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The **Mosque of Rome**, located in Viale della Moschea 85, in the Parioli neighborhood, in the northern part of Rome. It is the largest mosque outside the Islamic world, Russia or India. It has an area of 30,000m² (320,000 sq ft) and can accommodate more than 12,000 people. Being the Western world's biggest mosque, it is the seat of the Italian Islamic Cultural Centre.

In addition to being a meeting place for religious activities, it provides cultural and social services variously connecting Muslims together. It also holds teachings, wedding ceremonies, funeral services, exegesis, exhibitions, conventions, and other essential events.

The exiled Prince Muhammad Hasan of Afghanistan and his wife, Princess Razia, jointly founded the mosque in 1984.

The current Imam of the mosque is the Egyptian Muhammad Hassan Abdulghaffar. Abd Allah Ridwan is in charge of the Cultural Centre, to which the management of the complex is entrusted. Former Imams include Muhammad Nur al-Din Isma'il (1983–1993) and Mahmud Hammad Shwayta (1993–2006).

Visiting hours are 9:00am to 12:00pm, Wednesday through Saturday.

Most updated prayer hours can be found on their Facebook Page: **Centro Islamico Culturale d'Italia - Grande Moschea di Roma**

