

## SLICE OF TUSCANY, LLC ROME EXPERIENCES



### **Guided Tour Rates in Rome**

160 euros for 3 hours

200 euros for 4 hours

- Total for min 1 person, max 10 people
- Price unless otherwise specified in tour description
- Does not include lunch, entrance tickets, optional transportation choices (i.e. taking a cab between sites), or tips

I WORK WITH SEVERAL GUIDES IN ROME, ALL OF WHOM ARE WONDERFUL PEOPLE AND INCREDIBLE GUIDES. THEY ARE ARCHAEOLOGISTS, HISTORIANS AND ROMAN HISTORY EXPERTS WHO LOVE TO SHOW YOU AROUND THEIR CITY. THEY ARE WELL-SPOKEN IN ENGLISH AND CAN HELP YOU HAVE A TRULY INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE AND PROVIDE PERSONAL INSIGHT INTO THE LIFE OF THE ROMANS BOTH PAST AND PRESENT. THESE TOURS HAVE BEEN CREATED BY THEM TO HIGHLIGHT THE BEST OF THE BEST IN ROME. ALL TOURS ARE CUSTOMIZABLE UPON REQUEST.

### **Rome Highlights Walking Tour**

Rome offers a great deal of monuments, fountains, palaces and squares that are easily walk able in the city center. A local guide will lead you on a discovery of this open air museum through some of the most famous sites like Piazza Venezia, Piazza di Spagna, Piazza Navona, Castel Sant'Angelo, Piazza del Popolo, the Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon. The tours can be customized by adding culinary, wine, shopping and other experiences such as Fiat 500 or Vespa rentals.

Duration: 3 hours (without customization)

### **Ancient Rome and Colosseum**

An archaeologist will accompany you through the ruins of the center of Ancient Rome, the Forum. You'll take a wonderful journey through the daily life of the Romans learning about their religion, traditions, politics and history. You will also experience the excitement of the gladiator games that took place in one of the seven wonders of the world, the Colosseum – a magnificent structure built to host some of the most cruel games man kind has ever seen. All of this will be enjoyed without having to stand in lines for tickets. It's possible to visit the undergrounds of the Colosseum upon advance request.

Duration: 3 hours; Colosseum tickets: 15 euros per person

### **Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel & Saint Peter's Basilica**

Explore one of the largest and most interesting art collections in the world. Walk through the ancient palaces of the Popes accompanied by an art historian who will unfurl the threads of history. Learn about the Sistine Chapel, location of papal elections, and visit the Basilica of Saint Peter. The magnitude of this location will shock you. It is possible to visit the Museums before opening hour when it is less crowded. Upon request, it is also possible to visit areas normally closed to the public. No standing in lines.

Duration: 3 hours; Vatican tickets: 20 euros per person



### **Christian Rome: Patriarch Basilicas**

Rome has been the center of Christianity since the 4th century A.D. Its importance grew so much to be called the "New Jerusalem" with millions of pilgrims visiting these most important religious sites throughout the centuries. The four Patriarch Basilicas are Saint Peter, Saint Paul, Saint Mary Major and Saint Paul outside the walls. Beyond being incredible structures, they are also full of beautiful art, history and relics. It is also possible to extend the visit to more humble locations such as: Santo Stefano Rotondo, SS Quattro Coronati and San Clemente.

Duration: 3 hours

### **Rooftop Cooking Class with Chef**

High above Rome with a 360-degree view over the rooftops and church steeples, enjoy a cooking class with Fabio, one of the cities favorite chefs and an all around great guy. Learn how to make hand-made pastas, typical Roman dishes, and your Italian favorites. Prep, cook and eat on this gorgeous rooftop space having an experience unlike anything you've ever done before, and with amazing food to boot.

Duration: 4-5 hours

Price: 200 euros per person

(These are often small group lessons, private lessons can be booked upon request and based on availability. Price for private lesson may vary.)



### **Campo dei Fiori, Ghetto and Trastevere Food & Shopping Tour**

Enjoy a half-day walking tour through some of the most "Roman" neighborhoods in the city. Starting at Campo dei Fiori, take a look at the largest farmers' market in Rome (open only in the mornings) and visit on the best "forno" (bakery) in the city for a bite. From there walk through the Ghetto, known for its specialties such as the artichoke, and with sites such as the Portico di Ottavia. Cross the Sisto Bridge and head over into Trastevere, the most sought after area in the city right now for young people, this area is full of bars, restaurants and shops waiting to be explored.

Duration: 3 hours

### **Rome & the Renaissance**

Walk through some of the most interesting locations in Rome to discover the important artistic development of the Renaissance in the city of the Popes. An expert will lead you from the Tempietto del Bramante, il Fontanone and its impressive terrace, the Villa of the Farnesina with frescoes by Raffaello, Sodoma and Sebastiano del Piombo, the Sisto Bridge, and via Giulia. See the side of Rome that tells another story about Rome's development after the Middle Ages.

Duration: 3 hours

### **Rome & the Baroque Period**

Some consider Rome the city that gave birth to the Baroque. Enjoy a wonderful excursion through piazzas and churches monumentalized in this period that played a significant role in the religious and political life of the day. Sites along this tour include: Piazza del Popolo, Piazza di Spagna, San Carlino alle Quattro Fontane, Sant'Andrea al Quirinale, Fontana di Trevi, Sant Ignazio, Chiesa del Gesù, Piazza Navona.

Duration: 3 hours

### **Underground Rome**

Rome's history began almost three thousand years ago and traces of its past still lay beneath the modern and chaotic city. The exploration starts at the Colosseum followed by visits to the church of San Clemente, Santi Giovanni e Paolo and Saint Nicholas, and finally to San Crisogno. Underneath these locations, we will visit houses, banks, and apartments all once used by the common people.

Duration: 3 hours

### **Testaccio Food Tour & Protestant Cemetery**

One of Rome's favorite food neighborhoods is Testaccio. Here you find some of the best alimentari, where the Italians go to buy their meats, cheeses and specialty products. Enjoy a walking tour of some of the best of Rome while enjoying small bites and cultural insights along the way. Also enjoy a visit to the Protestant Cemetery in Testaccio where Shelley and Keats are buried, and that has some of the city's most interesting landscaping. Explore with a local and learn about the neighborhood and typical Roman life in this area.

Time: 3 hours

### **Borghese Gallery**

Scipione Borghese was a great art lover and a very important collector. When his uncle became Pope, he gained enormous opportunities to buy (or take) all the artwork he desired. In order to properly display all of his precious pieces, he needed the appropriate environment, which is why he built the Borghese Gallery. The tour focuses on the explanation of the sculptures and paintings displayed in this beautiful building from the 1600s in the heart of the Borghese Gardens.

Duration: 2 hours (priced per hour)

### **Via Appia and the Catacombs**

Via Appia is one of the most ancient roads in all of Rome. Built in 312 BC by the Consul Appio Claudio Cieco, it connected Rome to the city of Brindisi in southeastern Italy, where most of the ships sailing towards the Middle East departed. Today we can follow the route of the ancient road exploring remains of ancient villas, monumental mausoleums and the catacombs. Of the original road 20 km (12.5 miles) remain, so visiting by bicycle is suggested if one would like to visit the entire park. We can also plan a shorter route that includes the catacombs, Emperor Maxentius' Villa, the Cecilia Metella Mausoleum, and the remains of a beautiful villa with a thermal complex.

Duration: 3 hours

### **Ostia Scavi**

Ostia is an ancient city outside of Rome on the sea. It was founded in the 6<sup>th</sup> Century BC and grew in importance over the centuries because of its important position in Italy. It was the official port of the republic and Imperial Rome before it was abandoned in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century AD. Excavations and studies on the site began only recently, in the 20<sup>th</sup> century supported by Benito Mussolini. Today Ostia is a wonderful archaeological park that welcomes visitors. It is a complete Ancient Roman city with residences, markets, theater, temples, baths and cemeteries. The tour of the archaeological site can be done on foot or by golf cart.

Time: 3 hours including the museum

Transportation: Private Car Rental or direct (regional) train

### **Tivoli**

Tivoli is located in the Tiburtini Mountains 20km southeast of Rome. Archaeologists have identified the first traces of this town back to the 6<sup>th</sup> Century BC. Romans have always considered the location to be very prestigious, which is why many senators and other important citizens built their villas in this area. One of the most famous is the villa of the Emperor Hadrian (117-138 AD), which is an enormous complex of buildings laid out over a span of 125 hectares, or 308 acres. The Emperor was a wonderful architect and in Tivoli he found virgin grounds for his architectural experimentations.



In 1550 Tivoli was ruled by Ippolito d'Este, son of Lucrezia Borgia. The spoiled duke didn't find that the governor's palace met his standards so he renovated it to his liking. The tour in Tivoli focuses on these two sites: Hadrian's Villa and Villa d'Este, two examples of gorgeous residences built in two different historical periods. A drive through Tivoli and a view of the waterfalls is recommended.

Duration: Minimum 5-6 hours. It is required to rent a car and driver.

Approximate total cost: 625 euros for guide and driver for the day (up to 6 people)