

ROME

4 NIGHTS EXTENSION



DAY 1 ARRIVE ROME

Upon arrival in Rome you will be transferred to your hotel to meet up with your fellow Rome extension pilgrims.

Rome overnight (D)

DAY 2 ROME PILGRIMAGE

This morning is at leisure; or schedule permitting we will walk to **St. Peter's Square** where the Holy Father will host a **General Audience** (Wednesday) with pilgrims from around the world or pray the **Angelus** (Sunday). *Subject to itinerary schedule and the Pope's presence in Rome.*

Continue by coach this afternoon to the impressive **St. Mary Major Basilica**. Onwards to the **Basilica of St. John in Lateran** (First Papal residence) and the adjacent **Holy Stairs** brought from Jerusalem to Rome in 326AD by St Helena (as a favourite of pilgrims, these steps may only be ascended on the knees). Finally we visit the **Basilica of Santa Croce in Jerusalem** with its extraordinary collection of relics from the Holy Land including a full size replica of the Shroud of Turin. Mass this afternoon will be celebrated at one of the three Basilicas.

Dine out tonight at a traditional Trattoria, enjoying the Roman atmosphere!

Rome overnight (BD)

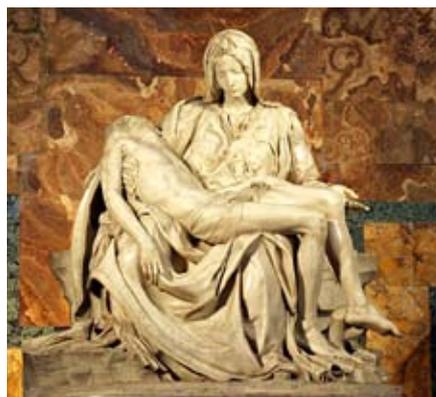
DAY 3 ROME PILGRIMAGE

After an early private Mass at St Peter's Basilica this morning we go to the nearby **Vatican Museums** for an unforgettable guided tour.

We wander the spectacular chambers leading to the **Sistine Chapel** to view Michelangelo's masterpieces, including the magnificent fresco of the Last Judgment. Continue through to the awe inspiring **St. Peter's Basilica**, the largest church in the world for an informative exploration. Here among many treasures we view Michelangelo's moving '**Pieta**' as well as entering the grottos where previous Popes including 'John Paul the Great' are buried.

Some free time today to discover the sights of Rome. Strolling through the streets is like walking through the pages of a history book. Indulge in a gelato or enjoy a coffee while absorbing and admiring the history of this ancient city. Marvel at the Pantheon or visit the Church of St Ignatius with its amazing ceiling painted to look like a dome.

Set out after dinner to view **Rome by night** as we discover the city's renowned monuments from inside our comfortable coach. See the



Colosseum alight, the **Victor Emmanuel Monument**, the **Piazza Della Republica**, **St Peter's Basilica** and **Capitol Hill**. Disembark to throw a coin in the **Trevi Fountain** before strolling to the **Piazza Navona** to soak up the vibrant atmosphere.

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DAY 4 ROME PILGRIMAGE

Continue our Christian Rome pilgrimage this morning as we travel out to the **Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls** and give honour to the Church's greatest evangelist. Here we will celebrate our group Mass. Journey on then to the **ancient Catacombs** for a memorable guided tour. Marvel at these underground burial tunnels for Christians and Hebrews.

This afternoon we enter into the most visited attraction in Rome - the **Colosseum**. In 1749, Pope Benedict XIV declared the Colosseum a sacred site, as it was a place where early Christians had been martyred. View the **Circus Maximus** and the **Roman Forum** en route back to our hotel.

This evening we will celebrate our final night in Rome at a traditional Italian restaurant.

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DAY 5 DEPART ROME

Today we join our onward flights or pilgrimage connections.

Contact Harvest Pilgrimages for more details and costs