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Christmas and New Year in Rome

HIGHLIGHTS

- 13 nights Rome
- Lectures on Roman Mythology, Art and Architecture
- St. Peter's, the Vatican
- Museum, Galleria Borghese
- Roman Forum and Colosseum
- Lunch in Tivoli
- Baroque Walk highlights Baroque churches in Rome
- Renaissance Walk
- Literary Walk
- Ostia Antica



Rome at holiday time is unforgettable. Sacred concerts abound in the churches, Piazza Navona becomes a teeming market, and streets fill with the smell of roasting chestnuts. For the faithful there's even the opportunity to attend midnight mass at St. Peter's, the Pantheon, or in any number of historic settings. Tracing the footsteps of the Caesars, St. Paul, and Michelangelo, history and artistry materialize around every corner brought alive by the modern Romans who revel in their heritage.



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Please note schedule is subject to change. Finalized schedule will be available at the program site.

- Day 1 Departure from points in North America
- Day 2 Arrive Rome Fiumicino Airport. Coach to program site. Late afternoon Welcome Reception and dinner at the hotel.
- Day 3 Morning orientation session introduces the lectures, excursions and field trips of the program, followed by a walk in Rome. An afternoon lecture on Roman Art. Lunch and dinner in local restaurants.
- Day 4 Visit to the Forum, ancient heart of Rome and Colosseum, one of the greatest architectural monuments achieved by the ancient Romans. An afternoon lecture on Renaissance Art and the contributions of such masters as Bramante, Masaccio, Raphael, and Michelangelo to the city.
- Day 5 A walk highlighting the Renaissance landmarks and some of the works of art from the masters of the 15th and 16th centuries. Preparation for the self-guided visit to the Vatican Museums.
- Day 6 A short drive out of the city to Ostia Antica, where we discover the theaters, temples and bathhouses of one of the best preserved Roman towns in Italy after Pompeii. A special Christmas Eve dinner. Possibility to attend Midnight Mass in St. Peter's Basilica.
- Day 7 Free Morning on Christmas Day. An afternoon visit to a local church's crèche.
- Day 8 Field trip to Tivoli where the Renaissance Villa d'Este displays an amazing design of gardens and fountains. Lunch in a local restaurant. The excursion continues with a visit to the complex of Hadrian's Villa, which dates back to the early second century CE.
- Day 9 Visit the Church of San Clemente. In the afternoon, a lecture on Baroque Art.
- Day 10 A Baroque walk uncovers some of Rome's Baroque masterpieces of art and architecture. We pass the Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona, and the masterful sculpture by Bernini of St. Theresa of Avila. The walk winds up at the magnificent Pantheon. Lunch on your own. Free afternoon.
- Day 11 A self-guided visit of the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel.
- Day 12 A lecture and discussion on the institutions and traditions that shape Italy today. Free afternoon and dinner on your own to explore area restaurants.
- Day 13 A guided visit of the Villa Borghese and Gallery where works of Raphael, Titian, Correggio, Bernini and Caravaggio are housed in style. Lunch on your own and free afternoon to stroll the extensive gardens or take in some shopping. Dinner at a local restaurant for the New Year's Eve celebration.
- Day 14 A walk to one of the hills of Rome. Free afternoon and a special farewell dinner at a local restaurant.
- Day 15 Coach transfer to Rome Fiumicino Airport. Departures

● 13 breakfasts at the hotel ● 11 lunches included, 2 lunches on your own
● 12 dinners included, 1 dinner on your own