

The Eternal City

Three Glorious Days in Rome

9th - 12th October, 2013

\$899 per person, including accommodation & sightseeing!

Day 11: Ancient Rome - the Forum & Colosseum

After bidding farewell to some of our traveling companions this morning, we begin our in-depth sightseeing of the 'Eternal City' with a guided tour of Ancient Rome. Our expert local guide will help bring the era to life as we make visits to the Forum & later the Colosseum, the scene of epic & grisly 'entertainments' for Roman citizens. With so much to see in this extraordinary city, this afternoon & evening have been left free for your own explorations - there are world class museums, many extensive Roman ruins, & countless historic churches. Or you might spend your time shopping for the latest Italian fashions!

Day 12: Treasures of the Vatican

We travel across Rome & into another country today as we meet our local guide again for a visit to the Vatican.

Plenty of time will be spent touring the huge Vatican Museums, one of the richest collections of art & artifacts on earth. However the highlights of our visit will undoubtedly be Michelangelo's stunning Sistine Chapel, & neighboring St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world.

The afternoon is again free for you to explore Rome further - perhaps to adventure outside the Roman walls to the ancient catacombs, to visit the Villa Borghese, or to stroll the back streets of the *Centro Storico*?

Day 13: The Villas & Gardens of Tivoli

Today we'll take an excursion out of Rome to nearby Tivoli. Just 25 miles from Rome, Tivoli has long been considered a retreat from the big city & villas were built here by the wealthy elites since Roman times.

During our visit we will visit two of Tivoli's most famous villas: those of the Roman emperor Hadrian & the 16th-century Cardinal d'Este.

Back in Rome there will be time to freshen-up or shop for any last minute gifts before we rendezvous tonight to enjoy our farewell group dinner.

Day 14: Arrivederci Roma!

Sadly we depart this morning for your flight to the USA, arriving home later today.