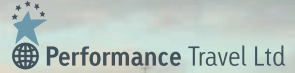




Sample Itinerary



YOUR HOTEL

NH Midas Hotel
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DAY 1 27 DECEMBER

Depart USA on flights to Europe.

Dinner and breakfast will be served on your trans-Atlantic flight.

DAY 2 28 DECEMBER

On your arrival in to Rome after clearing immigration and customs you will be met in the arrivals area by your tour assistant and taken by motor coach to your hotel.

On arrival at your hotel your tour assistant will assist with your hotel check-in.

During the day your tour assistant will present an orientation meeting for your where you will receive your information and itinerary book and learn all about your week in Rome. You will also have time to explore the vicinity of your hotel to find the nearest general stores and ATM machines.

7.00pm

Dinner will be served in your hotel.

The rest of the evening is free for you to acclimatise to European time.

DAY 3 29 DECEMBER

A buffet breakfast with hot and cold items will be served each morning in your hotel. The substantial menu will include all of the continental breakfast items such as cereals, fruit juice, yogurt, cheese and hams, with a selection of breads and sweet pastries, tea, coffee and hot chocolate. This will be supplemented with a hot buffet, including scrambled eggs and bacon.

**From
7.00am**

Breakfast is served in the hotel.

9.00am

This morning depart for a **COMBINED COACH AND WALKING TOUR OF ROME.**

The first part of the tour will be a coach tour with tour guides around all the famous landmarks of central Rome with a number of photo stops along the way. Highlights will include The Colosseum, Vatican City, The Circus Maximus and plenty more. After the coach tour you will begin the walking part of the tour around central Rome using your



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personal MP3 audio guides and the track 'When in Rome'. The walk will take you to The Trevi Fountain, The Spanish Steps, The Pantheon and the most famous shopping street in Rome, as well as letting you stop for a gelato along the way!

1.00pm

Independent lunch.

2.30pm

This afternoon tour the COLOSSEUM AND THE ROMAN FORUM. The Colosseum was the largest amphitheatre built in the Roman Empire. Capable of seating 50,000 spectators, the Colosseum was used for gladiatorial contests and public spectacles such as mock sea battles, animal hunts, executions and re-enactments of famous battles. A short walk from the Colosseum is the Roman Forum, the centre of the City around which ancient Rome developed, in which commerce, business and the administration of justice took place. It is the most important archaeological area in Rome. You will be guided around the Colosseum and Forum by a specially produced Youth Music audio tour.

7.00pm

This evening an authentic dinner will be served at IL TERME DEL COLOSSEO Restaurant.

9.00pm

Re-join your coaches to return to the hotel.

DAY 4

30 DECEMBER

From

7.00am

Breakfast is served in the hotel.

9.00am

Depart from the hotel by coach.

10.00am

This morning take a guided tour around the SAN SEBASTIAN/SAN CALISTO CATACOMBS.

You will have the chance to take an hour long tour of the Catacombs – the underground cemeteries located outside of the original city walls of Rome, that were used by the Christians and the Jews between the 2nd and the 5th centuries. Sixty catacombs have been discovered in Rome but only five are available to the public to visit, the most famous being San Sebastian and San Calisto. They are made up of underground tunnels in the form of a labyrinth covering many miles. Your guide will lead you along the galleries and show you some of the famous Saints buried in the catacombs.

11.30am

Continue on by coach to FRASCATI. Frascati is located less than 15 miles southeast of Rome, on the Alban Hills close to the ancient city of Tusculum.



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There will be a little time before lunch for you to discover the traditional buildings, winding streets, piazzas and shops, as well as the Archaeological Museum, Cathedral and Church of the Gesu.

1.00pm

A typical Italian lunch will be served in the local rustic restaurant LA VECCHIA FRASCA.

2.45pm

Marching band performers change into performance uniforms on the coach.

3.30pm

Marching band performance in the two main Piazzas in Frascati; Piazza San Pietro and Piazza Mercato passing through the beautiful cobbled streets of the city and playing for the local residents and tourists visiting the town.

4.30pm

Enjoy some further shopping and sightseeing time in Frascati.

6.30pm

Depart by coach from Frascati. You will be stopping for dinner en route back to your hotel.

7.00pm

This evening dinner enjoy dinner at RINALDO ALL'ACQUEDOTTO Restaurant.

9.00pm

Re-join your coaches to return to the hotel.

DAY 5

31 DECEMBER

From

7.00am

Breakfast is served in the hotel.

9.00am

This morning take a guided tour of the VATICAN MUSEUM, ST PETER'S BASILICA and the SISTINE CHAPEL.

The Vatican City is a sovereign city-state almost completely walled within the city of Rome. It is the smallest independent nation in the world and is governed by the Pope, the Holy Father of the Catholic Church. The most prominent building inside the Vatican City is the Basilica of Saint Peter, dominated by Michelangelo's dome. One of the largest churches in Christianity it covers an area of 6 acres and has a capacity of over 60,000 people. One of the holiest sites of Christendom, it is the burial site of Saint Peter, one of the twelve apostles. No visit would be complete without a visit to the Sistine Chapel, which dates back to 1483. In 1508, Pope Julius II commissioned Michelangelo to repaint the ceiling and his fresco, which took four years to complete!



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1.00pm

Independent lunch.

2.30pm

This afternoon has been left free for independent shopping and sightseeing before dinner. Your tour assistant will be on hand to suggest things you might like to see or do. Perhaps a visit to see some of the Renaissance paintings in the Borghese Museum, or a visit to Castel St Angelo to see Hadrian's Mausoleum or perhaps you might like to climb up the Vittorio Emanuele monument otherwise known as the wedding cake for fabulous views out over the city of Rome. If you would rather have some shopping time head to the Via del Corso or to the Christmas Market in Piazza Navona.

8.30pm

Tonight enjoy a buffet dinner in your hotel with other groups, followed by a New Year's Eve Party with music and dancing to see in the New Year.

DAY 6

1 JANUARY

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From

9.00am

Breakfast is served in the hotel restaurant.

10.30am

This morning take the second of your personal MP3 audio guided walking tours 'Rome Revealed'. This walking tour will take you into the medieval neighbourhood of Trastevere filled with antique shops, cafes and winding streets. The walk continues onto Tiber Island before heading to the Basilica of Santa Maria thought to be the oldest Church in Rome.

1.00pm

A sack lunch with a sandwich, piece of fruit, cake and drink has been arranged for performers today.

Change on your coaches into your performance attire for the parade this afternoon.

2.30pm

Group photograph in Piazza del Popolo.

3.30pm

NEW YEAR'S PARADE ROME. Starting in Piazza del Popolo and parading along the 3km route down Via del Corso onto Via Condotti, onto Via del Babuino onto Via di Ripetta before finishing back in Piazza del Popolo where you will give a static performance to the crowd.

6.00pm

Return by coach to your hotel.

7.00pm

A four course Italian dinner will be served this evening at TANAGRA RESTAURANT with opera singing and audience participation.



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DAY 7 2 JANUARY

From

7.30am

Breakfast is served in the hotel restaurant.

8.30am

Depart by coach to POMPEII.

12.00pm

Arrive in Pompeii. Two course lunch at the Hotel Victoria.

1.30pm

Tour of Pompeii. This afternoon you will be taken on a guided tour of the excavation sites of Pompeii. Pompeii is a Roman city near to modern Naples in the region of Campagna. The city was buried under several feet of ash by a huge eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79 before its accidental rediscovery 1600 years later. Today it is one of Italy's leading tourist attractions and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After the tour you will have the opportunity to do some independent exploring/sightseeing and shopping in Pompeii.

4.00pm

Depart Pompeii and return by coach to Rome.

7.30pm

A farewell dinner will be served this evening at ARTURO ALL'ANTIC BERNARDO FOLINI located near to your hotel.

DAY 8 3 JANUARY

Breakfast is served in the hotel restaurant/ breakfast boxes.

Depart the hotel by coach for the airport.

Check in for your flight home

Have a safe journey home!