

Rome and Beyond for the Cognoscenti

May 6 – 16, 2019



Whether you have been to Rome before or this will be your first visit, our trip to the Eternal City contains sights specially chosen to delight you by our Resource Person Ken Bartlett. By the end of this tour, you will indeed be one of the “cognoscenti”, those “in the know” about Rome!

Our journey will take us through time from the Etruscans, through the ancient Romans, the artists and architects of the Renaissance, the 20th century and up to today, and will feature sumptuous palaces, idyllic gardens, magnificent paintings and sculpture, sublime churches, delicious food and wine plus a few surprises. We have included the city’s “must sees” and some exclusive visits not usually available to the public. Our boutique hotel is within walking distance of many of Rome’s main attractions.

In addition to the city itself, we will venture into the region of Lazio to take in some wonderful sights. We will spend three nights near Orvieto in a former monastery, now converted into a lovely four-star hotel.

Tour Itinerary and Highlights

Day 1 Rome

Individual arrivals. Orientation walk in the area of the hotel. Welcome reception.

Day 2 Rome

Today we will visit the Vatican Museums, including the Raphael Stanze and the Sistine Chapel, as well as St. Peter’s and Castel Sant’Angelo. Welcome dinner.

Day 3 Rome

Cross the Tiber to the Trastevere district to see the Villa Farnesina – a “party palace” with Raphael frescoes. In the afternoon, tour the Villa Aurora (what remains of the Villa Ludovisi) and the incomparable Galleria Borghese.

Day 4 Rome – Ninfa – Rome

Morning at leisure. Afternoon excursion to the Garden of Ninfa, set among medieval ruins.

Day 5 Rome

Tour Cinecittà, the largest film studio in Europe, and the unique early 20th century

Quartiere Coppedè. Afternoon visit to the ancient churches of Santa Costanza and Sant’Agnese and its catacombs.

Day 6 Rome

Visit the Palazzo Doria Pamphilj (optional). Tour of the Palazzo Colonna. Included lunch. Walking tour of the Quirinale, including the churches of Sant’Andrea, San Carlino, Santa Maria Vittoria and Santa Maria degli Angeli.

Day 7 Rome

Morning walking tour of the Roman Forum. Afternoon visit to the Capitoline Museum.

Day 8 Rome – Tivoli – Orvieto

Depart Rome and drive to Tivoli. Visit Hadrian’s Villa and the Villa d’Este. Lunch at Sibilla. Continue to Orvieto and check in to our hotel.

Day 9 Orvieto – Bomarzo – Orvieto

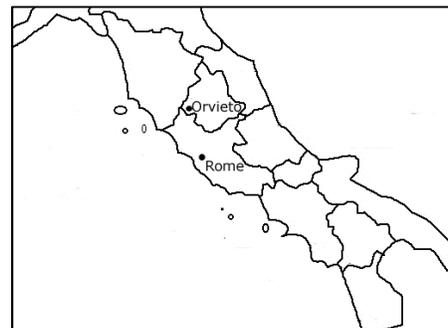
Morning drive to Bomarzo to see the 16th century Parco dei Mostri (Park of the Monsters). Wine tasting and light lunch. Visit Orvieto including the Etruscan Museum, Necropolis and Duomo.

Day 10 Orvieto – Caprarola – Bagnai – Orvieto

Drive to Caprarola to visit the Palazzo Farnese. In the afternoon, visit the beautiful gardens of the Villa Lante.

Day 11 Orvieto – Rome

Group transfer to Rome airport for individual departures.



Hotels

Rome	Fortyseven Hotel	7 nights
Orvieto	Hotel La Badia	3 nights

Resource Person

Dr. Kenneth Bartlett is Professor of History & Renaissance Studies at Victoria College, U of T. He is author of *A Short History of the Italian Renaissance*, *The English in Italy: A Study in Culture and Politics* and *The Civilization of the Italian Renaissance* as well as five video series, including the most recent, *The Guide to Essential Italy*, with the Smithsonian Institution – and many other books, translations and articles on Italian history and culture. A frequent traveller to Italy and a regular instructor in summer abroad programs in Siena, Ken will enlighten us and enrich our experience.

ROMTravel Coordinator

Anne Lindsey is a Trustee of the ROM, a past Co-Chair of ROMTravel, and an experienced traveller. Her interests include archaeology, art and cuisine. She has coordinated five ROM trips to various parts of Italy and one to Uzbekistan.

Tour Cost Per Person

Double Occupancy	\$10,700
Single Supplement	2,250

Tour begins and ends at Rome Fiumicino (FCO) Airport. International flight costs NOT included.

This trip involves considerable walking, often on uneven surfaces and slopes. It is not suitable for anyone who has difficulty with walking or climbing stairs.

Photos

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- Detail of The Hundred Fountains, Villa d’Este, Tivoli, courtesy of Wikipedia MarkusMark

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Tour Cost Includes

- Individual transfer by car service from Rome Fiumicino (FCO) Airport to hotel on Day 1. Group coach transfer from hotel to Rome Fiumicino (FCO) Airport on Day 11 for those departing at or after the departure time of the ROMTravel Coordinator.
- Porterage of one standard sized suitcase per person at the hotels.
- Shared accommodation in double occupancy room (Deluxe room class) with private facilities. At Fortyseven Hotel (Rome), single occupancy rooms are Executive room class.
- Ground transportation in a deluxe, air-conditioned coach or mini-bus for transfers and excursions as per itinerary.
- Meals: Buffet breakfast daily, 3 lunches and 8 dinners, including water, coffee or tea, house wine with included lunches and dinners. Welcome Reception with wine and finger foods. 1 wine tasting. Bottled water daily on the bus or in the hotel room.
- All visits, entrance fees, speakers' fees and events as per itinerary.
- "Whisper" listening devices daily.
- All taxes and tips for all goods and services, drivers, hotel, restaurant and guiding staff related to the basic tour; all hotel and local taxes.
- Services of a Resource Person, a ROMTravel Coordinator, and a Travel Agency Escort.
- Services of English-speaking local guides. Services of Georgia Hardy Tours.
- Pre-trip orientations; post-trip reunion. A travel handbook.

Not Included

- International flight costs: Toronto/Rome; Rome/Toronto. Fuel surcharges.
- Items of a personal nature, e.g., laundry, telephone calls, internet access.
- Airline baggage and camera/video fees, if any. Visa fees, if any.
- Meals, snacks, beverages, and other services unless specified. Additional meals and accommodations due to delays. Emergency evacuation costs.
- Trip cancellation and interruption, and out-of-province health insurance.

Costs

All prices quoted herein are based on rates, fees and taxes as of May 7, 2018. Costs are subject to change without notice. Should tour costs increase, Georgia Hardy Tours (as per TICO regulations) reserves the right to increase the price accordingly up to a maximum of 7%. Georgia Hardy Tours reserves the right to substitute itineraries, hotels, airlines or vessels due to conditions beyond their control. Any change to itinerary will not result in eligibility for a refund.

ROM Membership Requirement

Participants must be members of the Royal Ontario Museum. For a full list of membership levels and benefits, visit rom.on.ca/membership. Only one person per room must be a member.

Deposits and Final Payment

An initial non-refundable deposit of \$2,000.00 per person is required at the time of booking. **A second non-refundable deposit of \$4,350.00 is due on November 6, 2018. The balance of payment, \$4,350.00, and single supplement of \$2,250.00, if applicable, are due on February 6, 2019.**

Reservations

As the number of participants is limited, reservations should be made as soon as possible. In the event of over-subscription, a waiting list will be maintained.

Physical Limitations or Disabilities

Any physical limitation or disability requiring special attention or treatment must be reported when reservation is made or when it occurs, if later. Georgia Hardy Tours and/or its agents reserve the right to decline to accept or to retain anyone who may in their sole judgment require care and attention beyond that which can be provided.

Cancellations

Should a confirmed participant cancel, notification must be received in writing by Georgia Hardy Tours. No refund will be issued for payments made or for unused services. All payments are non-refundable.

Documents

A passport valid for six (6) months after the return date is required. It is the individual participant's responsibility to ensure proper visas or affidavits. Neither Georgia Hardy Tours nor ROMTravel is responsible for missing or incorrect travel documents. Entry to another country may be refused even if the required information and travel documents are complete.

ROMTravel values your Privacy

Your contact information will be published in the Trip Handbook unless you advise NOT to do so. It is for the sole use of trip participants, ROMTravel and the travel agency, and will not be shared with anyone else.

Insurance

It is the responsibility of each participant to ensure that they have adequate out-of-province health and trip cancellation and interruption insurance to cover changes in health or other circumstances prior to, or during, the trip. All losses suffered or additional costs incurred associated with failure to have insurance, or to have sufficient insurance, are the sole responsibility of the participant. Insurance may be purchased up to the time the initial deposit is processed, or at a later time but, if purchased later, would be subject to any changes to the premiums and/or to the participant's health or other circumstances at the time of purchase. Insurance purchased through Georgia Hardy Tours is underwritten by TIPS Travel Insurance, a division of Reliable Life Insurance Company. The insurance premium is non-refundable. A waiver will be required if the participant does not purchase insurance from Georgia Hardy Tours. Ontario taxes are included in the quoted prices. The prices quoted are subject to change until the insurance policy is issued. All-Inclusive comprises health and cancellation/interruption insurance.

Based on accommodation in double occupancy room (Ontario tax included)					
Age	Non-Medical	All-Inclusive	Age	Non-Medical	All-Inclusive
To 59	\$562.68	\$599.40	70-74	\$899.64	\$1,136.16
60-64	\$672.84	\$740.88	75-79	\$1,222.56	\$1,445.04
65-69	\$776.52	\$898.56	80-84	\$1,599.48	\$1,900.80

For single accommodation, or for those aged 85 and over, or for more coverage options and for complete coverage details, limitations and exclusions, please contact Georgia Hardy Tours.

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