

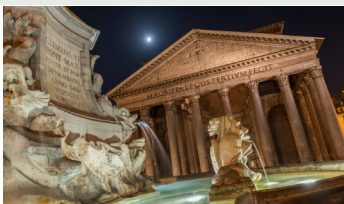


Roman Rhapsody

FULFILL YOUR DREAMS

Experience Italy's heart and soul.

Walk through the history of western civilization in the Eternal City, with all its rhapsody and rapture. Discover hidden historic sites...enjoy private tours of The Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel...indulge in the food of your dreams... And more. All customized, with your private car and guide from arrival to departure. This is Your Roman Holiday from Your Own Italy.



Highlights Of Your Roman Rhapsody Tour

- Private Driver and English-speaking Tour Guide throughout your vacation
- 7 nights' accommodation in your choice of hotel/apartment in Rome, with daily buffet breakfast
- Dolce Vita Tour upon arrival
- Tour of the Roman Forum and the Colosseum
- Tour of Renaissance and Baroque Rome
- Private tour of The Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel
- Culinary Experience Day with professional chef
- Day Excursion to the Roman Hill Towns
- Selection of a day-long excursion or walking tour for your free "Design Your Own Italy" day
- Farewell Dinner last evening at Your Own Italy's headquarters in Rome





DAY 1 Welcome to Rome! Dolce Vita Tour

Your driver, waiting for you at Rome's Leonardo Da Vinci Airport, will escort you by private car to your select boutique hotel in Rome. After relaxing and enjoying your welcome package, you will be picked up by your driver who will accompany you on your "Dolce Vita Tour" with an aperitivo on one of Rome's panoramic restaurant terraces followed by a dinner in a characteristic trattoria. Your driver will then escort you on a Rome-by-night tour culminating at the Trevi Fountain, made famous by the film, "La Dolce Vita," where Anita Ekberg and Italian actor Marcello Mastroianni bathe in the evening moonlight. After a stroll with a gelato, you will be accompanied to your hotel for a good nights' sleep.

DAY 2 Walk in the Footsteps of the Ancient Romans

Your private driver and tour guide will pick you up at your hotel for a day in ancient Rome. Your tour will begin in the astonishingly intact Colosseum. Travel through time as your guide takes you through an entrance reserved for the slaves of the day. Let your imagination take front seat as you imagine the breathless wait for a gladiator to appear out of one of the many arena's secret entrances from the underground labyrinth where savage animals, Christians awaiting their death and Gladiators were kept until their moment of glory. Your tour continues in the Ancient Roman Forum. Enjoy the site of the variety of Fora that were designed and built, seemingly one on top of another, by the emperors attempting to erase the memory of his predecessor. After lunch your tour guide and driver will take you on an unforgettable journey into the past. Your tour will begin at the Church of San Clemente that houses 2000 years of layers of history. Admire the spectacular mosaics and frescoes of the fourth century basilica and then descend the stairs to walk on an actual Roman road with the remains of houses, shops and a pagan temple. Your tour will continue on the the Appian Way, the Roman Empire's first super highway, built in 312 BC. It connected the Imperial Capital to the southeastern-most tip of the heel of the boot, Brindisi. Walk along the original stretch of road, still used by modern-day Romans. In addition to the roadway, there are ruined Roman monuments such as the majestic tomb of Santa Cecilia, built by a famous Roman general for his young deceased daughter.

DAY 3 Design Your Own Italy Day

Contact us for customizing options on this free day. Think of it as designing Your Own Italy. Choose a tour OR just relax and enjoy shopping!

DAY 4 Explore the Renaissance of the Popes, St. Peter's and The Vatican Museums

Your tour guide will pick you up at your hotel for a signature Your Own Italy tour: "Of Popes and Princes". This tour will take you across the "Angel Bridge" to discover Castel St. Angelo, the mausoleum of the Emperor Hadrian which was later used by the popes as a fortress and castle and is now a museum. The tour continues along the Via della Conciliazione to the Basilica of St. Peter's with all its marvels. A one-of-a-kind private tour of the illustrious Vatican Museums that will take you through over 2,000 years of history, art, spirituality, and unparalleled beauty in the heart of the Holy See. This visit, lead by a knowledgeable and passionate guide, offers a unique view into one of the most extensive art collections in the world. Among some of the great Renaissance masterpieces are works by Michelangelo, Raphael, Perugino and Ghirlandaio. Your tour will culminate in the famed Sistine Chapel, the private chapel of the Pope decorated with Michelangelo's frescoes depicting stories from the Book of Genesis to the Creation to the story of Noah. Alternatively, your tour of The Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel can take place in the evening, a truly enchanting experience open to private groups after hours.

DAY 5 Tour The Roman Hill Towns

Your driver and tour guide will pick you up at your hotel for this excursion to the Roman hill town, Tivoli. This allows you to visit two very splendid villas of difference ages: the Roman Hadrian's Villa and the Renaissance masterpiece of Villa D'Este. Hadrian's Villa, the largest villa in Roman times belonged to a Roman emperor, Hadrian, and testifies to the extraordinary level of skill attained from Roman architecture. After lunch at the extraordinary La Sibilla Restaurant, you will be taken to the Renaissance Villa D'Este commissioned in 1550 by Cardinal Ippolito II D'Este. This villa is famous for its artistic wonders and, in particular, for the many water features.



DAY 6 Culinary Adventure

Your private chef will take you on a tour of Rome's fresh food markets to choose ingredients used to prepare a long leisurely Italian lunch, including your choice of wine to accompany your meal.

OR CHOOSE THIS GREAT OPTION:

Your driver will pick you up at your hotel and take you to the nearby hill town of Frascati for a day-long cooking class followed by a home cooked meal. Your Driver will accompany you back to your hotel in Rome.



DAY 7 Tour of the Great Maestros and Farewell Dinner

Your tour guide will pick you up at your hotel for a delightful day in Renaissance and Baroque Rome. Admire and masterpieces, paintings, sculptures and architecture of the Renaissance masters: Michelangelo, Raphael and Caravaggio. Following lunch, your tour guide will take you on a tour of the works of the Baroque rivals Bernini and Borromini. In the evening, you are invited as private guests to the Your Own Italy headquarters in Palazzo Doria Pamphili for a farewell dinner toast to your next Tour with Your own Italy.

OTHER INFORMATION



- There is a dress code for churches and basilicas. Shoulders and knees must be covered; shorts, miniskirts and sleeveless shirts are not permitted. It is recommended that you not take large bags or backpacks on tours that include churches as storage accommodations are not always available.
- This tour is not fully accessible for wheelchair users or people with walking disabilities. However, please contact us directly and we will be able to take you on alternative routes suitable for you.
- Please wear comfortable footwear as the tours on your vacation involve a lot of walking.
- Contact Your Own Italy for customization options on your vacation.
- Refer to our website for details on our Cancellation Policy.
- The team at Your Own Italy is absolutely flexible and will customize your vacation to suit your personal tastes and needs. Are you traveling with children? Are you disabled? We will provide all the assistance necessary to adjust our packages to ensure that your vacation is truly memorable!

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