Welcome to the subreddit for Rome, Italy! Feel free to ask any questions about visiting but don't inquire about illegal things (where to find weed, etc.). Promotional posts will only be allowed to remain if they benefit visitors or residents of this great city. Not sure whether you prefer cars to pass through the forum or the ancient part of Rome being preserved a bit better, as an open air museum, as the case may be. I'd just like to add that, even if the area of the fori, the colosseum, the circus maximus and some square kilometres around them were all excavated (and of course closed to traffic), more than 1,200 sq. km. of modern city of Rome would still be left for cars to run around. What are the best guide books for Rome? I've seen Rick Steve's mentioned several times. Are there others that are very good? Also is there any... For all guide books that update annually, the new versions typically start to come out between Oct. and December, so if you can wait, you are better off. If your town has a local charity booksale or a good library, pick up a bunch of travel books by various authors/companies, and check them out - you might find Rick Steves' to be too much of a goof or a cheapskate for you. Book a Tour. The Roman Forum was where religious and public life in ancient Rome took place. The Forum is, along with the Colosseum, the greatest sign of the splendour of the Roman Empire that can be seen today. After the fall of the Empire, the Roman Forum was forgotten and little by little it was buried under the earth. Visiting Rome without walking around the Forum is like going to Paris without seeing the Eiffel Tower. As you travel along the Via Sacra, close your eyes and imagine it as it was more than 20 centuries ago, when Julius Caesar walked there. The best way to skip the line and get to know the Forum in detail, is to take a guided tour. We'll visit three of the main monuments in the city, the Colosseum, Roman Forum and Palatine Hill, skipping the line, and all with an expert guide.