



ROME AND THE ROMAN CASTLES 4/6 NIGHTS

Rome of the Caesars and Popes

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DAY 1 - START OF THE TOUR

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OPTIONAL* DINNER IN A CHARACTERISTIC RESTAURANT
in the ancient Trastevere district. **Price 25€ per person**

DAY 2 - COLOSSEUM - IMPERIAL FORUMS

Breakfast at the hotel, meet with the guide and visit to the largest archaeological area in the world: the Colosseum, the Imperial Forums and Mount Palatine. We will walk on places dating back to the foundation of Rome to the imperial age. Among the other historical legacies of the route: the Arch of Constantine, the Arch of Titus, the Capanne Rotulee, the House of Livia, the House of Augustus, the Cryptoporticus of Nero and the Domitian Palace. Afternoon at leisure for individual visits, overnight stay.

OPTIONAL* VISIT OF THE CAPITOLINE MUSEUMS
The oldest public museum in the world, founded in 1471 by Pope Sixto IV. Including entrance fee, guide in Italian. **Price: 40€ per person**

DAY 3 - VATICAN MUSEUMS

Breakfast at the hotel, morning at leisure for individual visits. In the afternoon, meet with the guide and visit of the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel. Various works are collected in the Vatican museums that span from ancient to contemporary times. Sarcophagi and mosaics share the space with masterpieces by great masters such as Giotto, Michaelangelo, Leonardo Da Vinci, Raphael up to Dali, Canova and Matisse. In the midst of so much beauty, the presence of a fragment of lunar rock donated to Vatican citizens by former US president Nixon continues to amaze. The tour ends in the Sistine Chapel where it is possible to admire the famous frescoes of the representation of the Last Judgment. Return individually to the hotel, overnight stay.

OPTIONAL* SUGGESTIVE EVENING EXCURSION TO CASTEL SANT'ANGELO WITH THE "PASSETTO"

Not far from the Vatican stands Castel Sant'Angelo, built by order of the Emperor Hadrian wanting a much larger reproduction of the mausoleum of Augustus. Its intended use changed several times over the centuries, passing from bulwark to prison. The presence of the "Passetto" is singular, a pedestrian passageway that connects the site with the Vatican used by the pope to escape in case of danger. Includes entrance fee, guide. **Price: 40€ per person**

DAY 4 - ROME - FRASCATI

Breakfast at the hotel, check-out and luggage storage in the luggage room. Meet with the guide for a visit of "Renaissance and Baroque" Rome. We will start from Piazza di Spagna with the "Barcaccia" fountain and the "Spanish Steps". Along the characteristic streets of the center of Rome, we will arrive in front of the Trevi Fountain and then onto the Pantheon, built in 27 BC. We continue to Piazza Navona, a wonderful living room dominated by the Fountain of the Four Rivers and we will visit the church of San Luigi dei Francesi with the works of Caravaggio. Lunch free (not included), transfer to Frascati.

We will stroll through 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 Basilica of St. Peter and the Church of the Gesù built in the eighteenth century by the genius of Carlo Fontana. In the late afternoon we will proceed to a local winery. Where we will visit the old farmhouse surrounded by nature, vineyards and olive groves. In this area 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 techniques of working the vine 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.

At the end of the visit, transfer to the 4* hotel and accommodation in the assigned rooms, overnight stay.

DAY 5 - TUSCULAN VILLAS

Breakfast at the hotel, meet with the guide and transfer to Villa Mondragone (Frascati), the largest of the Tuscolan Villas. Building started in 1573 by



Cardinal Altamps, Mondragone and lives its period of maximum expansion between the Renaissance and the beginnings of the Baroque. It was the summer residence of the popes until 1626 when the new Pope Urban VIII moved it to Castel Gandolfo. Visit of the interiors, including the marvelous Hall of the Svizzeri, the splendid Garden of the Girandola, the majestic Portico of Vasanzio and the Theatre of the Acque. Continue to Grottaferrata, an elegant town in the Roman Castles for a visit to 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 Child by Gian Lorenzo Bernini.

Return to Frascati, lunch free (not included). Afternoon at leisure for individual visits, overnight stay.

OPTIONAL* NEMI WALKING TOUR

After lunch, it is possible to continue with an afternoon 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. Including transfer from / to Nemi, free visit. Price: 30€ per person

DAY 6 - 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.

DAY 7 - END OF TOUR

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

PRICE PER PERSON (EXCLUDING FLIGHTS)

Every weekend from April to August / November to December 2021

Nights/Room type	in DBL or TWN	in TRP	In SGL
4 Nights	510€	470€	670€
6 Nights	810€	770€	990€
Every weekend from September to October 2021			
4 Nights	550€	510€	710€
6 Nights	850€	810€	1030€

Supplements/Reductions

Child reduction 2-12 yrs.: €-94
 Transfer to the airport (each way): €40 (2-3 pers.), €50 (4-6 pers.)
 Transfer to Rome Termini Station (each way): €20 (2 - 3 pers.), €30 (4-6 pers.)
 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

Tour 4 nights: Accommodation in 4 **** Hotel with breakfast (3 nights in Rome, 1 night in Frascati), entrance and guided tour of the Colosseum and Imperial Forum archaeological area (3hrs), entrance and guided visit of the Vatican Museums (3hrs), guided tour of the historic center of Rome (3hrs), transfer to Frascati, guided tour of Frascati and wine tour with wine tasting, medical / baggage insurance.
6-night tour: 2 additional nights in Frascati, entrance fees and guided tour of Villa Mondragone, Grottaferrata and Abbey of San Nilo, excursion to Castel Gandolfo with entry to the Papal Palace and visit of Ariccia.

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

