



THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary

Roman Holiday

School Vacation Week

Saturday, February 13 - Saturday, February 20, 2010

Over 2,700 years old, Rome is an historic, artistic and cultural gem. This newly-designed holiday includes unique touring that takes you off the beaten path. You'll visit the Via Veneto, Porta Pinciana and Borghese Gallery—an amazing collection of unique masterpieces. Ancient Rome is evident at the Baths of Caracalla, Old Appian Way and Domine Quo Vadis Chapel before touring the catacombs, the burial grounds of Rome's early Christians. We've included a half-day tour that explores Rome's 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.

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

\$1,139 per person double occupancy

\$1,419 for single reservations

Triple accommodations may be available upon request.

Add \$305 for current air taxes, fees charges and 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, Raphael, 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

Today's half day excursion will take you close to the Piazza Barberini where you will find Santa Maria della Concezione, a modest looking church, but inside are notable works of art like the painting by Guido Reni, which depicts St. Michael the Archangel crushing Lucifer, as well as St. Francis in prayer, which is attributed to Caravaggio. In the crypt below, this church houses one of the more bizarre sights in Rome; a series of chambers housing the skeletal remains of the Capuchin monks that served the church in past centuries. The bones are not just stored, but the chambers are literally decorated with them. Then continue on your way to tour the Catacombs and see the Baths of Caracalla, the Old Appian Way, the Domine Quo Vadis Chapel and the tomb of Cecilia Metella a cylinder shaped mausoleum. Return to hotel and the remainder of the day and evening are 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.*