

To my great surprise, the walk in Venice equals a stroll through the Piazza Navona in Rome. Although I claim to know it well, I had underestimated its size, assuming that it took only half the time of the Venice walk; but, in fact, crossing the plaza takes four minutes.

Detail, map of the historic quarter, Rome (1 inch = 200 feet). Source: City of Rome, Map of the Centro Storico, 1985; redrawn by Allan Jacobs.