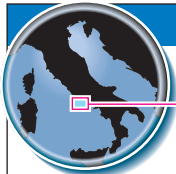


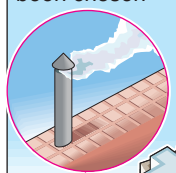
A guide to Vatican City



The world's smallest independent state is home to the spiritual leadership of the Roman Catholic church and is all that survives of the Papal States – seized in the mid-19th century by the newly-united Italy. *The Lateran Treaties* of 1929 established the full sovereignty of the *Holy See*

Sistine Chapel

White smoke from chimney and ringing of bells signals new pope has been chosen



Papal Audience Hall

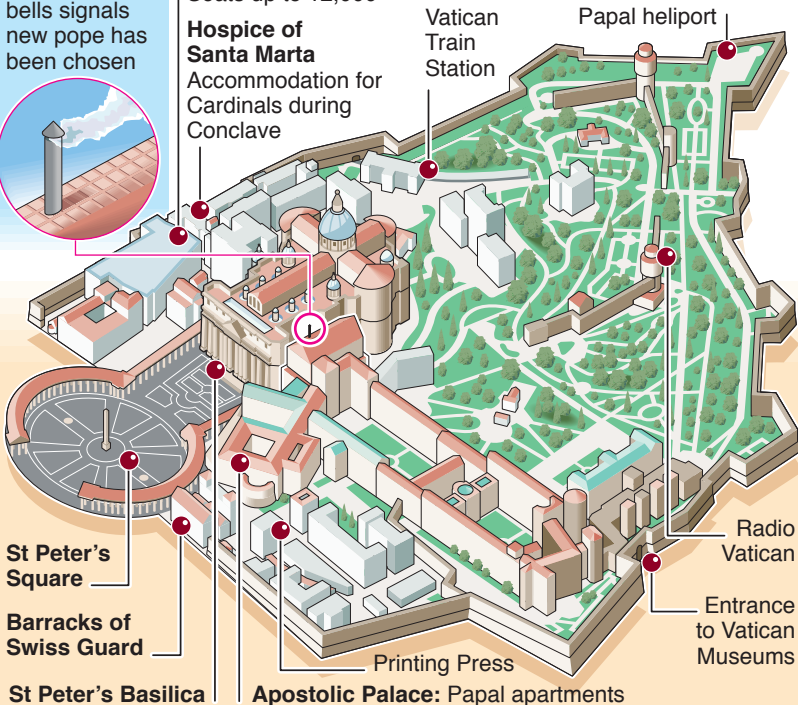
Seats up to 12,000

Hospice of Santa Marta

Accommodation for Cardinals during Conclave

Vatican Train Station

Papal heliport



St Peter's Square

Barracks of Swiss Guard

St Peter's Basilica

Apostolic Palace: Papal apartments

Printing Press

Radio Vatican

Entrance to Vatican Museums



Area: 0.44 sq km

Population: 900

Languages: Latin, Italian

Religion: Roman Catholic

Life expectancy: 74 years (men), 81 years (women)

Military: Italy responsible for city's defence. Swiss Guard provides security and protects Pope

Economy: Currency – Euro

► **Revenue \$245.2 million**

Includes contributions from Catholic dioceses worldwide and special collections – called **Peter's Pence**

► **Expenditures: \$260.4 million.**

Mainly sales of postage stamps, publications and tourist souvenirs

Media: Television, radio stations, **L'Osservatore Romano** newspaper