

Selim Center for Lifelong Learning
University of St. Thomas
Rome from Antiquity to the Early Modern Era:
Legacies and Transformations
January 15 – 23, 2025

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Day	Date	Program Outline
1	Wednesday 15 Jan 25	Rome arrival. <i>Arrival flights to Rome, Italy under own arrangements.</i> Upon arrival to Rome, check-in to Best Western Plus Hotel Universo for an eight-night stay in Rome. Meet your Tour Manager who will travel with the group the entire tour. Enjoy a 3-course welcome dinner including one glass of wine per person in a local restaurant. (D)
2	Thursday 16 Jan 25	Rome. After breakfast by a private coach go to Capitoline Hill and Museums area. Meet your local guide and proceed for half a day walking tour of Capitoline Hill and Museums. In the afternoon, explore Tiber Island and Circus Maximus led by group leader. Evening free. (B)
3	Friday 17 Jan 25	Rome. A transfer by a private coach to Roman Forum and meet your local guide for the day and proceed with a tour of the Roman Forum, Palatine Hill and Palatine Museum. Walk to Il Vittoriano, the monument built for Vittorio Emanuele II, the first King of Italy, including entrance to a panoramic view of ancient Rome. Group lunch on the terrace at Il Vittoriano (<i>subject to availability</i>). Afternoon and evening free. (B, L)
4	Saturday 18 Jan 25	Rome. A coach transfer to Colosseum and a meet your local guide for the guided tour. A guided walking tour of the Colosseum and gladiator's barracks. Visit Constantine's Arch next to the Colosseum then walk to the nearby St. Clemente Basilica, including the visit to Mithraeum (<i>San Clemente scavi</i>). After a lunch break on own, visit Basilica of St. John Lateran and Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore. Evening free. (B)
5	Sunday 19 Jan 25	Rome. After breakfast, proceed by private motorcoach to visit the Baths of Caracalla and the Catacombs of San Sebastian on Via Appia Antica. After light group lunch, the coach will leave you at the Basilica St. Maria degli Angeli for an afternoon visit. Late afternoon and evening free. (B, L)

6	Monday 20 Jan 25	Rome. Visit to St. Peter's and a guided tour of the Scavi (<i>Vatican Necropolis, subject to availability</i>). Visit Pantheon and rest of the day free. (B)
7	Tuesday 21 Jan 25	Rome (Tivoli). By a private coach proceed for a day excursion to Tivoli and visit to Hadrian's Villa. In the afternoon visit Villa d'Este. with its magnificent gardens and waterfall. Return to Rome for arrival at the hotel. Evening free. (B)
8	Wednesday 22 Jan 25	Rome. Meet your local guide in the hotel lobby to depart for customized guided walking tour of the Vatican Museums. Break for lunch on own in Vatican City. Group Farewell dinner at a local restaurant including one glass of wine per person. (B, D)
9	Thursday 23 Jan 25	Rome departure. Check out of the hotel and departure under own arrangement.

(Included meals: B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)

Itinerary subject to change due to local scheduling