

Dear Smithsonian Traveler,

We invite you to experience the treasures of the Eternal City on our 7-day Discovery Program. Set out each day from your luxurious accommodations at the Hotel Roma, ideally located near Rome's popular sights. With two included excursions and a choice of two optional excursions, this easy adventure combines the convenience and value of structured group travel with the flexibility to go where you want to go and do what you want to do.

Our travel experts have meticulously planned this exciting program, which showcases the highlights of Rome. Enjoy preferred access to popular attractions and an exclusive educational program by a Smithsonian Study Leader that will enhance your appreciation of Rome.

This trip combines the security, ease and value of group travel with opportunities for independent exploration. You will enjoy the camaraderie of traveling with a group of like-minded people and, during your free time, feel the thrill of making your own discoveries! Space on this value-priced journey is limited to 36 travelers. Be sure to make your reservations today.

Sincerely,

Amy Kotkin Director

PROGRAM PRICE

\$3,595

All prices quoted are per person, based on double occupancy (unless otherwise stated) and includes round-trip airfare from Washington Dulles (IAD) and New York (JFK).

Single accommodations are an additional \$465 (limited availability).

Special Air Add ons:

Chicago (O'Hare): \$200 Los Angeles: \$300

SMITHSONIAN STUDY LEADERS



Valerie Hedquist is an associate professor of art history at the University of Montana. During her academic life, she has continued to explore and teach the art and architecture of Italy, a country whose language and literature she studied while an undergraduate at the University of Minnesota. Valerie will lead the March departure.

Glenn Bugh is an associate professor of Classical and Byzantine history at Virginia Tech and holds a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland. He has published numerous articles and two books and has served as a Smithsonian study leader on trips to Italy, Greece, the Adriatic and the Black Sea since 1984.



Though modern-day Romans may be accustomed to the wealth of antiquity that surrounds them, you will gain a true appreciation on how this amazing city accommodates ancient and modern sites so seamlessly. Trace the steps of triumphant Roman generals toward the ancient ruins of the Forum. Stand where Cicero and Mark Antony eulogized the fallen Caesar. Sit on a marble slab in the Colosseum and imagine yourself a witness to gladiatorial combats. No visit to Rome is complete without seeing the Vatican. Stroll through St. Peter's Square to marvel at the balustrade topped by 140 statues, one of Bernini's many brilliant accomplishments. Gaze at the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, where Michelangelo spent four years painting a masterpiece of biblical figures, architectural illusions and iconic glorifications of the human body. Before you leave, toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain to ensure your return to Rome!



DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY ONE ~ IN TRANSIT

Depart for Rome, Italy.

DAY TWO ~ ROME

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Upon arrival, transfer and check in to the Hotel Victoria Roma. A hospitality desk will be available to provide any assistance you may require.

This evening, attend a festive Welcome Reception.

DAY THREE ~ ROME/VATICAN CITY

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Excursion: *The Vatican.* Step inside Vatican City, the world's smallest sovereign state. Along with your expert guide, examine priceless collections and see the treasures of one of the world's most impressive art collections. Catch a few glimpses of the exquisite gardens of the Pope before proceeding to the Sistine Chapel to ponder Michelangelo's world-famous frescoes. Continue on a guided tour of St. Peter's Basilica to examine the cathedral's impressive art collection, which includes Michelangelo's Pietà. Enjoy some time to linger in St. Peter's Square on your own.

Sample Italian specialties during dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY FOUR ~ ROME

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Excursion: *Imperial Rome.* Explore the Colosseum with your knowledgeable guide and see where gladiators and wild beasts fought to the death to entertain emperors and roaring crowds. Next door, walk through the ruins of the Forum, the heart of ancient Rome. Here, orators addressed crowds, vendors peddled wares and supplicants prayed to the gods at the many temples. See the Senate House, the Arch of Titus and the Arch of Constantine.

DAY FIVE ~ ROME

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Independent Exploration: Spend the day relaxing and

exploring Rome, or join the optional excursion.

Optional Excursion: *Pompeii and Naples.* * Visit Pompeii, which was destroyed, yet preserved by ash, when Mount Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79. See the well-preserved frescoes and mosaics and get a glimpse of what life was like in ancient Pompeii. Continue to Naples to savor an authentic pizza lunch. Then enjoy a panoramic tour of the historic center of Naples. Start at the top of Posillipo hill for a view of the city and the entire Bay of Naples, then drive into the city and see Castel Nuovo, San Francesco di Paola, Teatro di San Carlo and Piazza del Plebiscito.

DAY SIX ~ ROME

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Independent Exploration: Spend the day relaxing and exploring Rome, or join the optional excursion.

Optional Excursion: *Unexpected Rome.** Venture off the beaten path into the backstreets of the historic Monti Quarter, for a specially arranged visit to an acclaimed mosaic workshop. For over a century, Studio Cassio has restored ancient artifacts throughout Italy from Pompeii to the Caracalla Baths in Rome, and has produced iconic new pieces including a mosaic honoring John Lennon in Central Park. Enjoy a live demonstration of this ancient art. Afterwards, stop for coffee and pastry at a café.

This evening, bid a fond farewell to Rome with your fellow travelers at a festive Farewell Dinner.

DAY SEVEN ~ ROME/IN TRANSIT

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After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

NOTE: The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. Excursions in this program involve considerable walking.

*Optional Excursions are available at an additional cost.



INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

• Five nights in Rome, Italy, at the deluxe Hotel Victoria Roma.

Transportation

- Round-trip jet service between Rome and Washington D.C. or New York.
- All deluxe motor coach transfers in the itinerary and baggage handling on these transfers are included.

Meals

- Five breakfasts and two dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner. Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.
- Attend a Welcome Reception and a Farewell Dinner.

Activities and Events

- Informative educational programs, presented by a Smithsonian Study Leader, will enhance your insight into the region.
- A selection of included and optional excursions as outlined in your program itinerary.
- Personal VOX listening devices allow you to hear every word from your expert, English-speaking guides.

Many Included Extras

- Consultation services of a dedicated Passenger Service Representative prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced **Travel Director** throughout your stay.
- **Tipping** of excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.

UNESCO World Heritage Sites

- On the included excursions, the Historic Center of Rome and the Properties within Vatican City.
- On the optional excursions*, the Archaeological Area of Pompeii, the Historic Center of Naples.

ACCOMMODATIONS



HOTEL VICTORIA ROMA

Built in 1899 and lovingly restored, the Hotel Victoria Roma is a first-class, luxurious boutique property facing Rome's famous Villa Borghese Park. Run by the Wirth family for five generations, the elegant and airy property has long been a haven for world-class musicians. It boasts a vintage cocktail lounge and an extensive collection of 18th-century artwork featuring scenes of Rome. Its restaurant, Belisario, offers delectable regional specialties in an intimate setting. The charming, comfortable guest rooms boast many modern amenities.





TERMS & CONDITIONS

Our Mission

Smithsonian Journeys are designed to engage travelers in Smithsonian's mission - "the increase and diffusion of knowledge. Like the Institution, our tours enrich our guests' lives and satisfy their curiosity about the world. Your participation benefits the work of Smithsonian's 19 museums, the National Zoo and nine research centers, helping to preserve our national treasures and shape the future through science, research, and exhibitions.

What Is Included in the Tour Cost

- Round-trip international airfare from New York (JFK) or Washington Dulles (IAD) and air and departure taxes. Individual Arrivals and Group Transfers bulletin will thoroughly explain the details of the options available for your individual flights.
- Expertise of a Tour Manager, local guides and study leader throughout the tour.
- · All accommodations (based on double occupancy).
- · Meals as indicated on the itinerary, including special welcome and farewell dinners.
- · Pre-tour information, including a reading list.
- · All sightseeing and visits as noted in the itinerary.
- · All on-tour transportation, unless otherwise noted.
- Emergency evacuation insurance (up to \$50,000) \$25,000 in emergency medical expenses and \$500 in emergency dental expenses.

What Is Not Included in the Tour Cost

- · Passport fees, visas, and visa photos as required.
- · Personal items such as wines, liquors, a-la-carte orders, meals other than specified.
- · Room service and valet/laundry service.
- Expenses incurred by our tour operator in making individual travel arrangements in conjunction with the tour.
- · Other items not specifically mentioned as included.

Book by Phone or Online

Have your credit card available when you call us toll-free at 1-877-338-8687 Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (ET), or reserve online at www.Smithsonian.Journeys.org using our secure ordering system.

Reservations and Deposits

Space is reserved in the order of receipt of phone or web reservations. Deposits are applied to payment of the program price.

- Deposit of \$600 per person, per tour, payable by check to the tour operator or by major credit
 card is required to reserve a space on a tour program.
- Balance due 90 days prior to the program, unless otherwise stated.
- If payment is not received by 90 days prior to departure, your place cannot be guaranteed on the tour.

Late Registration

- Any registration received within 90 days of departure is considered a "late registration" and must be subject to special confirmation.
- Payment in full must be made immediately by credit card or by check and sent by overnight
 mail to the tour operator before confirmation is possible.
- Once confirmed, cancellation penalties apply as set forth below. If confirmation is not
 possible, all payments made will be refunded in full.
- Late registration confirmation procedures apply to any participant who is transferred from the
 wait list to the program within the designated late registration period for that program.

Cancellations and Refunds

- Cancellations within 7 days of booking (if not within final payment date): full refund.
- Cancellations after 7 days of booking: \$600 retained (entire deposit).
- Final payment due: 90 days.
- Cancellations made less than 90 days prior to departure: no refund.
- Cancellation by the Smithsonian: full refund.
- No refund for unused portions of the tour, including but not limited to, missed meals, hotel nights, and sightseeing.

Travel Insurance

Smithsonian Journeys' optional Travelers' Protection Plan helps ease your worries. If unexpected circumstances should arise and you must cancel or interrupt your trip, our plan covers your investment. For the convenience of our travelers, Smithsonian Journeys makes available a Travelers' Protection Plan Travel Insurance. We strongly urge you to consider this or other travel insurance in addition to your own health insurance policy and the coverage for emergency evacuation, medical, and dental expenses, and worldwide emergency assistance service included in the price of your tour. Details of our plan will be sent with your confirmation letter. The plan provides help in many unexpected circumstances, such as loss, delay, or damage of baggage; a medical problem that may suddenly arise which causes you to cancel your trip; and medical costs outside the U.S. (most medical policies, including Medicare, do not provide full coverage for medical expenses incurred outside of the U.S.)

Air Tickets Purchased Independently of the Tour

We urge you to check airline cancellation penalties before purchasing airline tickets since international departure times and flights can change. Tours also can be cancelled due to low enrollments. Neither Smithsonian Institution nor the tour operator accepts liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets purchased independently in conjunction with a tour.

Itinerary Changes

Smithsonian strives to improve tour itineraries and their features. If improvements can be made, or unforeseen circumstances beyond our control make changes necessary, we reserve the right to vary itineraries and to substitute hotels. Every effort will be made to carry out the program as planned but alterations may still occur after the final itineraries are sent. Please note that weather

conditions may force changes to the advertised sailing schedule on cruise programs. The ship's captain has the authority to change the ship's schedule.

Physical and Medical Considerations

Please note that these tours require that participants be in good physical condition: you must be capable, without assistance, of walking a minimum of one mile over uneven terrain and of climbing stairs that may not have handrails. Participants should have sufficient stamina to keep pace with an active group of travelers on long days of touring. If you have any questions about your ability to participate in a tour, please call us at 1-877-338-8687.

Childre

All tours, except for family programs, are designed for adults. Some may be suitable for older children. Regardless of age children must pay full price unless otherwise noted, and a parent or guardian must accompany those under 18.

Photography

Participants on tour may be photographed for the educational and promotional purposes of the Smithsonian Institution. Photographs may be printed in publications and posted on websites to promote Smithsonian Journeys. Travelers who prefer that their image not be used must advise the tour manager at the beginning of the tour.

Smoking Policy

For the comfort of all participants, we ask that there be no smoking during all group activities, including excursions and meals.

Note About Costs

Tour costs are based upon current airfares, tariffs, currency values, and on the basis of a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. Should actual enrollments fall significantly below minimum numbers, a surcharge may be added. Due to fluctuations in oil prices, a fuel surcharge may be added to your tour fee (e.g. internal flights, cruises, etc.). Details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

Read Carefully: Responsibility Statement and Liability Disclaimer

Smithsonian Journeys are managed by professional tour operators hired as independent contractors. The use of tour operators allows the Smithsonian to offer its members a wide array of educational travel opportunities. The tour operator acts only as an agent for the respective suppliers by making arrangements for transportation, accommodations, and other services. Neither the Smithsonian Institution nor the tour operator shall be held liable for personal injury, death, property damage or accident, delay or irregularity arising out of any act or omission of these suppliers. The Smithsonian Institution and the tour operator reserve the right, without penalty, to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of tour participants. The Smithsonian Institution and the tour operator also reserve the right, without penalty, to withdraw the tour announced, to decline to accept any person as a participant in a tour, or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such action is determined by tour staff to be in the best interests of the health, safety or general welfare of the tour group or the individual participant, subject only to the requirement that the recoverable portion of the total amount paid that corresponds to the cost of unused services and accommodations be refunded, if any Participants are encouraged to purchase airline tickets no sooner than 60 days before the tour begins to avoid airline cancellation penalties if a tour is canceled or otherwise modified subsequent to the participant's purchase of those tickets. The Smithsonian Institution and the tour operator accept no liability for the purchase of non-refundable airline tickets to the tour departure city and return. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant. Dates, schedules, program details, and costs, although provided in good faith based on information available at the time of publication of the brochure or catalog, are subject to change and revision

AS A CONDITION OF ACCEPTANCE OF ANY APPLICATION, EACH APPLICANT MUST AGREE TO THE STATEMENT SET FORTH BELOW:

The undersigned has read carefully the Responsibility Statement and Liability Disclaimer set forth above, the schedule of activities for this tour, as well as the terms and conditions of application and participation as set forth in the tour brochure(s), and recognizes and accepts any risk associated with the tour and the conditions, including the refund policy, set forth in the tour brochure(s). The undersigned further acknowledges that there are many risks and uncertainties inherent in any travel tour, including but not limited to the hazards of various modes of transportation, forces of nature, acts or omissions of foreign governments, terrorism, war or insurrection, theft, illness, and damage to person or property due to the negligent acts or omissions of tour staff or others. In consideration of, and as part payment for, the right to participate in the tour, the undersigned, on behalf of himself, his dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, agrees to release the Smithsonian Institution, its Regents, officers, employees, representatives or agents, the United States, and the tour operator and its officers, employees and agents, from liability for personal injury, death, property damage or loss suffered by any person in connection with this tour, even if caused by the negligence (but not the reckless, willful, or fraudulent conduct) of tour staff or other related persons or entities. In addition, by registering for this tour, the applicant certifies that he or she is mentally and physically capable of full participation in this tour. BY REGISTERING FOR A SMITHSONIAN JOURNEY, THE PARTICIPANT AGREES TO THE RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT AND LIABILITY DISCLAIMER AND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS HEREIN.

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