

# Live Like a Roman with Robert and Christina Pirello

## Our May 26 to June 4, 2023 Itinerary

You Can See Rome in Three Days, but in Eight Days, You Can Live Like a Roman.



The phrase “All roads lead to Rome’ come from the Latin for “a thousand roads lead men forever to Rome.” Rome is not like any other city in the world. Called The Eternal City for so many reasons, Rome is top to bottom magical. No matter where you look, your eyes feast on beauty, both modern and ancient. From the latest fashion to the masters of the Renaissance, your senses will be filled from the moment you arrive at the lovely boutique, Old World hotel, Albergo Santa Chiara at The Pantheon until you depart for home.

This exclusive, all-inclusive trip will stimulate you in ways you can’t quite imagine. Great food, wine, coffee, history, art, shopping and the majestic wonder of the heart of Rome, will enliven and enrich all of your senses. Join us!

### The Journey Begins

Friday, May 26, 2023

Depart USA for Rome Italy

Saturday, May 17, 2023

Arrive in Rome Italy and Transfer to Albergo Santa Chiara



We’ll pick you up at Rome airport (FCO) and transfer to Albergo Santa Chiara. The ride is about a half hour from the airport to the hotel. You’ll get settled in before meeting in the lobby at 1:00 to walk to Fattoincasa for lunch in Piazza Pasquino. Following lunch we’ll enjoy a walking tour around the immediate neighborhood so you can familiarize yourself with the area. This will include Piazza Pasquino, Piazza Navona, Trevi Fountain, and the Pantheon. We’ll also visit an ancient ruin that now houses the Chamber of Commerce for an amazing introductory video to Rome. We’ll give you some time to relax before meeting for dinner back at our apartment.

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**

**Walking tour of the Jewish Ghetto, Trastevere and Campo di Fiori Market**



This, our first full day, begins with breakfast at the hotel, after which we'll meet in the lobby and begin a day of touring, beginning with a walk to Largo di Torre Argentina, only a block from the hotel. This piazza is famous as it is where Julius Caesar was assassinated. We'll continue on to the Jewish Ghetto, and then to the farmers market at Camp di Fiori; and then we'll cross the Tiber River to the historic neighborhood of Trastevere for lunch at Trapezino.

This will be followed by some free time for shopping in historic center along Via del Corso, and then dinner at our apartment.

**Monday, May 29, 2023**

**Tivoli and Hadrian's Villa and Villa d'Este Gardens and Palace**



Following breakfast at the hotel, we'll depart for Tivoli, Hadrian's Villa and Villa d'Este. About a half hour from Rome center, Tivoli is mainly known for Hadrian's Villa and Villa d'Este gardens and palace. The town itself has other reminders of Tivoli's long history, including ruins of Roman aqueducts, a medieval castle, and a number of other historic sites. Covering 120 hectares, Hadrian's Villa complex, created by the Roman Emperor Hadrian, contains a myriad of well-preserved structures and offers a superb insight into ancient Rome; while Villa d'Este is famous for its terraced hillside Italian Renaissance garden and especially for its profusion of fountains. We'll explore all of this with our guides Ezio and Rosa.

Following lunch in Tivoli, we'll head back to the city for some free time before dinner at our apartment.

**Tuesday, May 30, 2023**

**Morning Walking Tour of Piazza di Spagna, Piazza del Popolo with Borghese Overlook  
Afternoon Visit and Tour of the Colosseum, Palatine Hill and the Roman Forum**



This day begins again with breakfast at the hotel, where Elisabetta will meet us for a walking tour of more of Rome's historic sites and neighborhoods. This morning we'll visit the Spanish Steps and walk from there to Piazza del Popolo and the overlook from Villa Borghese. From here, we'll make our way to the Colosseum. We'll have lunch at one of our favorite restaurants by the Colosseum where Rosa will meet up with us for your tour of the Colosseum, Palatine Hill and the Roman Forum. From here we'll make our way back to the hotel before dinner at our apartment.

**Wednesday, May 31, 2023**  
**Pompeii and the Secret Terrace**



Following breakfast at hotel, we'll depart for Pompeii where we'll meet up with our guide for the day, Antonia Mosca, a longtime friend, Antonio was born in Pompeii, and both his grandfather and father were restorers in Pompeii. Antonio will be quick to tell you that you've never been to Pompeii, even if you've been, because you've never toured with him. Before our tour, we'll enjoy lunch in

Pompeii, and after our tour, we'll visit another of our friends, Antonella, who will cook a lavish Neapolitan meal for our dinner before heading back to Rome. This day will take your breath away in so many ways!

**Thursday, June 1, 2023**  
**A Tour of The Vatican Museum, St Peter's Basilica and Sistine Chapel**  
**And an Authentic Italian Cooking Class**



A truly magnificent day awaits you following breakfast at the hotel. We'll meet up with Rosa for a tour of the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel, St Peter's Basilica and the Pietà, along with the catacombs below the chapel...WOW, need I say more?

After our tour we'll enjoy lunch at a nearby restaurant followed by a late afternoon authentic Italian cooking class.

We'll end the day with wonderful dinner experience in celebration of Robert's birthday!!!

**Friday, June 2, 2023**  
**Galleria Borghese**



Following breakfast at the hotel, we'll take a short ride to the Galleria Borghese in one of Rome's most important park.

The Galleria Borghese Museum houses and exhibits a collection of ancient sculptures and mosaics, as well as paintings from the 15th to the 19th century. Among the masterpieces of the collection, whose first and most important nucleus dates back to the collecting of Cardinal Scipione (1579-1633), nephew of Pope Paul V, there are works by **Caravaggio, Raphael, Titian, Correggio, Antonello da Messina, Giovanni Bellini and the sculptures of Gian Lorenzo Bernini and Canova.**



Follow our tour of the Borghese Museum with Rosa, we'll walk to our favorite pizza restaurant in Rome for lunch, Pizza Rae, (they serve more than just pizza). After lunch we'll go to view the amazing Aventine Keyhole. And dinner will be at the exquisite five star restaurant, Ristaronte Nino by the Spanish Steps.

**Saturday, June 3, 2023**  
**Castel Gandolfo and Nemi**



After breakfast at the hotel, we'll depart for Castel Gandolfo and Nemi. Castle Gondolfo is commonly known as the Pope's City, as it houses the Pope's summer residence. It is a holiday resort located at the top of Lake Albano and is frequented by tourists from all over the world who appreciate the location, the panorama, the exquisite hospitality and the refined beauty. Nemi, right next to Gandolfo is famous for its strawberries, and is also what you might call a "cute" town. Being grown in the

volcanic soils at the border of Lake Nemi, they're strawberries are amazingly delicious, like none you've ever tasted. In addition to strawberries, Nemi has underground caverns that have been made into art galleries. This picturesque town will take your breath away. For lunch, we'll enjoy an amazing spread at Artemisio, one of our favorite restaurants in that area. We'll depart Gondolfo and Nemi for Frascati for a wine tasting and dinner.

**Sunday, June 4, 2023**  
**Depart for US from FCO**