

# ROMAN CASTLES 3

## **3 NIGHTS**

# Weekend in the Roman Castles

# > IN A HISTORIC RESIDENCE

A mini tour that will lead us to discover the richness of an area that has been inhabited since ancient times. We will immerse ourselves in archaeological remains, historic villas and palaces, food and good wine, in the tranquility of the Roman Castles regional park.

## DAY 1 - START OF THE TOUR

Arrival in Frascati, optional transfer from airport / station to your Hotel. Accommodation in a 4\* hotel in the city center. Afternoon at leisure for individual visits.

## **OPTIONAL\*** DINNER IN ELEGANT RESTAURANT WITH WINE PAIRING. Price: 40€ per person

#### **DAY 2 - FRASCATI AND WINE TOUR**

Breakfast. Meet with the guide for the tour of Frascati. We will walk the streets of one of the most renowned municipalities of the Roman Castles famous for the various Tuscolan villas once home to illustrious patrician families. The town is also often remembered for the Neo-Renaissance Baroque cathedral of St Peter and the church of Gesù built in the eighteenth century by the genius of Carlo Fontana.

In the late morning we will move to a local winery and visit the old farmhouse surrounded by nature, vineyards and olive groves. In these places vines have been cultivated since Roman times, it is possible to visit ancient caves where wine has been aged for millennia. We will talk about the vine working techniques and the winemaking processes. Time to taste the famous Frascati wine! We will guide you through a tasting of three locally produced wines, including the famous white wine Frascati Superiore DOCG. After lunch will be served consisting of an appetizer and a first course of the Roman tradition.

At the end of the visit, transfer hotel. Afternoon at leisure, overnight stay.

#### **OPTIONAL\*** VISIT OF GROTTAFERRATA AND ABBEY OF SAN NILO

In the afternoon stop in Grottaferrata, an elegant town in the Roman Castles and visit of the Greek Abbey of San Nilo. The Abbey was founded in 1004 and is currently the last of the Byzantine rite monasteries in Italy. Built on the foundations of an important Roman villa, it incorporates the so-called Grotta Ferrata (cryptaferrata): a sepulchral cell presumed to be the tomb of Tulliola, daughter of Cicero. Along the way you can admire the Farnese Chapel with frescoes by Domenichino and the icon of Mary with the Child by Gian Lorenzo Bernini.

Includes transfer, guided tour. Price: 30€ per person

## DAY 3 - CASTEL GANDOLFO - ARICCIA

Breakfast, meet with the guide and tour of the historic buildings. Transfer to Castel Gandolfo, a delightful town overlooking Lake Albano, one of the most beautiful villages in Italy, known for the presence of the Papal Palace, the pope's summer residence. Visit of the ancient city center with the Papal Palace, the Pontifical Villas and the beautiful gardens. A journey that will tell us the history of the papacy from the seventeenth century to the Lateran Pacts, from the stay of John Paul II and Benedict XVI to the transformation into a museum by Pope Francis. This will be followed by a walk in the manicured gardens of the Parco delle Ville Pontificie with the remains of the ancient Roman villa. At the end of the tour, we continue to Ariccia where we can admire the buildings overlooking piazza di Corte designed by Gian Lorenzo Bernini together with the Collegiate Church of Santa Maria Assunta, Palazzo Chigi (outside) and the famous Ariccia bridge. The majesty of the place and the natural beauty that surrounds it have made it the destination of the Grand Tour. Return to Frascati, afternoon at leisure.

#### **OPTIONAL\* NEMI WALKING TOUR**

After lunch. walk through the streets of the ancient village of Nemi, the smallest town among the Roman Castles dating back to Roman times. Colorful, surrounded by nature and with a unique view of the lake of the same name, it offers noteworthy landscape views. Includes transfers, free visit. **Price: 30€ per person** 

#### DAY 4 - END OF TOUR

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out. Optional transfer to the station or airport from your hotel.

<b>PRICE PER PERSON</b> Every weekend from April to August / November to December 2021			
Nights/Room type	in DBL or TWN	in TRP	In SGL
3 Nights	360€	330€	470€
Every weekend from September to October 2021			
3 Nights	390€	360€	530€

#### Supplements/Reductions

Child reduction 2-12 yrs.: - €46

Transfer Frascati – airport FCO (each way): €80 (2-4 pers) Transfer Frascati – airport CIA (each way): €40 (2-4 pers) Transfer Frascati – Termini Station (each way): €60 (2-4 pers)

#### **THE PRICE INCLUDES**

Accommodation in 4 \*\*\*\* Hotel in Frascati with breakfast (3 nights), guided tour of Frascati and wine tour with wine tasting and lunch, guided tour of Castel Gandolfo with entrance to the Papal Palace and Ariccia, medical / baggage insurance.

#### THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

Anything not indicated in the "price includes", tips/gratuities and extras of a personal nature, optional excursions. (\*) Not included in the price