
ROME – FULL DAY EXCURSION



Itinerary:

October 16, Saturday ROME

Civitavecchia – Rome

This morning, you will be met at the pier by your private car and English speaking driver for your full day tour to Rome. **You will be taken directly to the Vatican for your express entry with pre-paid entrance tickets.** The most imposing and important edifice is Saint Peter's Basilica and is the world center of Roman Catholic worship. In front of the basilica is the great Piazza San Pietro (Saint Peter's Square). The other major edifice is the Palace of the Vatican, also known as the Papal Palace. It is a complex of buildings that contains more than 1,000 rooms and houses the papal apartments, the government offices of the Roman Catholic Church, several chapels and museums, and a library.

The most famous portions of the palace are the Sistine Chapel, with its great ceiling frescoes painted by Michelangelo. The visit continues along the Vatican Galleries, including the Raphael's with his frescoes, among them his masterpiece, the school of Athens.

The Vatican's museums are outstanding and include the Gregorian Museum of Egyptian Art; the Gregorian Museum of Etruscan Art; the Pio Clementino Museum, with a superlative collection of antiquities; the Chiaramonti Museum; and the Vatican Pinacoteca, with representative works by Italian masters. The Vatican Library has a priceless collection of ancient manuscripts and more than 1 million bound volumes. Also within the Vatican's walls are the Government Palace and the Vatican Gardens.

As you exit the Sistine Chapel your guide will lead you into the Cathedral of St. Peter bypassing the security line.

At the end of your Vatican tour, you will continue on with an overview of some of the more famous sites of Rome.

The following itinerary is a guideline of sights you will visit. Your private tour will include sights such as; the impressive and **majestic Colosseum**, a masterpiece of classical architecture where in its arena fights between men and beasts, gladiatorial contests, races and simulated naval battles took place. **Tickets have been pre-purchased.** Once you pass through the metal detectors, you will bypass the lines. Admire the Arch of Constantine, the Roman Forum, the Temple of the Vestal Virgins, the Mouth of truth, the Baths of Caracalla, the Pyramid of Caius Cestius. You will also see the sculpture of Moses located in San Pietro in Vincole where you will see the chain used to arrest St. Peter.

Visit the romantic Spanish Steps and the Trevi Fountain, a great late-baroque creation, into which tourists continue to play their traditional role by throwing two coins over their shoulders - one coin to return to Rome and the other for the fulfillment of a wish.

The public baths were very popular in Ancient Rome, and were a busy, noisy and lively meeting place for the Romans. Ancient Rome had hundreds of these baths where Roman Citizens could bathe, have their hair cut, exercise in the gymnasium, read at the bath's library, and even grab a snack. There are some very interesting ruins left from this time period.

This classic itinerary gives a good overview of Rome and its treasures.

Afterwards, you will be transferred to the Port of Civitavecchia to re-join your ship.

Book Today as Space is Limited!!

Included Services

- Full day of private sightseeing tour in Rome
- Licensed professional guide in English Language
- Air- conditioned luxury vehicle with a professional driver
- Entrance fees to museums and sites according to the above itinerary
- Bottled water provided throughout the tour

Not included:

- Gratuities to guide and driver
- Lunch

Pricing in CAD:

10 - 19 guests - \$ 390.00 per person

20-26 \$ 240.00 pp

27-50 \$ 235.00 pp

Pricing is subject to change and will be firmed at time of confirmation.

A non refundable deposit of \$ 25.00 is required at time of booking. All requests must be received by May 23, 2010 with full payment required at that time. Any requests made after this date is on a first come, first served basis and pricing may change.

Services are 100% non-refundable after June 25, 2010.

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