

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary
Roman Holiday
School Vacation Week
Friday, February 17 - Friday, February 24, 2012

Over 2,700 years old, Rome is an historic, artistic and cultural gem. The ancient Romans gave us the **Colosseum, Forum, Circus Maximus, Pantheon, Baths of Caracalla** and **Catacombs**. From the Renaissance came the **Vatican City, St. Peter's Square** and **Basilica** as well as priceless array of art treasures. Countless piazzas, palaces, fountains and churches establish Rome as one of the world's most beautiful cities. This holiday includes unique touring that takes you off the beaten path. You'll visit the **Via Veneto, Porta Pinciana** and **Borghese Gallery**. We've included a half-day tour that explores the most beautiful squares and fountains, including **Trevi Fountain; Piazza di Spagna** (Spanish Steps) and the **Barcaccia Fountain; Piazza del Pantheon;** and finally **Piazza Navona** and the **fountain of the Four Rivers**. A new addition to this popular holiday is a chance to unravel Rome's secrets on the *Angel and Demons* inspired guided tour. You'll visit some of the enigmatic sights mentioned in the Dan Brown novel and learn about the Illuminati and the Four Altars of Science. This holiday offers you a glimpse of Imperial Rome; Rome during the artistic explosion of the Renaissance; and the cafes, street corners and colorful lifestyle of Rome today.

Includes

- Round-trip air transportation on regularly scheduled non stop **Alitalia** Airlines flights from Boston Rome
- Six nights' three-star accommodations at the **Hotel Milani**
- American breakfast daily
- Three half-day sightseeing excursions with professional local tour guides
- Round-trip, private airport/hotel transfers with assistance

Rates

\$1,199 per person double occupancy

\$1,509 for single reservations

Triple accommodations may be available upon request. Add \$85 for current air taxes and fees and \$360 fuel surcharges. Passport required.

Accommodations

Hotel Milani

Via Magenta, 12, Rome

Tel: 011 39 064 457 051

Situated on a quiet side street close to the bustling Termini area, the Hotel Milani is a European-style hotel. The Milani is just minutes from the Basilica of St Mary Majors, the Piazza de Repubblica and the Via Nazionale. The Milani hotel offers 74 rooms, all with en suite facilities, AC, telephone, TV and hairdryer. There is also a small bar and lounge area.

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Departure from Boston

Depart from Boston on your non stop Alitalia flight to Rome.

Day 2: Transfer to the Hotel Milani

Upon arrival in Rome retrieve your luggage and clear customs. You'll be met by our local representative who will assist you during the transfer to the **Hotel Milani** in downtown Rome. Check in and receive room assignments. The rest of the day is at leisure to get acquainted with the hotel and surroundings.

Day 3: Rome

After enjoying a full American breakfast, depart the hotel with your local tour guide for a half day guided tour dedicated to the discovery of the most beautiful Squares and Fountains of Rome. Piazza della Repubblica with the Fountain of the Najads with the background of the Church of St Mary of the Angels created by Michelangelo. Continue to Piazza del Quirinale, with the beautiful fountain and its obelisk. You will stop at at the Trevi Fountain and then walk over to Piazza di Spagna (Spanish Steps) with the Barcaccia Fountain, Piazza Monte Citorio, Piazza del Pantheon and finally Piazza Navona, with the fountain of the Four Rivers. Return to the hotel the remainder of the day and evening is at leisure. **(B)**

Day 4: Rome

After breakfast depart for a half day guided tour featuring the Via Veneto, Porta Pinciana, Villa Borghese and the Borghese Gallery. Within the Borghese Gallery you will view an amazing collection of unique masterpieces signed by extraordinary artists like Bernini, Titian, Rapahel, Canova, Rubens and Caravaggio. Continue onto the Piazza del Popolo to visit Santa Maria del Popolo and marvel at Caravaggio's works. The afternoon and evening are at leisure. **(B)**

Day 5: Rome

Unravel Rome's secrets on the Angels and Demons morning tour inspired by the novel of Dan Brown. Your guide will take you to the enigmatic sights mentioned in the novel, and reveal so much more about the mesmerizing city of Rome. You will learn about the secrets of the Illiminati and the Four Altars of Science representing the four elements of earth, air, fire and water. The remainder of the day and evening is at leisure. **(B)**

Days 6 &7: Rome

Both days are at leisure to continue exploring the Eternal City on your own. **(B)**

Day 8: Return flight to Boston

This morning you will be transferred by private motorcoach to the Rome Airport for your return Alitalia flight to Boston arriving in the afternoon. **(B)**

***Proof of Citizenship** is required for all trips outside the United States. U.S. citizens require valid Passport. Passports are the responsibility of each client.*

***PLEASE NOTE:** This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

***PLEASE NOTE:** This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2–3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.*