

RPPTL - ITALY 2018

Rome

September 25-30, 2018



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ROME - DAY 1

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

WELCOME RECEPTION

light snacks and wine
location: hotel room TBD

ROME - DAY 2

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

8:30 am - 11:30 am

WALKING TOUR OF BORGHESE GARDENS AND GALLERY

optional tour #9
walking tour departs the hotel at 8:30 am

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

PAPAL AUDIENCE

optional tour # 8
transportation departs the hotel at 8:00 am

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

LUNCH (ON OWN)

2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

IMPERIAL ROME TOUR

included tour
transportation departs the hotel at 2:00 pm

7:15 pm - 10:15 pm

DINNER - RESTAURANT TRE SCALINI IN PIAZZA NAVONA

included tour

ROME - DAY 3

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

9:30 am - 10:00 pm

POPE'S SUMMER RESIDENCE AND GARDEN PLUS PRIVATE WINERY TOUR

included tour (INCLUDES LUNCH AND DINNER)
location: transportation pick up at hotel

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ROME - DAY 4

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

8:15 am - 1:15 pm

BASILICAS OF ROME

optional tour #10

location: transportation pick up at hotel

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

VATICAN MUSEUM BY NIGHT

included tour

transportation departs the hotel at 6:00 pm

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ROME - DAY 5

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

7:30 am - 8:30 am

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Breakfast opens at 7:30 am and meeting starts at 7:45 am

Westin Hotel: Room Name:

8:30 am - 1:15 pm

VILLA D'ESTE IN TIVOLI

optional tour #12

transportation departs hotel at 8:30 am

8:30 am - 1:15 pm

BASILICAS & CATACOMBS AND OLD APPIAN WAY

optional tour #11

transportation departs hotel at 8:30 am

7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

LUNCH (ON OWN)

DINNER

included

location: transportation pick up at hotel

ROME - DAY 6

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

8:00 am - 7:00 pm

POMPEII AND MOUNT VESUVIUS

optional tour #13

transportation departs hotel at 8:00 am

Note: Those heading to Amalfi Coast will arrive in Sorrento around 7:00 pm. Those returning to Rome will arrive around 8:30 pm.

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PAPAL AUDIENCE

September 26, 2018 - 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
optional tour #8

DRESS CODE: Comfortable attire and shoes. Knees and shoulders covered, no shorts or sleeveless shirts allowed.

The Papal Audience is scheduled to start between 10:00 -10:30 am; however, we will have to arrive early to go through security and get a good seat. The ceremony is held in St. Peter's Square and typically lasts 60-90 minutes. While we wait for the audience to begin our guide will provide a history of the Vatican and point out the many interesting sites and facts about the square. If you have religious articles you want blessed be sure to bring them with you. After the tour you will return to the hotel to enjoy lunch on your own before the afternoon tour begins.

WALKING TOUR OF BORGHESE GARDENS AND GALLERY

September 26, 2018 - 8:30 am - 11:30 am
optional tour #9

DRESS CODE: Comfortable attire and shoes.

This tour will begin with a guided walk from the hotel through the Borghese gardens to the Gallery. The Gallery is a magnificent temple of art. It was created by the wealthy Cardinal Scipione Borghese in the early 1600s to house his world-renowned private collection of masterpieces by Raffaello, Tiziano, Bernini, and Caravaggio, just to name a few. The Cardinal created a home for himself and his art collection in the midst of Rome's most beautiful two hundred acre park. Villa Borghese was built with the intention of combining art and nature in an incomparable setting. The building later became the home of Napoleon's sister, Pauline, when she married a member of the Borghese family. The famous sculptor Antonio Canova immortalized Pauline in an extraordinary marble sculpture of her as Venus, which is displayed at the Gallery. In 1901, the Borghese family gave its villa and art collection to the city of Rome, which then made it a museum with all its wonderful collection. This is a guided tour.



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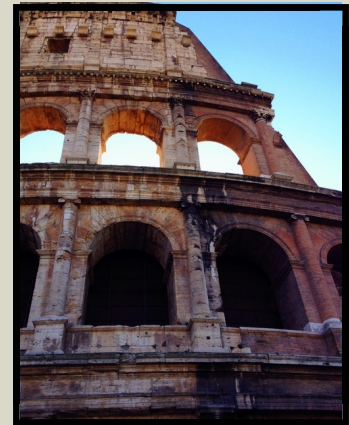
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IMPERIAL ROME TOUR

September 26, 2018 - 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
included tour

DRESS CODE: Comfortable attire and shoes.

Take a journey into ancient times. The tour begins by walking into the largest amphitheater in the ancient world: the Colosseum. During the visit see where gladiators and fierce animals challenged each other until death for the pleasure of the Emperor and the public. The journey continues with a walk through what was then the center and heart of ancient Rome – the Forum. See the Senate House, where the destiny of Rome and most of the Western world was decided. We will continue to the Arch of Titus, which commemorates the Emperor's victory over Jerusalem in 72 A.D. Admire the Arch of Constantine, commemorating the conversion of pagan Rome to Christianity. The journey will include a drive by of the famous Circus Maximus, and the Theater of Marcello (a forerunner of the Coliseum) and will end in Piazza Venezia to admire the huge marble monument to King Victor Emmanuel II, built at the beginning of the last century. Guests will continue on foot after the colosseum, passing throughout piazza venezia carrying on to the pantheon. After the pantheon, we head directly to dinner.



DINNER - RESTAURANT TRE SCALINI IN PIAZZA NAVONA

September 26, 2018 - 7:15 pm - 10:15 pm
included tour

DRESS CODE: Business Casual

This restaurant opened in 1882, and has become the most famous restaurant in Piazza Navona. Relax and relish the view of the Piazza as you enjoy a multicourse dinner. For dessert we will enjoy their famous "tartufo," which is a rich creamy ice cream drenched in chocolate, cherries and whipped cream. For those of you who have who have seen the film "Angels and Demons" with Tom Hanks, which is based upon the novel by Dan Brown, you will recognize this Piazza and its fountain.

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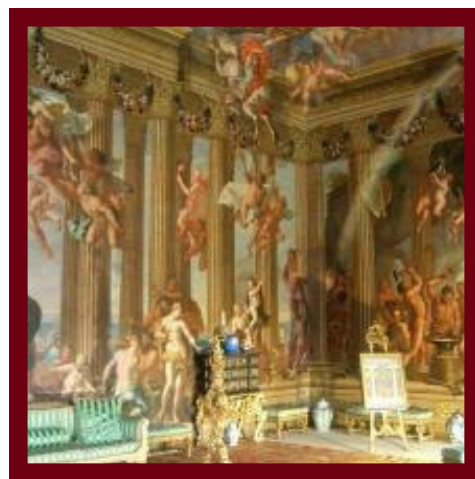
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POPE'S SUMMER RESIDENCE AND GARDEN PLUS PRIVATE WINERY TOUR

September 27, 2018 - 9:30 am - 10:00 pm
included tour

DRESS CODE: Comfortable attire and shoes. Knees and shoulders covered, no shorts or sleeveless shirts allowed.

Travel to the out skirts of Rome to the scenic hilltop towns of Castelli Romani. Just about half an hour drive and you will find yourself surrounded by gentle hills covered in woods, vineyards, vegetable gardens, orchards and olive trees...this is the world famous 'campagnaromana' which fascinated great artists of the past - Goethe, Lord Byron, Michael Ende - as well as the young aristocrats who visited Italy during their Grand Tour in the 18th century. Relax on the journey through the idyllic Alban Hills, and enjoy a stop at the historic village of Castel Gandolfo. Renowned for being the summer residence of the Pope, the papal summer residence at Castel Gandolfo, perched dramatically above lake Albano, has meant a lot to many Popes. Pope Pius XI had the whole place modernized and spruced up in the 1930s for papal hols, adding a model farm to supply fresh produce for Vatican tables. Pope John XXIII used to delight in giving his security the slip here, and hang out with locals in the town that surrounds the estate. Pope John Paul II spent five years and 16 days of his 16-year pontificate here, controversially building a swimming pool in the grounds. Pope Benedict XVI hid out here for months after handing in his resignation in 2013. Only recently opened to the public, we will be among the first to tour the Pope's Summer Residence. See personal items of the Popes' never before seen by the public. The tour includes the Pope's private gardens and enjoying a lunch from the food grown on the Pope's private Farm. After touring the Summer Residence we will head on to the Santa Benedetta winery located between the towns of Monteporzio Catone and Frascati on the slopes where the Roman castles verlook Rome, Santa Benedetta is an agricultural factory that is in the centre of the production of Frascati DOC wine. The winery exists since 1650 and has always cultivated vines and produced wine. Today the activities of the winery include the production of grapes, wine and olive oil. We will be greeted by Fabia, the owner of the factory who is a professional Gourmet Chef. We will walk the vineyards, experience a cooking lesson in making pasta, enjoy wine tasting, a grand buffet of hors d'oeuvres and a traditional gastronomic dinner.



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BASILICAS OF ROME

September 28, 2018 - 8:15 am - 1:15 pm
optional tour #10

DRESS CODE: Comfortable attire and shoes. Knees and shoulders covered, no shorts or sleeveless shirts allowed.

The tour begins with St. Peter's Basilica. Inside the Basilica you will see Michaelangelo's Pieta, Bernini's Baldacchino, St. Peter's tomb. You will also have the opportunity to climb to the top of the dome for the spectacular view. Then stroll onward to the Church of St. Peter in Chains. Named after the chains that held St. Peter captive in both Rome and Jerusalem, the church is rich in religious history and Renaissance art. Michelangelo's acclaimed sculpture of Moses is a highlight. The tour will proceed with a visit to the Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore. It is the most important of the Roman churches dedicated to the Virgin Mary, with a lot of mosaics and decorations.

VATICAN MUSEUM BY NIGHT

September 28, 2018 - 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
included tour

DRESS CODE: Comfortable attire and shoes. Knees and shoulders covered, no shorts or sleeveless shirts allowed.

Once in a lifetime opportunity to view the Vatican at night with an exclusive access to one of the largest museums in the World displaying works from the immense collections amassed by Popes throughout the centuries including some of the most important masterpieces of Renaissance art in the World. The museum has the greatest collection of artwork by Raphael. The tour ends in the Sistine Chapel where you will view the many works of Michelangelo.



VILLA D'ESTE IN TIVOLI

September 29, 2018 - 8:30 am - 1:15 pm
optional tour #12

DRESS CODE: Comfortable attire and shoes.

A short ride through the Roman countryside and its olive groves, you reach Tivoli, a famous resort for Romans for more than 2000 years. You will visit Villa d'Este, a beautiful private Renaissance mansion, once the home of Cardinal Ippolito d'Este. Using this villa as a pleasant country retreat, he spent years creating the unbelievable terraced gardens, filled with hundreds of fountains and waterfalls, grottoes and ancient trees. It is artistically composed to create an unforgettable effect with simple architecture that contrasts with the elaborate metric design of the gardens descending in a series of terraces that are certainly some of the finest to be found both inside or outside of Italy.



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BASILICAS & CATACOMBS AND OLD APPIAN WAY

September 29, 2018 - 8:30 am - 1:15 pm

optional tour #11

DRESS CODE: Comfortable attire and flat shoes.

The tour begins with a visit to St. John in Lateran. Founded by Constantine some time during 314-335. It once served as the official residence of the Pope. Today it is the Cathedral Church of Rome. Many Popes are buried in this Church. After a visit to St. John in Lateran we cross the street to find the Holy Stairs, which are the very stairs Jesus walked up before being put on trial in Jerusalem by Pilot and which were brought back from the Holy Land by St. Helen. The tour will proceed with the visit of the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, one of the lesser visited basilicas in Rome despite its status as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Through the Gate of St. Paul, we continue on to the Basilica dedicated in his name. Visiting St. Paul's Outside the Walls, the largest Basilica in Rome after St. Peter's, we see the charming cloisters. We complete this unique tour by making our way towards the Old Appian Way, the oldest paved road in the world, and which leads us to the Catacombs. The Catacombs consist of an intriguing maze of underground tunnels hollowed out of volcanic rock, where the early Christians who were persecuted by the Romans had to practice their religious rites and bury their dead in secret. We will have the opportunity to walk through these dark and narrow tunnels to fully experience their mysterious and enchanting atmosphere. The decorations found throughout the Catacombs represent precious samples of early Christian art, such as frescoes portraying biblical scenes and those representing the themes of Baptism and Resurrection.

DINNER

September 29, 2018 - 7:45 pm - 11:00 pm

included

DRESS CODE: Comfortable attire and shoes.

The majestic Palazzo Farnese, restaurant, while the stone floors and richly embellished ornamental ceilings simply ooze class. The elegance of the environment shows impeccable attention to detail, from its luxurious furnishings to the precious glasswares. However, the secret of this restaurant's success is not in its decor, it is indeed in its cuisine. Here you can taste traditional Roman dishes that are innovatively presented with an international flair. Camponeschi offers creative selections that are suitable to each and every demand, with a wine list consisting of the very best in Italian and French wines.

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POMPEII AND MOUNT VESUVIUS

September 29, 2018 - 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

optional tour #13

DRESS CODE: Comfortable attire and shoes.

Our Pompeii/Mt. Vesuvius add-on day trip will start at the archeological ruins of the ancient Roman city of Pompeii, located south of modern Naples and to the southwest of Mt. Vesuvius. At the time of Vesuvius's famous 79 A.D. eruption, Pompeii was an upscale, thriving, and sometimes decadent city in the fashion of the Roman Empire at its peak. Tragically, Pompeii's 20,000 residents had no idea that Vesuvius's fertile slopes contained an active volcano, as they still do today. The day and a half eruption devastated Pompeii and the surrounding area, killing untold numbers of people and animals unable to escape the ashfall and deadly gases emitted by the volcano. Pompeii was buried in 13-20 feet of ash and pumice, causing it to disappear until the 18th century when artifacts of the long-lost city were unearthed. Then began a multi-century excavation that has revealed homes, the amphitheater, the forum, and other structures remarkably well-preserved from the ravages of time since 79 A.D. We will walk as the Romans did on the uneven stone streets (wear suitable shoes!) among the ruins of the ill-fated city and see its frescos, artifacts, and building structures to gain unforgettable insight into what everyday life was like at that time.

After a delicious and relaxing lunch (and maybe a little Vesuvian wine) at a winery on the slopes of Mt. Vesuvius, we will be driven to close to the 4,227 feet peak of the volcanic mountain. A short and easy 220 yard hike up modest switchbacks will put us at the mouth of this fearsome volcano where we will be able safely to walk along its rim for spectacular views inside the crater, of its solidified lava flows, and, if the sky is clear, also of the surrounding landscape out into the Bay of Naples. Vesuvius is famous not because it is a particularly large volcano, but because humans have been drawn to live in sight of it for thousands of years to benefit from the fertile soils produced by materials erupted by the volcano, despite the ongoing risks of devastating eruptions. Vesuvius remains active today and a significant health and safety hazard to the area's approximately 6 million residents.

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