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# ROME

THE IRRESISTIBLE ALLURE  
OF THE ETERNAL CITY

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A STIRRING JOURNEY BACK IN TIME

# ANCIENT OSTIA

What better way to experience antiquity than to actually walk through its marvelous vestiges, breathing in the air the ancient Romans used to breathe? Step off the beaten tourist track and take a journey back in time! Spend an enlightening morning visiting Ancient Ostia, a spellbinding archaeological site, led by a dedicated local guide. Located on the Roman Coast, just steps away from the shimmering blue sea, and framed by century-old swaying pine trees, the ruins of Ostia Antica, perfectly preserved, offer the unique chance to experience the past glory of ancient Rome. What we see today used to be ancient Rome's main port; and the different remaining objects and buildings are so excellently maintained that they convey a real sense of the population that lived there around the 4th century. Enjoy discovering the actual grooves made by the mule driven carts laden with grain, the black and white mosaic tiles used in the Terme di Nettuno. Roam through Casa Diana, a forerunner of modern apartment buildings, and marvel at the thermopolium, the stunning bar of the ancient Romans complete of a picture-perfect marble counter and extraordinary frescoes which depict the fruit and foodstuffs once on sale here!

**DURATION:** 4 hours

Kindly note this tour is available Tuesday through Sunday only as the site is closed on Mondays

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for 4 hours
- Entrance Fees to Ancient Ostia site
- Private transportation from/to your hotel and throughout the tour as needed (4 hours)





INSPIRING VIEWS, MYSTICAL ATMOSPHERES

# ASSISI AND ORVIETO

Take a break from the city clamor, leave the crowds and excitement behind and escape to Umbria, Italy's green heart, for an enlightening day's visit to two of Italy's most exquisite hillside towns. Enchanting and strikingly beautiful Assisi and Orvieto are endowed with an incredibly rich artistic and cultural heritage and an unrivalled spiritual legacy. Travel in full comfort with your dedicated private driver, admiring the meadows, vineyards and olive groves dotted by quaint parish churches and golden farmhouses along the way. Meet your charismatic private guide in Assisi, and set off to discover the town, global symbol of peace and a spellbinding jewel. Framed by Umbria's gently rolling hills and crowned by Monte Subasio's thick forests, birthplace of St. Francis, and thus major site of pilgrimage for Catholics ever since the 13th century, Assisi is one of most spiritually important and one of the best-preserved medieval towns in the whole world: this is why the whole town, not just parts of it, is listed as UNESCO world heritage site! Follow your guide through evocative streets trod on yesterday and today by many a pilgrim, monks and nuns. Learn all about the history, discover gorgeous churches and palaces, peek into the quaint local shops where artisans create unique ceramics and sculptures. Let your guide show you through the town's sights and major landmarks, marvel at the aweinspiring, vibrant frescoes by Giotto and other early Renaissance masters in the Basilica of St. Francis, and at the Duomo's stunning Romanesque façade and much more. A glistening crown perched high atop a stony cliff-like peak... the first glimpse one catches of Orvieto is simply dazzling! Founded by the Etruscans, as one can see by the necropoli's vestiges and the objects displayed in the Archeological Museum, and then ruled by the Romans, Orvieto was always very important because of its outstanding and safe position, high on the hilltop. Meet your private guide and explore the town's exquisite center, a maze of cobblestone-paved alleys leading to exquisite medieval squares enhanced by postcard-perfect churches and picturesque ancient buildings. Enjoy hearing all about the town's rich heritage and eventful history as you stroll to the spectacular Duomo, one of Europe's most inspiring Gothic cathedrals. It's an astonishing sight: a hypnotizing display of multi-colored frescoes, gleaming mosaics, and fine-grained braided carvings of flowers and vines. Learn how this amazing building was planned and built (in over 30 years!) thanks to the genius and talent of architects and artists; follow your guide inside and gape at Luca Signorelli's grandiose fresco, which is said to have inspired Michelangelo. And don't forget to take the time to saunter leisurely along the town's perimeter, to catch mystical breezes and views of eternity!

**DURATION:** full day

**INCLUDES:**

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide in Assisi
- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide in Orvieto
- Private transportation throughout the day (based on driver at disposal for up to 10 hours)

Lunch is not included. Your guides/driver will be pleased to suggest charming typical options and book on your behalf.

For a delicious lunch in a charming setting we recommend Il Duca Restaurant in Orvieto.



FLAVORS AND SPECIALTIES OF THE ETERNAL CITY

# BITES OF AUTHENTIC ROME

Take a bite of the best, join the locals and indulge on the specialties! From the street food treats, like decadent deep-fried stuffed seasonal vegetables and sauce-dripping typical pasta dishes, the whole city is a soul-comforting festival of tantalizing tastes. And Romans simply love to share their delicious fare! Discover the Eternal City using your senses, dive into the local gastronomic heritage and taste traditional specialties during a wondrous “Food Quest” through the charming streets of the historic center and Trastevere neighborhood. Follow your dedicated private guide for a unique insider’s view of the city’s vibrant soul, a “sniff” of its appetizing scents, and delicious morsels of local specialties.

Stroll down charming cobblestone-paved streets to Campo de’ Fiori, a delightful square filled with sparkle. On weekday mornings “Campo” hosts a typical open-air market, a great place to check out the daily fresh produce and listen to the colorful voices bargaining. Let your guide lead you to the ancient fornai (bakeries) and botteghe (local delis), browse through the shops, lose yourself among aromas and sensational flavors. Savor Rome’s signature snack, scrumptious pizza bianca romana, shiny with olive oil, taste mouth-watering traditional cured meats and crispy fragrant ciambelline al vino. Then head on to the banks of the flowing Tiber river and stroll across to Trastevere, a charming medieval neighborhood with a bubbling temperament. Let your guide lead you through picturesque alleys lined with low buildings and bedecked with small religious shrines and flower plants, to a distinctive local trattoria. Relax pampered by the restaurant staff, take in the atmosphere and treat your taste buds to yet another authentic Roman bite: a tasting of two luscious signature local pasta dishes and deep-fried home-made delicacies

**DURATION:** 3 hours

Available in the morning, ending with light lunch, or afternoon, ending with light dinner

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for 3 hours
- Tasting of typical specialty products, inclusive of light lunch or light dinner comprising 2 pasta dishes and deep-fried specialties
- Private one-way transportation from your hotel (transfer back on own, or available as extra on request)





THE PRIVILEGE OF AN EARLY MORNING EXPERIENCE

# EARLY ACCESS VATICAN TOUR

Embark on a journey back in time, travel through over 2000 years of mesmerizing history, and experience the privilege of an exclusive VIP cultural experience: comfortable private transportation and hasslefree early morning access to the stunning Vatican Museums with fast track priority tickets. Explore this awe-inspiring museum led by your dedicated private guide specialized in art and art history, admire stupendous masterpieces and dive into the history. Being the burial place of St Peter Rome has always been considered a holy city – a second Jerusalem. During your visit to the Vatican Museums you will have the opportunity to learn about the great artists who helped embellish one of the most fascinating sovereign states in the world. The museums comprise some of the world most precious artistic and religious treasures including the Galleries of Maps, Candelabras and Tapestries, the Raphael Rooms, Pinacoteca, or Egyptian Museum. Follow your guide into the awe-inspiring Sistine Chapel, magni icently adorned by Michelangelo's life-like, potent, frescoes. Here the conclaves of cardinals have come together periodically, throughout the centuries, to elect a new pope, and Pope John Paul II called it the "Holy Spirit's place of action".

**DURATION:** 4 hours

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for 4 hours
- Skip-the-line priority early entrance tickets to the Vatican Museums
- Private transportation from your hotel and back at the end of the tour





LEARN TO FIGHT LIKE AN ANCIENT ROMAN!

# GLADIATOR FOR A DAY

Imagine setting out on the sands of the arena to fight for fame and freedom, while the roaring crowd cheers on around you... Well, when in Rome.... become a gladiator for the day! Meet your dedicated private driver at your hotel and travel to the heart of Rome's "gladiator scene": the headquarters of the Roman Historical Group, which hosts a fascinating museum and exciting arenalike field. Relive the challenge and emotions Romans experienced two thousand years ago, discover the secrets of Imperial Rome's gladiator games and become part of history. Start your experience with a guided tour of the Historical Museum, learning all about the gladiators, their costumes, armor and battles. At the end of the visit meet your instructor, don the armor and... get hands-on with ancient Roman history. Learn the movements and techniques the gladiators used, simulate battles, have the best fun you can imagine, and receive an Ancient Roman Citizenship Certificate at the end!

**DURATION:** 4 hours

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private vehicle at disposal for 4 hours, for transportation to/from Rome city center hotel
- Guided tour of the Historical Legionary Museum
- 2-hour private gladiator class
- Use of armor, tunic, equipment
- Ancient Roman Citizenship Certificate





A FUN WAY TO EXPLORE THE ETERNAL CITY

# GOLF CART TOUR OF ROME

Discover Rome in the comfort of a state-of-the-art golf cart, the most innovative way to move around the Eternal city, and savor the city's fresh breeze! Adults enjoy it, kids adore it, enjoy an enlightening sightseeing tour without the fatigue! Relish the privilege and freedom of seeing the most important sights and landmarks of an area of your choice led by an expert guide-driver. You could explore Secret Rome, discovering the Baths of Caracalla (outside viewing), the Church of Quattro Coronati, the Aventine Hill and Santa Sabina (outside viewing), the lively authentic Testaccio neighbourhood and the Janiculum Hill; or you could choose a Panoramic Views itinerary discovering the Aventine and Janiculum Hill, the Quirinal Hill with the Presidential Palace, and the scenic Borghese Park. Or then again you could discover Rome city centre with the famed Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona and its magnificent fountain.

Rome has something in store for each and every one...take your pick, and we'll take you around to see it all, leisurely, aboard your comfy golf cart!

**DURATION:** 3 hours

**INCLUSIONS:**

3-hour private golf cart tour with English-speaking guide-driver

Especially recommended as a first-day-in-Rome orientation tour and/or for multi-generational families or families with small children/infants.





SUBLIME FOUNTAINS AND ENCHANTED PIAZZAS

# HIGHLIGHTS OF ROME

Vibrant, colorful, high-spirited and hot-blooded. Surprising and Seductive. There's just no place in the world like Rome! Spend a memorable day discovering the most inspiring sights and enchanting views of Rome's city center led by the charisma and knowledge of your dedicated English-speaking local guide. Take an unforgettable promenade through the delightful centro storico, the historic city center, a lively maze of picturesque cobblestone streets and shop-lined alleys which lead to gorgeous square, the famed Roman piazzas. Follow your guide's lead to grasp the unique feel of Rome: festive, easygoing and richly endowed with historical reminiscences. Discover the most remarkable sights of the Eternal City, Including the lively atmosphere of the Spanish Steps and the Trevi Fountain, the world's most spectacular show-fountain in the world. And don't forget: if you want to return to Rome you should throw a coin into the basin standing with your back to the fountain! Stroll down to Piazza Colonna, enhanced by the imposing central column, and stop at the Pantheon, the most impressive and best preserved ancient Roman building: once a temple it is covered by a majestic cupola with a unique circular carving which allows the sun rays to enter and give the temple a spectacular lighting. Wander around charming little streets lined by bustling cafés and trattorias to Piazza Navona, the quintessential Roman piazza, decorated by marvelous fountains among which Bernini's famous "Fountain of the Four Rivers", and nearby Campo de' Fiori, a delightful square filled with sparkle and life. On weekday mornings "Campo" hosts a typical open-air market, a great place to check out the daily fresh produce and listen to the colorful voices bargaining and later in the day, a tide of people of all kinds and all ages starts heads here to meet and chat or dine in the pleasant bars and restaurants (over 20!) which frame the square.

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- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for 3 hours
- Private one-way transportation from your hotel (transfer back on own, or available as extra on request)





MYTHS, ANTIQUITY AND SPECTACULAR PIAZZAS

# LANDMARKS OF ANCIENT ROME AND CITY CENTER HIGHLIGHTS

Discover the heart and soul of Rome, one of the world's most ancient cities! Unveil the secrets of the Eternal City's history and bewitching legends led by the expert knowledge of our best English-speaking guide, roam among columns, through archways, down the city center's quaint cobblestone alleys and across airy statue-studded piazzas. Start your day visiting the Colosseum and Roman Forum, ancient Rome's two most remarkable sights. The awe-inspiring Colosseum, commissioned by Vespasian in 72 B.C. was finished in 80 A.C by Titus. Just imagine: the inauguration lasted a hundred days! With room for over 70,000 spectators, and free seating for all, this amazing venue hosted thrilling popular events. Take an authentic insider's view of its majestic architecture following your guide along the tiers, learn about the animals and gladiators. Get to know the details of its enthralling brutal history: what mainly excited the crowds were the fights between gladiators, frequently slaves, criminals or prisoners of war fighting for rich prizes or their freedom. Then enjoy a short walk to reach the Roman Forum, an immense display of evocative ruins which used to be the social, political and commercial hub of the Roman empire. Learn about the ancient Romans' daily life and fascinating customs wandering through this impressive district of temples, basilicas and vibrant public spaces. After breathing the vestiges of the Roman Empire discover Rome's enchanting city center, a lively maze of cobblestone streets, shop-lined alleys and stupendous piazzas. Your visit will include main landmarks such as Piazza Navona, the most romantic square in Rome, the grandiose Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon and naturally Piazza di Spagna and the Spanish Steps. Feel Rome's throbbing heartbeat, follow your guide's lead and discover stupendous fountains, palaces and heart-stopping views!

**DURATION:** 6 hours

**INCLUDES:**

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for 6 hours
- Entrance Fees to the Colosseum and Roman Forum
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SEASIDE VIEWS, WONDERFUL ARCHITECTURE, AWE-INSPIRING ANTIQUITY

# NAPLES AND POMPEI

Naples by train, meet your private guide, a friendly knowledgeable expert, and private local driver, and set off on a voyage through the heart of this magnificent city and meanders of marvelous Pompei! Colorful and fascinating Naples, one of the oldest inhabited cities in the world, UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to world-celebrated artists such as Caravaggio and Bernini boasts an immense array of astounding archaeological treasures. Enjoy a superb walking tour, uncover breathtaking frescoes, sculptures and panoramas. Wander across buzzing squares and lively streets filled with voices and laughter and admire the main landmarks such as the Royal Palace, Galleria Umberto I, the vibrant Spaccanapoli promenade and Teatro San Carlo. Learn about the city's heritage viewing its fabulous Baroque churches and palaces and peeking into the quaint cafés, restaurants and shops. From Naples travel to Pompei, the famous town completely destroyed in 79 A.D., enter the site easily with hassle-free skip-the-line tickets and get ready to be amazed: exceptionally well-preserved because of the ashes, Pompeii offers a unique collection of perfectly maintained ruins! Today, almost 2,000 years later, you will be able to visualize and imagine these people exploring the ruins with your guide. Admire the magnificent amphitheater, the House of the Vettii and its frescoes, the taverns and wide avenues of a lost world. Other highlights include the Basilica, the Palace of Justice, the Temple of Apollo, the ancient piazza and Forum, site of business dealings and fabulous processions, the Temple of Jupiter, ancient food market, bakery and thermal baths.

Important: in order to guarantee best results and guests' comfort the order of the visit may be varied for climatic/logistics/operational reasons.

**DURATION:** full day

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private transportation from hotel to train station and back to the hotel at the end of the day
- Two-way train tickets and reservation from Rome to Naples and back
- Private specialized English-speaking guide in Naples and Pompei
- Private transportation throughout the tour of Naples and Pompei as needed
- Skip-the-line entrance tickets to Pompei

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THE ULTIMATE ROMAN COOKING CLASS

# PASTA ALL'AMATRICIANA, TIRAMISU AND MORE!

When in Rome... master the art of Roman cuisine and indulge in local fare! Discover the secrets and traditions behind typical Roman gastronomy and enjoy the very best hands-on culinary experience you can get in Rome with our "Pasta all'Amatriciana, Tiramisu and more" cooking class. Aprons on! Learn all about the fresh local produce, spices and seasonings used in typical Roman cuisine and follow your chef's skilled instructions. Mince, measure, mix and knead according to tradition, master the tips and tricks, and make mouth-watering local dishes: fresh hand-rolled pasta and a variety of tasty pasta sauces, among which the signature Roman "Amatriciana" made with premium local bacon and tomato, and naturally rich, creamy decadent Tiramisu for dessert. Finally sit down and relax, relishing the unique flavors of the best Roman meal ever: the one you made yourself in the heart of the Eternal City!

Menu Details: \*Menu may vary according to guests' preferences to include hand-made pasta and 4 different pasta sauces and a dessert, or alternatively Roman pizza followed by dessert. Meal includes the menu as prepared.

**DURATION:** 3 hours

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private two-way transportation from your hotel to the cooking class and back after lunch or dinner
- Cooking class led by an experienced professional chef
- Lunch or dinner as per menu prepared





A VOYAGE THROUGH THE HISTORY AND LIFESTYLE OF ANCIENT ROME

# THE ANCIENT APPIAN WAY AND CATACOMBS

Step off the beaten tourist tracks and back in time, enjoy the balmy Roman weather and explore! Spend a thrilling morning discovering the ancient Appian Way, the Roman aqueduct, Caracalla's mythical baths and the eeriest of all landmarks: a Catacomb! Enjoy journeying across town to reach the ancient Appian Way, the oldest road still in existence, comfortably accommodated in your minivan and escorted by your dedicated expert local guide. Via Appia Antica was ancient Rome's most important military and economic artery and Europe's first highway! Called "the "Queen of Roads" it is paved with enormous flat stones perfectly placed by the ancient Romans' grandiose engineer work; amazingly well preserved it is framed by gorgeous fields studded with historic tombs and ancient Roman ruins, all nearly unchanged since the 4th century. Striking sights you will have the chance to admire, and learn all about from your guide, are the imposing ancient roman aqueduct, a beautiful landmark and masterpiece of engineer work which used to supply the whole city with water, and a mysterious Catacomb. Roam the underground and learn why the catacombs are one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Italy. Your guide will reveal the site's legends and secrets, and tell you all about burial rituals as you wander among these ancient and mysterious tombs. Your visit will also include the famed Baths of Caracalla, the remnants of Emperor Caracalla's "bathhouse" complex. You will certainly gape at this site, among Rome's most awe-inspiring ruins! Follow your guide, to find out how the original 10-hectare complex, which comprised baths, gyms, libraries, shops and gardens, was used by up to 8000 people daily. Admire the remnants the central bathhouse: a huge rectangular which once hosted two gyms a frigidarium (cold room), the warm tepidarium and calidarium (hot room).

**DURATION:** 4 hours

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for 4 hours
- Entrance Fees to the Catacomb
- Entrance fees to Caracalla's Baths
- Private transportation from/to your hotel and throughout the tour as needed (4 hours)





VISIT TO THE BORGHESE GALLERY AND GARDENS

# THE BORGHESE EXPERIENCE

Intricate Roman floor mosaics depicting fighting gladiators, astounding frescoes, Antonio Canova's bold portrayal of Napoleon's sister Paolina, Bernini's life-like Proserpina and much more, all housed in a lavish neo-classical building immersed in the gorgeous Borghese gardens. When in Rome... don't miss the extraordinary Borghese Gallery! Admire the priceless masterpieces of what art connoisseurs call "the queen of the world's private collections", and dive into the audacious lives of the members of the noble Borghese family led by the charisma and knowledge of a specialized private guide. Hosted in what used to be the family's "party and pleasure retreat" the collection put together by Cardinal Scipione Borghese, the most discerning and obsessive art collector of his time, includes works by the finest virtuosos of all time, such as Bernini, Raphael, Titian, Caravaggio. Follow your guide's lead through the striking display, learn about Rome's history and myths, discover the secrets of Emperors, Popes, artists and cardinals. Marvel at Caravaggio's St. Jerome, David with the Head of Goliath, Bernini's splendid sculptures depicting Apollo and Daphne and David, Canova's sculpture shocking "Venus", and the works by Raphael, Perugino and Rubens. Crown your Borghese experience with a stroll through the Borghese Gardens, one of Italy's most gorgeous monumental parks. Walk down the lanes framed by grand leafy magnolia trees and statues, see the lake with a small temple built on its tiny island, and admire the stunning view from the marvelous Pincio terrace.

## INCLUSIONS:

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide (3 hours)
- Entrance fees to the Borghese Gallery
- Private one-way transportation from your hotel (transfer back on own, or available as extra on request)

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CELLARS, AROMAS AND SPLENDID VIEWS

# THE ROMAN CASTELLI WINE EXPERIENCE

Step off the beaten tourist track and discover the views, wines and peacefulness of the Roman countryside! In the ancient times the Castelli were a holiday resort for the well-to-do Romans and in a certain way, because of the lovely views and peaceful ambiance, they still are. The name, “castles” is actually misleading, in fact these are not castles, but towns, charming and picturesque, which rise in the hillside immersed in vegetation, green and luxuriant thanks to the volcanic soil. The name “castelli” actually derives from the historic origin of the towns, which were naturally “born” around the villas of Roman aristocracy that used the area as a holiday resort. Enjoy an out of town excursion to these splendid hills, ramble through hidden valleys and charming towns such as Ariccia and Frascati, and discover the area’s signature product: delectable local wines. The fertile soils here have been used in wine production since the Roman Era and there are thousands of years of winemaking heritage to discover! Admire the rolling hillside, scattered with ancient olive groves and centuries-old vineyards, traveling comfortably by private transportation. Along the way stop at two different wineries, both located in the midst of the rolling Castelli hills, and enjoy the privilege of a guided visit of the grounds and cellars. Learn all about the vineyards and grapes used for the local wines, roam the mysterious cellars and understand how the traditional winemaking techniques have evolved from the Roman Era to the present day. And, at the end of each visit, savor the delectable aroma and taste of the estates’ best blends.

**DURATION:** 6 hours

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private transportation from/to your hotel and throughout the tour as needed (6 hours)
- Visit and tastings at two different local wineries

Lunch is not included. Your driver will be pleased to suggest charming typical options and book on your behalf.





AN EVOCATIVE INSIDER'S TOUR

# THE TRASTEVERE DISTRICT AND THE JEWISH GHETTO

Discover Rome's most picturesque and magical areas: the quaint, popular, Trastevere neighborhood and fascinating ancient Jewish Ghetto! Meet your dedicated English-speaking guide and private driver at your hotel and set off to explore the Jewish Ghetto, a labyrinth of streets, alleys and squares where Jews were once confined. Led by your guide enjoy a memorable stroll, admire marvelous ancient buildings dating back to Roman and Medieval periods and marvel at the many hidden fountains and quiet squares where time seems to have stopped. Yes, because the Ghetto's daily pace and rhythm are slow and relaxed, completely different from the lively yet somewhat hectic life of the rest of the city. Uncover the legends and stories of times gone by as you walk along streets lined by ancient palaces and enjoy visiting the lovely Rome Synagogue with a specialized in-house Synagogue guide. Then walk along the breezy banks of the wide Tiber river to the Isola Tiberina, an actual island in the middle of the river, and cross across to the charming Trastevere neighborhood, which means, literally, "across from the Tiber river"! this area is said to be the "birthplace of real Romans": it is only in Trastevere, nestled in the midst of the low buildings in colors of terracotta and maize, the pretty porches filled with flowers, the cobblestone alleys and little doors, Romans say, lies the real heart of Rome, it's quiet ancient charm and hidden beauty. During the tour stop for a taste of authentic Jewish-Roman delicacy.

**DURATION:** 4 hours

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for 4 hours
- Private one-way transportation from your hotel (in Rome city center) to the Jewish Ghetto area
- Tasting of typical product
- Guided tour of the Synagogue





ANCIENT GRANDEUR AND RENAISSANCE INTRIGUE IN THE ROMAN HILLS

# TIVOLI AND ITS GORGEOUS VILLAS

Away from the crowds and into the sunshine! Leave the hustle and bustle of the city behind, head out to the countryside and discover the many beauties of Tivoli. This charming hilltop town, once the lavish summer resort for the ancient Romans and the wealthy lords of the Renaissance, houses two stunning Unesco World Heritage Sites: Villa Adriana, the extensive estate of Emperor Hadrian, and the 16th-century Villa d'Este, a Renaissance villa celebrated for its legendary gardens and opulent fountains. Follow your guide through Hadrian's enchanting Villa Adriana, built by the emperor in the 2nd century A.D. to be a modest (!) summer resort as a lasting tribute to his lover. Exploring the ruins of the estate, over 30 buildings, you will admire remnants of thermal baths, libraries, temples and wide underground passages and learn all about the emperor and his court's daily customs. Proceed on to Villa d'Este, considered to be one of the most enchanting villas and a superlative example of a Renaissance park. Follow your guide through the villa's stunning gardens featuring water-spouting gargoyles, cypress tree-lined lanes and more than 500 extravagant fountains. Admire the famous Fountain of Neptune and the Fountain of the Organ, designed by Bernini, which is said to have provided inspiration for composer Franz Liszt, and let your guide lead you through Renaissance intrigue, with tales and secrets about how the villa was built for the son of Lucretia Borgia, a scandalous Italian duchess who created a lot of drama in 15th century Italy. Emperors and duchesses, intrigue and fountains... a captivating day, in an outstanding scenario!

**DURATION:** 6 hours

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for 4 hours
- Entrance Fees to Villa Adriana
- Entrance Fees to Villa d'Este
- Private transportation from/to your hotel and throughout the tour as needed (6 hours)

Lunch is not included. Your guide will be pleased to suggest charming typical options and book on your behalf. If case guests decide for lunch in Tivoli, supplement for extra hrs will be applied





ANCIENT GRANDEUR, DAZZLING VIEWS, WONDERFUL WINES

# TIVOLI AND THE ROMAN CASTELLI

Step off the beaten tourist track, discover the views and wines of the Roman countryside! Meet your private guide in Tivoli, once a lavish summer resort for ancient Romans and wealthy Renaissance lords, which houses two stunning Unesco World Heritage Sites: Emperor Hadrian's extensive Villa Adriana, and the 16th-century Villa d'Este, a Renaissance villa celebrated for its legendary gardens and opulent fountains. Follow your guide through enchanting Villa Adriana, built by Hadrian to be a modest (!) summer resort for his lover. Explore the ruins of the estate, including remnants of thermal baths, libraries and temples, and learn all about the court's daily customs. Proceed on to Villa d'Este and its superlative classical Renaissance gardens, a stunning park studded by water-spouting gargoyles, and over 500 extravagant fountains. Admire the Fountain of Neptune and Fountain of the Organ, and let your guide lead you into the depths of Renaissance intrigue, with tales about the son of Lucretia Borgia, a scandalous 15th century duchess.

Then set off to discover the views and peaceful ambiance of the Castelli, once a holiday resort for the well-to-do Romans. The name, "castles" is misleading: these are not castles, but towns immersed in luxuriant vegetation. Visit delightful Frascati and discover the town's signature typical wines, golden and light in flavor: the fertile soils here have been used in wine production since the Roman Era, there are thousands of years of winemaking heritage to uncover! Stop at a winery along the way, visit of the grounds and cellars, learn all about the grapes used and understand how the traditional winemaking techniques have evolved from the Roman era to the present day. Crown your day with a memorable tasting the estates' best blends.

Emperors, duchesses, intrigue and fountains, hills and delicious wines... a captivating day, in an outstanding scenario!

**DURATION:** 8 hours

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private transportation from/to your hotel and throughout the tour as needed (8 hours)
- Private specialized English-speaking guide for Visit of Villa Adriana and Villa d'Este (3 hours)
- Entrance Fees to Villa Adriana
- Entrance Fees to Villa d'Este
- Visit and tasting at a winery in the Castelli hillside

Lunch is not included. Your guide will be pleased to suggest charming typical options and book on your behalf.





A BEWITCHING JOURNEY UNDER THE SURFACE

# UNDERGROUND ROME

Whatever lies down below, deep under the throbbing beat of Rome's hustle and bustle? Experience the thrill of discovering a secret "underworld" filled with haunting vestiges of times long gone by, see mindblowing hidden burials and pagan temples unrenowned to most travelers. Discover what lies under the surface of the Eternal city visit some of the most gripping sights in town led by a knowledgeable specialized guide, unveil the Rome's fascinating turbulent past! Start your journey through the centuries visiting the eerie Crypt of the Capuchin Friars, a one-of-a-kind catacomb which houses the skeletons of around 4,000 friars, and get ready to be surprised: the "collection" comprises numerous bones arranged in lamps, sculptures and mosaic-like display, some of the monks are amazingly well preserved and... still wearing their habits! Continue your exploration discovering the Basilica di San Clemente, a bewitching multilayered church. Follow your guide down to the mysterious lower level, to admire the vestiges of a 1st-century Roman house and dusky 2nd-century pagan temple dedicated to Mithras, with an altar showing the god slaying a bull. Then travel across town to reach the oldest road still in existence, the ancient Appian Way, ancient Rome's most important artery and... Europe's first highway! Paved with enormous flat stones placed by the ancient Romans' grandiose engineer work, it is framed by fields studded with historic tombs and ruins nearly unchanged since the 4th century. Stop along the way to view one of its most striking features, a mysterious Catacomb. Roam the underground and learn why the catacombs are one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Italy. Your guide will reveal the site's legends and secrets and tell you all about the past burial rituals.

**DURATION:** 4 hours

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide (4 hours)
- Private transportation to/from your hotel and as needed throughout the tour
- Entrance fees to the Capuchin Friars Crypt
- Entrance fees to the lowest level of Basilica di San Clemente
- Ancient Appian Way overview
- Entrance fees to a Catacomb on the Ancient Appian Way





SPIRITUALITY AND WORLD-CLASS ART

# VATICAN TOUR

Embark on a journey back in time, travel through over 2000 years of mesmerizing history! Explore this awe-inspiring museum led by your dedicated private guide specialized in art and art history, admire stupendous masterpieces and dive into the history. Being the burial place of St Peter Rome has always been considered a holy city – a second Jerusalem. During your visit to the Vatican Museums you will have the opportunity to learn about the great artists who helped embellish one of the most fascinating sovereign states in the world. The museums comprise some of the world most precious artistic and religious treasures including the Galleries of Maps, Candelabras and Tapestries, the Raphael Rooms, Pinacoteca, or Egyptian Museum. Follow your guide into the awe-inspiring Sistine Chapel, magnificently adorned by Michelangelo's life-like, potent, frescoes. Here the conclaves of cardinals have come together periodically, throughout the centuries, to elect a new pope, and Pope John Paul II called it the "Holy Spirit's place of action".

**DURATION:** 3 hours

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for 3 hours
- Entrance Fees to the Vatican Museums
- Private one-way transportation from your hotel (transfer back on own, or available as extra upon request)





A VIP CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

# VIP EARLY ENTRANCE BREAKFAST AT THE VATICAN

“the early bird catches the worm”... in Rome the early bird catches an extraordinary experience: breakfast and early morning tour of the Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museums! Embark on a memorable journey through 2000 years of history and view mesmerizing masterpieces enjoying the rare privilege of viewing the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel during closing hours to the general public. Depart your hotel bright and early, with the comfort of private transportation, and meet your dedicated guide in front of the grand entrance. Feel the thrill of being among the first to access the vast corridors and enjoy an energizing American Buffet Breakfast in the peaceful ambiance of the lovely Courtyard of the Pinecones. Set off to discover the awe-inspiring Sistine Chapel, magnificently adorned by Michelangelo’s powerful frescoes, where the conclaves of cardinals have come together periodically, throughout the centuries, to elect a new pope. Follow your guide through the art-studded Vatican Museum halls, and dive into the history: being the burial place of St Peter Rome has always been considered a holy city – a second Jerusalem. Learn about the great artists who helped embellish the most fascinating sovereign state in the world, admire the museums’ most remarkable and precious artistic and religious treasures including the Galleries of Maps, Candelabras and Tapestries, the Raphael Rooms, Pinacoteca, or Egyptian Museum. Hot coffee and tasty treats in the Vatican courtyard and breathtaking masterpieces admired in the silence and peace of the early morning hours, when the museums are still closed to the main tourist crowds is an unrivalled cultural experience, a lifetime milestone you will never forget. Kindly note: in case of inclement weather breakfast will be served in the dedicated sheltered area adjacent the Courtyard.

**DURATION:** 4 hours

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for 4 hours
- Skip-the-line priority early entrance tickets to the Vatican Museums
- Full American Buffet Breakfast in the Vatican Museums Pinecone Courtyard or adjacent dedicated area
- Private transportation from your hotel and back at the end of the tour





ROME'S PIAZZAS AND FOUNTAINS

# WATER, STONE AND MAGIC

Water gently dripping into richly decorated basins, nymphs and animals of all sorts dancing above the flow, wall fountains, drinking fountains and monumental “talking” fountains... the first thing one notices when visiting Rome is the amazing number of incredible fountains and imposing hydraulic structures around. Just think: Rome boasts over 2000 fountains in all, more than any other city in the world. Enjoy an unusual viewpoint of the Eternal city's many marvels, follow Rome's ancient water and statue-studded path led by a charismatic specialized local guide, and learn about the city's centuries-old history and artistic legacy. Start your day at the Trevi Fountain, the world's most spectacular show-fountain (made even more famous by the Anita Ekberg wading in it at night, in Fellini's “La dolce vita”!) Learn about Baroque and water, and remember to throw a coin into the basin, over your shoulder with your back to the fountain, if you ever want to return to Rome! Follow your guide down evocative streets to Piazza di Spagna, Rome's most iconic meeting place, to admire the Fontana della Barcaccia shaped like a semisubmerged boat. Stroll down stylish Via del Babuino and marvel at the curious semi grotesque “Babuino”, one of Rome's “talking statues”. Visit romantic Piazza Navona, decorated with three fountains: the one at the centre is the legendary fountain of the Four Rivers, created by Bernini in 1651. It represents the Four Rivers which stand for the four continents known at the time, dominated by the church of Rome. Crown your experience viewing the impressive Pantheon: perfectly preserved it is covered by the biggest cupola ever built by the Romans and boasts a unique circular carving in the ceiling which allows the sun rays to enter, giving the temple a spectacular lighting.

**DURATION:** 3 hours

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide (3 hours).
- Private one-way transportation from your hotel (transfer back on own, or available as extra on request)



