

Georgia's Rome

Fast Facts

Namesake

Rome's name is a commemoration of the Italian city of Rome. Rome, Georgia, was built on seven hills with rivers intertwined between them. Both cities have seven hills and three rivers.



Flowing Water

Rome's rivers form the most diverse eco-system in all of North America. The rivers also served as the inspiration for iconic cartoon character Popeye, the Sailor Man.

Location

Located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, Rome is the largest city in and the county seat of Floyd County, Georgia. Although no interstate highway passes through Rome, it is the second largest city, after Gadsden, Alabama, near the center of the triangular area defined by the interstate highways between Atlanta, Birmingham and Chattanooga.

Head Count

Population of Rome & Floyd County: 96,317

Population of six county region: 355,000

Weather

Annual Normal Mean Temperature: 72 degrees

Average Summer Temperature: 79 degrees

Average Winter Temperature: 54 degrees

Average Annual Rainfall: 52 inches

Anytime is a perfect time to visit Rome!

Regional Center

Rome is a regional center for medical care and education. Medical centers include Floyd Medical Center, Redmond Regional Medical Center, and Harbin Clinic - the largest privately owned multispecialty medical clinic in Georgia.

Education

Rome is the home of Darlington School, Shorter University, Berry College, Georgia Highlands and Georgia Northwestern Technical College. Berry College is the world's largest contiguous college campus, spanning more than 27,000 acres of woodlands, meadows and streams.

History

Rome's beautiful Myrtle Hill Cemetery is the final resting place for over 20,000 Romans since 1857 who have helped shape Rome's history. Among these are four congressman, a U.S. Senator, America's Known Soldier of WWI and a First Lady of the United States.

Visitors

Stop by the downtown Welcome Center at 300 W. 1st Street or the Visitor Center at 402 Civic Center Drive for complete visitor information. Browse the Last Stop Gift Shop for a signature gift to remember your visit to Georgia's Rome.



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Oak Hill & The Martha Berry Museum

The museum tells the story of Martha Berry, founder of the Berry Schools. Tour her homeplace, the expansive gardens surrounding her estate and the Berry College campus. The museum maintains an extensive and fine art collection.

Berry College

The world's largest college campus covers over 26,000 acres in Rome. The campus includes a variety of architectural styles, including a complex of English Gothic buildings gifted by Henry Ford in 1925.

Myrtle Hill Cemetery

Founded in 1857, this six-terraced cemetery has become the burial site for over 20,000 Romans. Myrtle Hill is the final resting place of Ellen Axson Wilson, wife of Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the United States, the site of the Tomb of America's Known Soldier of WWI, and numerous other significant individuals.

Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home

National Trail of Tears Certified Historic Site that dates back to the early 1800s as the home of Major Ridge, a prominent leader of the Cherokee Nation.

Between-the-Rivers Historic District

The site of Rome's founding in 1834, a tour of this district includes pre-Civil War structures; history and homes of many leading Romans; and two of Rome's most significant landmarks: City Clocktower, a towering structure on one of Rome's seven hills, and the Capitoline Wolf, a gift to Rome from Italy in 1929.

Cave Spring

A quaint village located just outside of Rome, Cave Spring offers many points of interest including a natural spring, shopping opportunities and historical sites.

Rome Symphony Orchestra

The oldest symphony in the South hosts regular concerts throughout the year.

Roman Holiday

45-passenger excursion boat available for charter to experience Rome by way of the three rivers as you learn about the town's rich history and diverse ecosystem.

DeSoto Theatre

Built in 1929 for showing "talking" films. With the help of partners and the The Fox Theatre Institute, the theatre has been restored and features live performances weekly.

Broad Street Shopping District

Locally-owned shops, antique stores, restaurants and entertainment in the heart of Historic Downtown Rome.

