

Unique visitor access to the Trevi Fountain realised with PERI UP

Trevi Fountain, Rome, Italy

During the restoration of the world-famous Trevi Fountain in Rome, an unusual form of visitor access was put in place: a temporary footbridge in the drained fountain basin enabled visitors to experience the Baroque cultural monument up close. The solution was based on PERI UP Modular Scaffolding in combination with the PERI UP Public Stair and met high requirements for safety, load-bearing capacity and listed-building protection.

Temporary scaffolding solution for a unique structure

The Trevi Fountain, built in the 18th century by Nicola Salvi in the Baroque style, is one of the most popular tourist attractions in the world. The fountain basin had to be completely drained and cordoned off in order for the extensive restoration work to take place. In order to allow visitors a direct view of the statues and fountain architecture, the city of Rome decided to erect a temporary footbridge within the drained basin.

PERI UP Modular Scaffolding was used for the structure, which could be flexibly adapted to the complex geometry of the fountain basin and provided a load-bearing capacity of 500 kg/m². This meant that the temporary structure could ensure safety and stability even when visitor numbers were high. Access to the footbridge was provided by the PERI UP Public Stair, which was specially developed for public areas and met the applicable safety and standard requirements.

Protecting the monument and ensuring high visitor safety

Special attention was paid to protecting the vulnerable structure: the scaffold supports were placed on rubber pads and wooden boards to avoid damaging the surface of the fountain basin. Multi-layer panels were used on the walkway surface of the footbridge, ensuring a safe and comfortable footing for visitors.

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Trevi Fountain footbridge installed safely and cost-effectively

In addition, it was possible to assemble the footbridge in its entirety without any welding or cutting work. Once the works were completed, the entire scaffolding could be dismantled without a trace, meaning that all components were fully reusable for future projects. “The solution proposed by PERI enabled us to hire a scaffold that was extremely quick and easy to erect, complied with regulations and met the client’s requirements,” said those responsible on site.

With the temporary footbridge installation at the Trevi Fountain, PERI demonstrated how the PERI UP Scaffolding Kit can be used to create safe, cost-effective and visitor-friendly solutions even in challenging settings – such as one of the world’s most famous cultural monuments.

About PERI

With sales of €1,812 million in 2024, PERI is one of the leading manufacturers and suppliers of formwork and scaffolding systems in the world. The family-owned company, with its headquarters in Weissenhorn (Germany), a workforce of around 10,000 employees and well over 140 warehouse locations in more than 63 countries, provides its customers with innovative system equipment and comprehensive services relating to all aspects of formwork and scaffolding technology.



Photo 1

The access solution, consisting of PERI UP Modular Scaffolding and the PERI UP Public Stair, gave visitors a unique view of the Baroque cultural monument.

(Photo: PERI SE)

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Photo 2

The modular design of the PERI UP Modular Scaffolding could be flexibly adapted to the complex shape of the fountain basin.

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Photo 3

The temporary scaffolding solution had a load-bearing capacity of 500 kg/m², thus offering maximum stability and safety – even with high visitor numbers.

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Photo 4

The scaffolding supports were placed on rubber pads and wooden boards to protect the vulnerable surface of the Trevi Fountain.

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Photo 5

Robust multi-layer panels ensured that the footbridge was safe and comfortable to walk on.
(Photo: PERI SE)



Photo 6

The modular design allowed for swift assembly and dismantling and can be reused for future projects without the need for additional materials.
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