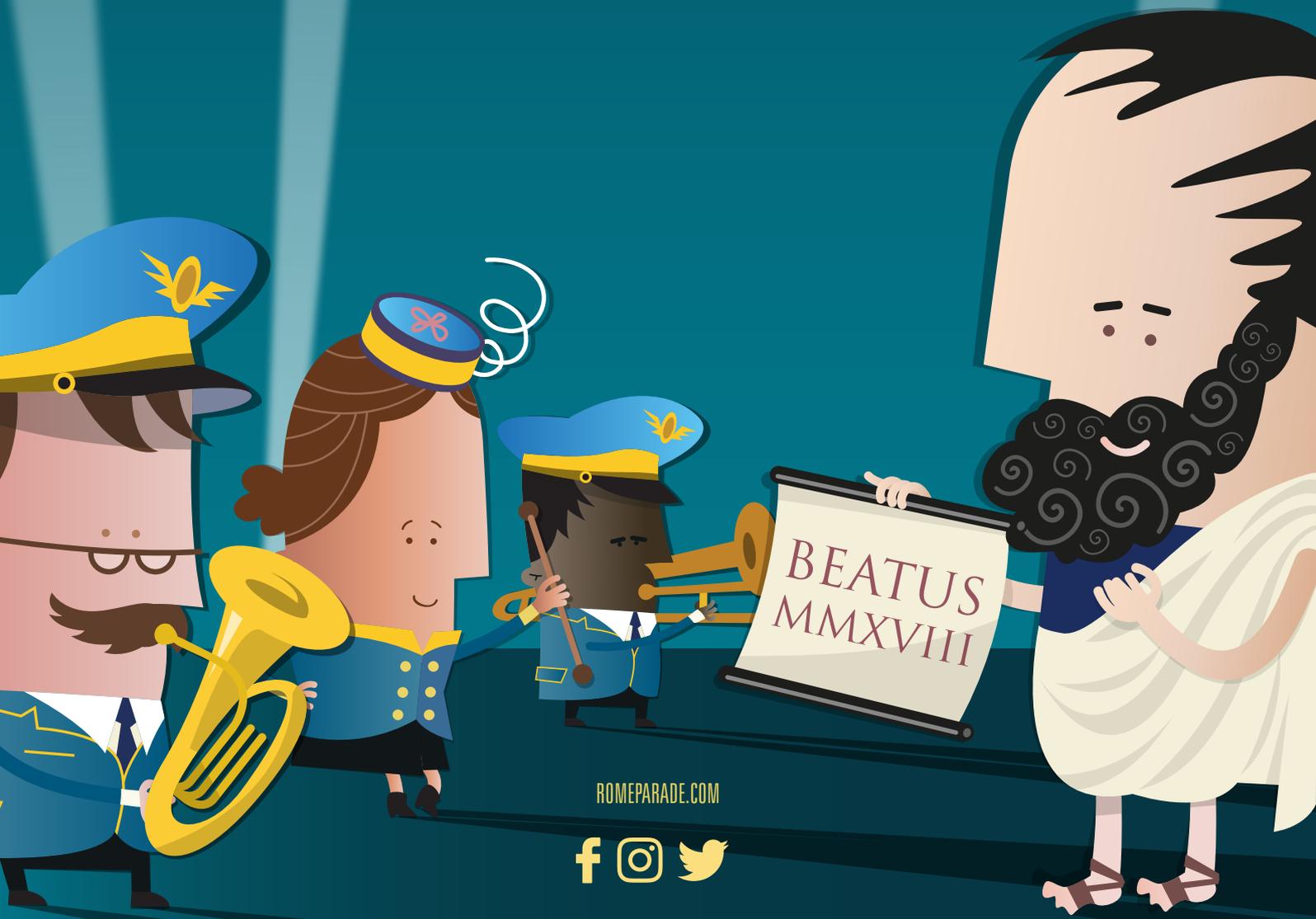


NEW YEAR IN ROME

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Your hotel

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Rome Useful Information

Time zone: GMT+1. From America EST +6, West Coast +9, CST +7

Language: Italian

Temperature: Throughout December and January, the average temperature remains constant at 46°F (8°C).

Currency: the Euro (€). There are 100 cents in a Euro.

Euro coins: 1€, 2€

Cent coins: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50

Euro notes: 5€, 10€, 20€, 50€, 100€, 200€, 500€

Credit cards: Visa, MasterCard and Maestro are all widely accepted in Italy.

Money: The easiest way of getting money is from ATM machines. You'll find ATMs at banks and post offices all over Italy and most of them have step-by-step instructions in your choice of languages. ATMs nearly always have better rates than currency-exchange offices and hotel reception desks.

Tipping: Tips are not expected in restaurants as servizio (service charge) and/or coperto (cover charge) are already included. However, rounding up on a cheque or a taxi fare is always appreciated.

Useful words & phrases:

Hello	Ciao/ Salve
Goodbye	Ciao Arrivederci
Please	Per Favore
Thank you	Grazie
You're welcome	Prego
Yes	Si
No	No
Good morning	Buongiorno
Good evening	Buonasera
Good night	Buonanotte

Pleased to meet you	Piacere
How are you?	Come va?
Excuse me	Scusi
Sorry	Mi Dispiace
Do you speak English?	Parla Inglese?
I don't understand	Non Ho Capito
How much is this?	Quanto Costa?
Where is the toilet?	Dov' É Il Bagno?
Where can I find...?	Dove
Posso Trovare...?	
Happy New Year	Buon Anno
New Year's Eve	Capodanno/Feste di San Silvestro

Clothes & Shoes: Coats, scarves, hats, gloves and warm jumpers are a good idea as December and January are cold months. Comfortable walking shoes are essential as there will be a lot of walking on cobbled streets.

Electricity: Electrical sockets (outlets) in Italy supply electricity at between 220 and 240 volts AC. If you're plugging in an appliance that uses 220-240 volt electrical input, or an appliance that is compatible with multiple voltages, then an adapter is needed.

WI-FI is free in your hotel room and common in cafes and restaurants throughout Italy, connection speeds can vary.

Phone: In Rome, telephone numbers generally come in the form of +39 6 000 000. To understand this, +39 is the country code for Italy, 6 is the city or area code for Rome, and the rest is the local telephone number, which may vary in the number of digits.

Shops: Shops in Italy typically open from 9.00am – 1.00pm and 3.30pm – 7.30pm, some of the larger shops are open all day. Some shops are also open on Sunday but smaller ones are closed, restaurants are open from 12.00pm – 2.30pm and 7.00pm – 11.00pm.





Bank opening times: Banks are open Monday to Friday 8.30am – 1:30pm and then 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Very few are open on Saturdays and none on Sundays.

Sightseeing: Italy is full of churches. Many of them contain significant works of art, but they are also places of worship, so be sure to dress appropriately. Shorts and sleeveless tops are not allowed in most churches. Carrying large backpacks around churches is also not allowed, and nor is eating, drinking or talking on cell phones.

Public toilets: Restaurants, fast food chains and cafes all have toilets, however many will require you to purchase something, such as a coffee or bottle of water, in order to use the toilet.

Attractions: Don't forget to check out our website www.romeparade.com/when-in-rome/ for lots of things you might like to do in your free time whilst in Rome.

Food is very important in Italy. Each region has its own regional specialties. Roman food is simple, based on fresh vegetables (especially artichokes), inexpensive cuts of meats and deep fried tasty appetizers such as zucchini blossoms filled with sharp pecorino cheese. Pasta is a staple in Rome with cacio e pepe being the Roman speciality.

APPS: Here are some useful apps you might like to use during your time in Rome.



Visit Rome



Google Maps



Triposo



City Mapper



Currency Exchange



Unit Converter



Google Translate



WC Rome



Duolingo





DAY 1, 27 DECEMBER

Depart USA on flights to Europe.

Dinner and breakfast will be served on your transatlantic flight.

DAY 2, 28 DECEMBER

On your arrival into Rome after clearing immigration and customs you will be met in the arrivals area by your tour assistant and taken by coach to your hotel.

On arrival at your hotel your tour assistant will assist with your hotel check-in.

During the day your tour assistant will present an orientation meeting for you where you will receive your information book and itinerary and learn all about your week in Rome. You will also have time to explore the vicinity of your hotel to find the nearest general stores and ATM machines.

This evening a buffet dinner will be served in a banqueting suite in your hotel.

The rest of the evening is free for you to acclimatise to European time.

DAY 3, 29 DECEMBER

A buffet breakfast with hot and cold items will be served each morning in your hotel. The breakfast menu will include all the continental breakfast items including cereals, yogurts, breads and sweet pastries, cheeses and hams.

This will be supplemented with a hot buffet including scrambled eggs and bacon, plus tea, coffee, hot chocolate and fruit juices.

Breakfast is served in a banqueting suite in your hotel.

This morning depart for a 3 hour guided Panoramic Tour of Rome with English speaking guides. The first part of the tour will be a coach tour around famous landmarks in central Rome. Highlights will include the Colosseum, Vatican City, the Circus Maximus and the Baths of

Caracalla. After the coach tour you will begin the walking part of the tour around central Rome to see the Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps and the Pantheon.

Lunch at leisure in central Rome.

This afternoon has been left free for independent shopping and sightseeing. Your tour assistant will be on hand to suggest things you might like to see or do. Perhaps a visit to see some of the Renaissance paintings in the Borghese museum, or a visit to Castel St. Angelo to see Hadrian's Mausoleum or perhaps you might like to climb up the Vittorio Emanuele monument otherwise known as the wedding cake for fabulous views out over the city of Rome. If you would rather have some shopping time head to the Via del Corso or to the Christmas Market in Piazza Navona.

This evening enjoy a three course Italian dinner in central Rome.

This evening perform in a concert in the Basilica of San Giovanni Battista dei Fiorentini in the centre of Rome.

Return by coach to your hotel.

DAY 4, 30 DECEMBER

Breakfast is served in a banqueting suite in your hotel.

Depart by coach from your hotel.

This morning take a 2.5 hour guided tour with English speaking guides around the Vatican Museum, St Peter's Basilica and the Sistine chapel. The Vatican City is a sovereign city-state almost completely walled within the city of Rome. It is the smallest independent Nation in the world and is governed by the pope, the Holy Father of the Catholic Church. The most prominent building inside the Vatican City is the basilica of Saint Peter, dominated by Michelangelo's dome. One of the largest churches in Christianity it covers an area of 6 acres and has a capacity of over 60,000





people. One of the holiest sites of Christendom, it is the burial site of Saint Peter, one of the twelve apostles. No visit would be complete without a visit to the Sistine chapel, which dates back to 1483. In 1508, Pope Julius II commissioned Michelangelo to repaint the ceiling and his fresco, which took four years to complete.

Continue on by coach to Frascati. Frascati is located less than 15 miles southeast of Rome, on the Alban hills close to the ancient city of Tusculum. There will be some time before lunch for you to discover the traditional buildings, winding streets, piazzas and shops, as well as the Archaeological Museum, Cathedral and Church of the Gesu.

A two course Italian lunch will be served in Frascati.

This afternoon perform as part of the Frascati Festival in three outdoor locations in Frascati, the outlook at the entrance to the town and the two main piazzas in the town; Piazza San Pietro and Piazza Mercato.

Enjoy some further shopping and sightseeing time in Frascati after your performance.

Depart by coach from Frascati.

Enjoy a three course dinner this evening en-route back to your hotel.

After dinner continue on by coach to your hotel.

DAY 5, 31 DECEMBER

Breakfast is served in a banqueting suite in your hotel.

This morning depart by coach for Pompeii located approximately three hours from Rome near to modern Naples in the region of Campagnia.

On arrival in Pompeii enjoy a two course lunch in Pompeii before starting a 2 hour guided tour with English speaking guides around the excavated sights of Pompeii. Pompeii is a Roman city that was buried under several feet of ash after the huge eruption of Mount Vesuvius in ad 79 before its accidental rediscovery 1600 years later. Today it is one of Italy's leading tourist attractions and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Late afternoon depart from Pompeii and return by coach to Rome.

OR

This morning depart by coach for Ostia Antica for a 2 hour guided tour with English speaking guides around the large archeological site, close to the modern suburb of Ostia, that was the location of the harbour city of ancient Rome. The site is known for the excellent preservation of its ancient buildings, magnificent frescoes and impressive mosaics. Afterwards enjoy a two course lunch before taking a 45 minute guided tour with English speaking guides around the San Sebastian/San Calisto Catacombs. The catacombs are underground cemeteries located outside of the original city walls of Rome, made up of





underground tunnels in the form of a labyrinth covering many miles. Your guide will lead you along the galleries and show you some of the famous saints buried in the catacombs. Return by coach to your hotel.

Tonight enjoy a buffet dinner in your hotel with other groups, followed by a New Year's Eve party with music and dancing to see in the New Year.

DAY 6, 1 JANUARY

Happy New Year!

Breakfast is served in a banqueting suite in your hotel.

Depart by coach from your hotel.

Group photograph

Continue on by coach to the parade assembly area.

A sack lunch with a sandwich, piece of fruit, cake and drink has been arranged for performers today.

3.30pm The Rome Parade – starting in Piazza del Popolo and following a 2 mile route down Via del Corso onto Via Condotti, onto Via del Babuino onto Via di Ripetta before finishing back in Piazza del Popolo.

After the parade return by coach to your hotel.

This evening a buffet dinner will be served in a banqueting suite in your hotel.

DAY 7, 2 JANUARY

Breakfast is served in a banqueting suite in your hotel.

This morning tour the Colosseum and the Roman Forum using your personal audio player, the audio tour lasts 1 hour 30 minutes although you will need additional time to take photographs and look at the exhibition/displays in the Colosseum. The Colosseum was the largest amphitheatre built in the Roman Empire.

Capable of seating 50,000 spectators, the Colosseum was used for gladiatorial contests and public spectacles such as mock sea battles, animal hunts, executions and re-enactments of famous battles. A short walk from the Colosseum is the Roman Forum, the centre of the city around which ancient Rome developed, in which commerce, business and the administration of justice took place. It is the most important archaeological area in Rome.

Lunch at leisure in central Rome.

This afternoon has been left free for independent shopping and sightseeing before dinner. Your tour assistant will be on hand to suggest things you might like to see or do. Perhaps a visit to see some of the Renaissance paintings in the Borghese museum, or a visit to Castel St Angelo to see Hadrian's Mausoleum or perhaps you might like to climb up the Vittorio Emanuele monument otherwise known as the wedding cake for fabulous views out over the city of Rome. If you would rather have some shopping time head to the via del Corso or to the Christmas Market in Piazza Navona.

This evening enjoy a four course Italian dinner at Café Concerto Restaurant with opera singing and audience participation.

Return by coach to your hotel.

DAY 8, 3 JANUARY

Breakfast is served in a banqueting suite in your hotel/ breakfast boxes (subject to flight times).

Depart from your hotel by coach to the airport.

Check-in for your flight home.





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