

BEST OF ROME

Tour Dates:
April 16 - April 21, 2025





Rome Itinerary

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Dr. Derek Cooper has written 15 books and traveled to more than 80 countries. He has led dozens of tours to all lands of the Bible and is also an ordained minister. He manages Thomas Institute, an educational travel company.

Day 1: Wed, April 16: Rome – Begin Your Tour

Arrive in Rome and transfer to hotel. At a designated time, we will begin a walking tour of some of the highlights of North Rome: Piazza del Popolo, Spanish Steps, Pantheon, and Trevi Fountain. Overnight: Rome. (D)

Pantheon



Day 2: Thurs, April 17: The Vatican - Tour the Greatest Church and Museum on Earth

St. Peter's Basilica is the largest church on the planet and the center of the Catholic Church. It's the size of a small city, with its most important relic lying deep beneath the altar. Visit Vatican's St. Peter's Square, the Basilica, Vatican museums, the city, and, of course, walk through the Sistine Chapel. Overnight: Rome. (B, D)

Day 3: Fri, April 18: Ostia Antica, St. Paul's Outside the Walls, and Lateran – Visit Rome's Port and St. Paul

Start the morning with a visit to one of the best-preserved archaeological sites outside Rome: Ostia Antica. This incredible site offers a wonderful place to consider how Christians in the Bible lived their daily lives. Visit St. Paul's Outside the Walls, which houses the remains of St. Paul, as well as St. John Lateran, the headquarters of the Catholic Church. Overnight: Rome. (B, D)

Ostia Antica



Day 4: Sat, April 19: Rome Underground: Explore the Catacombs, the Palace of Nero, and Monk Crypts

Start your day by trekking underground in the Catacombs, the place where early Christians buried their dead. Then, visit Rome's most eerily interesting museum: a living cemetery of monks whose bodies are converted into furniture. Step back in time by entering into the palace of the emperor who killed Christianity's most influential apostles: Peter and Paul. Overnight: Rome. (B, D)

Crypt



Day 5: Sun, April 20: Forum, Prison, Colosseum, Palatine – Walk through the Classic Sites of Rome

Imagine what Roman life was like by exploring the Roman forum, the place where everything happened and where Caesar, Cicero, and Augustus worked. Pass by the Arch of Titus and visit the Mamertine Prison, the place of Peter and Paul's imprisonment. In addition, imagine yourself to be a gladiator or spectator at the timeless symbol of Rome: the Colosseum. Overnight: Rome. (B, D)

The order on this itinerary is subject to change. If necessary, appropriate substitutions will be made.

Tour Continued

Vatican



Day 6: Mon, April 21: Departure – Return Home

Say *ciao* to your wonderful excursion and begin the journey back home from Rome's Airport. (B)

Price (Per Person)

- **Per person in double occupancy: \$**
- Added cost for single occupancy: \$

*Estimated price. The final price varies based on exact number of travelers.

Inclusions

- 5 nights in 3-star hotel in downtown Rome
- Daily breakfast at hotel
- Daily dinner at hotel
- Professional English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees for museums and sites on itinerary
- Transportation costs for sites on itinerary
- Pre-trip travel and learning guidance

Exclusions

- International flight to and from Rome (FCO)
- Lunches and snacks
- Any tips or taxes to local vendors or guides
- Travel or health insurance
- Any other item not mentioned above

Payment Schedule (Per Person)

- \$300 deposit by
- Full payment by

Registration and Additional Information

- This tour is contingent upon sufficient travelers.
- Refund of deposit issued only if the traveler requests refund by email before .