



ROME NEW YEAR

Sample Itinerary: Marching Band



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Your hotel

Rome New Year prides itself in providing only superior first class hotels. Your accommodations will have en-suite facilities, including bath and/or shower and W.C., and all of the usual amenities associated with a first class hotel, including full housekeeping services with linen and towel change, room service, direct dial telephone, flat screen TV with freeview, WIFI and personal safes.





DAY 1

Depart USA on flights to Europe.

Dinner and breakfast will be served on your transatlantic flight.

DAY 2

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 your hotel.

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

DAY 3

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.

Depart by coach from your hotel.

This morning tour the Colosseum and the Roman Forum using your personal audio player. The audio tour lasts 1½ hours 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 start a 3½ 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.

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

This evening indoor concert performance opportunities are available in Santa Maria in Portico Campitelli/Sant'Andea in the centre of Rome.

Return by coach to your hotel.

DAY 4

Breakfast is served in a banqueting suite in your hotel.

Depart by coach from your hotel.

This morning take a 2½ 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 six 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 with his famous fresco, which took four years to complete.

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 three course Italian dinner in central Rome.

This evening indoor concert performance opportunities are available in Santa Maria in Portico Campitelli/ Sant'Andea in the centre of Rome.

Return by coach to your hotel.

DAY 5

Breakfast is served in a banqueting suite in your hotel.

This morning depart by coach from your hotel for Frascati.

Frascati is located less than 15 miles southeast of Rome, on the Alban hills close to the ancient city of Tusculum.

A two course Italian lunch will be served in Frascati.

Enjoy free time to shop and discover the traditional buildings, winding streets, piazzas and shops of Frascati, as well as visit the Archaeological Museum, Cathedral and Chiesa del Gesù.

Take part in the Frascati Music Festival with marching band performances at three central locations including Frascati's two main squares, Piazza S. Pietro and Piazza del Mercato.

Depart by coach from Frascati.

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



DAY 6

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 New Year's Day Parade.

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

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 Campagna.

On arrival in Pompeii, enjoy a two course lunch before starting a two hour guided tour, with English speaking guides, around the excavated sights. Pompeii is a Roman city that was buried under several feet of ash after the huge eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD before its accidental rediscovery 1,600 years later. Today it is one of Italy's leading tourist attractions and a UNESCO World Heritage site.



Late afternoon depart Pompeii and return by coach to Rome.

OR

This morning depart by train for Florence located 1½ hours (by train) from Rome. The Historic Centre of Florence was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1982. The city is noted for its culture, Renaissance art, architecture and monuments. On arrival, start a two hour audio guided walking tour called 'Florence' on your personal MP4 player. The walking tour starts at the station and takes you through the San Lorenzo Market and past the most important sights including the Duomo Cathedral, the Uffizi Gallery and the Ponte Vecchio bridge. Enjoy lunch in the indoor Mercato Central filled with all types of food stalls. There will be time in the afternoon for personal shopping and sightseeing. Late afternoon depart from Florence and return by coach to Rome.

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

DAY 8

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.