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The Eternal Splendor of Rome

HIGHLIGHTS

- 10 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



A major world capital for 28 centuries, the magnificence of Rome is incomparable. This sojourn views the city in the way of Romans past and present, by exploring it from the peaceful heart of the Vatican. 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. From the monumental grandeur to authentic neighborhoods, we immerse ourselves in the city's rich history.



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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 Neighborhood Walk.
- Day 3 Morning orientation session introduces the lectures, excursions and field trips on the program schedule. Then, take a double-decker bus around Rome to get a sense of the city's layout. Afternoon lecture on Roman mythology and a visit to a special exhibit of classic statues in a modern industrial setting. An informal evening session on Survival Italian.
- Day 4 The lecture and discussion on life in modern Italy is followed by an afternoon field trip and on-site lecture at the Forum. The visit of the Colosseum, one of the greatest architectural monuments achieved by the ancient Romans, is self-guided and enhanced by an audio device.
- Day 5 Field trip to Tivoli where the Renaissance Villa d'Este displays an amazing design of gardens and fountains. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon, a lecture on *Tosca* examines the real life figures and places in Rome vital to the opera's story.
- Day 6 A lecture on Renaissance Art covers the art of masters such as Bramante, Masaccio, Raphael and Michelangelo. Dinner on your own to explore Rome's restaurants and *trattorie*.
- Day 7 A walking lecture takes in the key 16th century architectural elements of Rome. Lunch on your own in the Pantheon neighborhood. An afternoon lecture on Baroque Art examines the influence of Papal patronage in the 17th century that led to the redesign of streets and monuments of Rome.
- Day 8 Learn about early Christian churches in the classroom and on site at the church of San Clemente, a remarkable structure that reflects the many centuries of Christian worship. A guided walk after lunch uncovers many of Rome's lesser known Baroque treasures of art and architecture.
- Day 9 Learn about the legacy of Anglo-American writers lived in or wrote about Rome on a walking tour that stops at the Shelley home at the foot of the Spanish steps. Visit the places where Milton, Keats, Byron, Henry James, Mark Twain and Edith Wharton were inspired by the Eternal City. Dinner at a local restaurant.
- Day 10 The morning is free to visit Saint Peter's Basilica or other monument of your choosing. We will gather for lunch in a local restaurant near Vatican City. In the afternoon, take an independent visit to the extensive collection of the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel (entrance fee included).
- Day 11 Visit the Villa Borghese and Gallery with its collection of art treasures - works of Raphael, Titian, Correggio, Bernini and Caravaggio. Free afternoon to stroll the extensive gardens or take in some shopping. Farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

MEALS:

- 10 breakfasts at the hotel included
- 7 lunches and 1 cash lunch included; 2 lunches on your own
- 8 dinners and 1 cash dinner included; 1 independent dinner