8 Day Rome Vacation October 11-18, 2016 \$1860 pp dbl occ.

*Independent Package Includes:

- Round trip flights St Louis-Rome, Rome-St Louis
- Transfers
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 6 nights accommodations at Donatello Hotel
- Breakfast daily

Special Features:

- Ancient Rome Tour
- Vatican Museums Tour
- Naples & Pompeii with lunch from Rome



Day 3: Ancient Rome 2:30 PM

Today's tour will feature the classic splendor of the Roman Empire. Leave via di San Gregorio at the marble fountain, opposite side of the entrance to Palatine Hill. Continue to the square of the Capitol, where you can climb Palatine and Capitoline Hill to admire the unique sight of the Forum and the Colosseum, one of Rome's most ancient districts. Walk along the pavement of the original Roman grid, which crosses the ruins of the Roman Forum, the Curia, and the Reggia. Enjoy views of the Temple of Vesta, the Arch of Titus and the Triumphal Arch of Constantine. Continue with an inside tour of the Colosseum, a giant amphitheater used for gladiatorial contests and public spectacles, and the largest building ever built in the Roman Empire.

Approximate tour duration is 3 hours.

Important: Due to security restrictions no backpacks, large bags, electric devices, or knifes are allowed.

Day 4: Vatican Museums 8:30 AM

This morning, depart from Piazza del Risorgimento, corner of Via Ottaviano, and travel along Via Bissolati and Via Veneto. Pass by Villa Borghese, one of Europe's most elegant parks, and previous estate of the noble Borghese family. The tour continues to the Vatican Museum and Galleries, where you will find galleries of chandeliers, tapestries, geographical maps, the Sobieski Hall and the Immaculate Conception Hall. From here, visit the Sistine Chapel and behold the great frescoes by Michelangelo. Passing through the Vatican Hall, continue to the Basilica of Saint Peter, one of the four major basilicas of Rome, and burial site of its namesake, Saint Peter.

Approximate tour duration is 4 hours.

Please note: conservative clothing should be worn when visiting the Vatican, meaning legs and shoulders should be covered.

Day 6: Naples & Pompeii with lunch from Rome 7:15 AM

Depart Rome in the early morning for a pleasant drive along the "Sun Route" motorway, taking you through the scenic regions of Lazio and Campania. Pass the famous Abbey of Montecassino en route to Naples where you will enjoy a short panoramic tour of the city. Continue toward Pompeii for lunch in a typical restaurant, followed by a short visit to a nearby coral and cameo factory. Afterward, visit the excavated ruins of this incredibly well preserved Roman town, destroyed by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 A.D.

Approximate tour duration is 14 hours.

*Please note: You may be responsible for transportation to and from the tour starting locations.

