

At the beginning of each guide there is a short introduction which should contain the following infos (please don't copy Wikipedia text!!!)

- the passenger numbers
- airlines serving the airport including special traffic like cargo or biz jet operations or even an interesting type used on a route (e.g. Cubana with the IL-96 in MAD)
- useful links like online schedules or other interesting spotter websites etc.
- personal impressions of your spotting trip to the airport
- every useful information that doesn't fit into the tables below
- your name at the end and the date when you have visited the airport

Rome Fiumicino Spotting Guide

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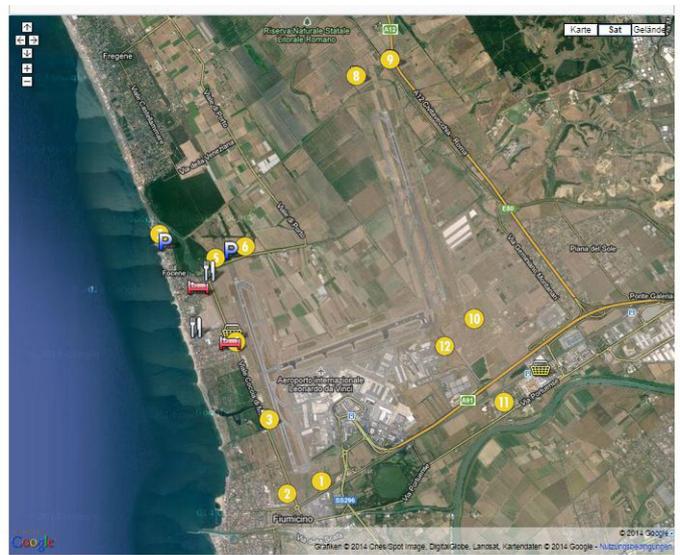
Rome Fiumicino Airport is the largest of the airports servicing Rome (the notable other being Ciampino, which handles only low-cost traffic) and the main hub for Italian carrier Alitalia. The airport handled just over 36 million passengers in 2013, but sadly traffic is currently declining due to several cost cutting and route closures of Alitalia. Though that might change again in the future with their new investor Etihad Airways.

By far the strongest airline in Fiumicino is Alitalia. Other carriers with a hub at the airport are: Blue Panorama, easyJet and Vueling. Other traffic you will see, are of course the well known Northamerican carriers like US Airways, Delta, American, United and Air Canada (Rouge), but you can also see Air Transat. From Asia Rome has connections provided by China Eastern, Air China, China Airlines, Thai Airways, SriLankan, Cathay, Kuwait, Air India and of course the Gulf carriers as well. Another highlight is certainly Aerolineas Argentinas coming in daily with their A340.

If you are looking for Cargo, you will be disappointed though. There are almost no Cargo flights to FCO during the day. Other than that the main traffic peak for long haul flights is (like most European airports) in the morning. Unfortunately most of the Alitalia Heavies come in at noon, where the light is bad, but there are always also a couple of flights in the morning and evening. But you definitely need to plan a couple of days to get most of the heavies (and the specials). The afternoon is mostly European (primarily Alitalia) Narrowbody traffic, but there are a few more widebodies around 6 PM.

Next is the map. A link will be send to you before you start writing. Once you are done the map will be added by an Admin to the guide.

- a link to google maps will be send to your email (if you have a google account)
- set the placemarks manually to the map and name each spot like this:
spot #1 - Name of the spot - What you see
e.g.: Spot #6 – Meteo – 09R Departures
- add placemarks like hotels, restaurants, bus stations, parking or even a footh path if you have to walk some meters to a spot.
- once finished with the map an administrator will add the code into your guide



Now you can start with each several spotting location. In the head of the table please use the same text you have used for the map (**spot #1 - Name of the spot - Which runway you see**)

- **Where:** This explains where the spot is located. Name of a road, next to a known landmark etc. A description how to get there (car, public transport) is always useful and where you can park your car too. Also mention where you will stand there, on a hill/platform, in a forrest, is there a fence (ladder needed?) etc.
If your spot is on a visitor terrasse its good to know if there are windows, security checks, entrance fee, opening hours etc.
- **What:** This just says which movements you can see at this location. Sometimes its possible that a runway is dominated by flights from a special airline because they are located next to their terminal or its depending on the direction/country where the airline is coming from.
- **Time:** Whats the best time for spotting at this location. E.g. Morning until evening etc. or even the exact time 06:00 until 14:00
- **Miscellaneous:** everything else what is worth to mention. Restrooms or shops next to the spot. In hot countries is there something that spend some shadow? Something to sit down? Security informations?
- **Focal Lenght:** length used for the sample photos below

At the end of each spot (three or six sample pictures are shown and if possible an overview picture of the location. Please send us the pictures via email to support@spotterguide.net.

| 1 | Spot #1 – Turnout – 34L Arrivals Morning |
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| WHERE | The first location is closest to the terminal and very easy to find. From the airport just take one of the first exits and do head onto the SS296. If you're coming from Focene or Fiumicino just exit the large roundabout in direction of the airport, cross the approach path and you'll see a large turnout area on the left side. You can park right where you stand. |
| WHAT | The location for Non-Schengen arrivals on RWY 34L in the morning. For a slightly better angle we suggest not to stand at the front of the turnout area. Also don't use the end, as you will have the trees obstructing your picture at 90°. |
| TIME | In summer the light is good from sunrise until 11 AM. |
| MISCELLANEOUS | At noon you will often find a Panini vendor here where you can grab a quick snack. |
| FOCAL LENGTH | 100mm for a B772 and around 160mm for a B738. |

