month (spelled the same way in English).

**WRITE IT BELOW.**

— — — — —

CLUE  
1-A
CLUE  
1-B

Be sure the correct letters are on the spaces with the darker lines.

Track down the old-fashioned "clock" (a sundial) above. Look closely at the pic - the numbers on the right have been erased.

**WHAT NUMBER GOES IN THE SPOT WITH THE QUESTION MARK?** .....

This number would be what letter in the alphabet? (1=A, 2=B, 3=C, etc.)

**WRITE THE LETTER BELOW.**

—

**LETTER**

CLUE  
1-C

## PANTHEON



Sun God

Son of the  
Sun God  
(in hieroglyphics)

This obelisk standing in front of the Pantheon shows the power of the Egyptian leader and the sun god.

**FIND THE "SON OF THE SUN GOD" IN THE HIEROGLYPHICS (A GOOSE BELOW A SUN).**

See how the style of the obelisk and fountain changes? The reddish obelisk is 3,000+ years old, while the cross at the top and the fancy base are about 300 years old.

**WRITE THE BASE'S YEAR IN ROMAN NUMERALS.**

Hint: Look for a line starting with "M".

CLUE  
2-A

CLUE  
2-B

Be sure the right letters are on the spaces with the darker lines.

## ROMAN NUMERAL DECODER

M = 1000

D = 500

C = 100

L = 50

X = 10

V = 5

I = 1

EXAMPLE:

MDCCLXXVI =

1776

## PIAZZA NAVONA



Special agents must pay close attention to every detail.

Examine the objects in the fountain around the obelisk. (You do this in *Mission Rome*. So, if you're using this hunt with that book, this mission will be super-easy.) Can you figure out which three objects do not appear in the fountain?

WRITE THEIR LETTERS IN ABC ORDER.

—  
LETTER

CLUE  
3-A

—  
LETTER

CLUE  
3-B

—  
LETTER

CLUE  
3-C

# ST. PETER'S SQUARE



Special agents must be experts in image analysis. (Here, that means looking carefully at pictures.)

Carefully examine this photo, comparing it to the real obelisk in front of you.

Can you spot the 5 missing things? One is an important religious symbol, the other four are a type of animal.

**WRITE THE RELIGIOUS SYMBOL BELOW.**

\_\_\_\_\_

CLUE  
4-A

Be sure the right letters are on the spaces with the darker lines.

**WRITE THE TYPE OF ANIMAL.**

\_\_\_\_\_

CLUE  
4-B


CLUE  
4-C

If you do Mission 4 before Mission 1 (Spanish Steps) **TAKE CLOSE-UP PICS OF THE OBELISK'S HIEROGLYPHICS.** You'll need them for Mission 1.

# THE FINAL CODE

Ready for your most challenging mission yet? Time to figure out an Italian saying (translated into English). You'll need the help of your case officer and code-keeper. Using the directions in the **black boxes**, figure out the letters to go in the numbered spaces below.

Example:

 S  
1  
1: p.9,  
Clue  
4-A.

For letter 1, go to p.9, Clue 4-A. Write the letter with the darker line (S).

W H O                     E                     S  
1            2            3            4            5            6  
1: p.9, Clue 4-A.    2: p.9, Clue 4-B.    3: p.8, Clue 3-B.    4: p.8, Clue 3-B.    5: p.6, Clue 1-A.

                                N O T  
7            8            9            10  
7: p.8, Clue 2-A.    8: p.9, Clue 4-C.    9: p.6, Clue 1-C.    10: p.9, Clue 4-A.

                T             H                     S     H  
11            12            13            14            15            16  
11: p.7, Clue 2-B.    12: p.8, Clue 3-A.    13: p.7, Clue 2-B.    14: p.8, Clue 3-C.    15: p.6, Clue 1-B.

“CHI DORME  
NON PIGLIA  
PESCI.”

“Kee dormay no peel-ee-uh pesh-eh”



Above is the original Italian saying of the quote you just decoded.

Any ideas what the quote (in English) means?

How about: ***If You Snooze, You Lose***

Getting enough sleep is important, don't get us wrong, but when it comes to achieving something, you can't be lazy.

Any ideas what that has to do with this scavenger hunt? Well, if you completed all the missions, you've proven that you're not lazy and you have what it takes to become a Special Agent!

CONGRATULATIONS, YOU ARE NOW A  
SPECIAL AGENT WITH THE SIA.

Remember, Special Agent, when you're not on missions, and back to your normal life, think of this quote.

Don't be lazy. The SIA may be watching...





# THE FINAL MISSION

□ **Please help spread the word:** tell your family/friends about your Rome mission! With your Case Officer, choose the best pics to share.

□ **Case officers, go to our website:**

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QR Code below

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