



**PROGRAM ITINERARY**

► **Wednesday, December 29**

Departure from Washington D.C. on a regularly scheduled international flight.

► **Thursday, December 30**

Arrival in **Rome** where you are met by a CSA On-Site Coordinator. Check in and begin exploring the Eternal City. You will discover the heart of ancient Rome including the **Colosseum** and **Trajan's** and **Constantine's** columns. This evening enjoy a special **Welcome Dinner**.

Hotel: **Massimo D'Azeglio**, or similar

► **Friday, December 31**

This morning you will see the **Ara Pacis Augustae**, or Altar of Augustan Peace. The altar was built to celebrate Augustus' victory over Spain and Gaul, and is a masterpiece of Imperial sculpture. Also see the splendid **Baroque Piazza Navona**, and one of the most perfect buildings to survive antiquity- the **Pantheon**.

This evening enjoy a **New Year's Eve Dinner**.

► **Saturday, January 1**

**Happy New Year!** Today is free to spend as you please.

► **Sunday, January 2**

Today continue your discovery of the Eternal City with a visit to the **Catacombs of Santa Pricilla**. As burial within the city walls of Rome was forbidden, Christians and other religious groups who required burial for their dead had to venture outside of the city proper. During times of religious persecution these subterranean complexes would become places of refuge from the authorities. Later visit the impressive **Castel Sant'Angelo**. Originally built to be Hadrian's mausoleum, the structure was later converted into a Papal fortress

► **Monday, January 3**

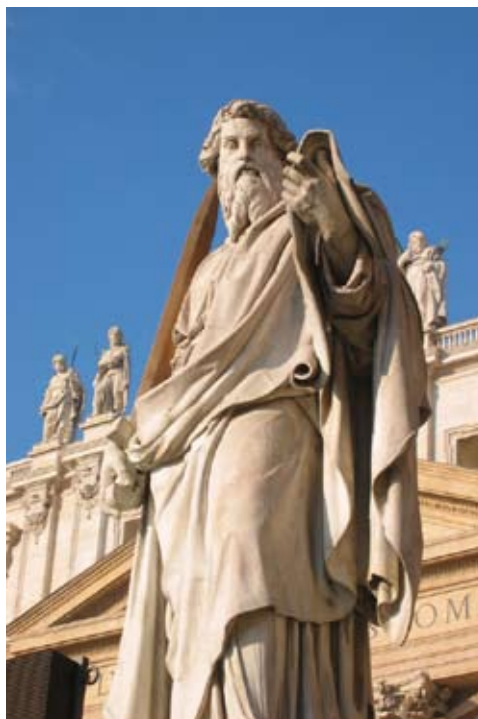
The church of **St. Clemente** encapsulates the continuity of Roman history; the structure is



**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Discover the amazing cultural history of Rome during this multi-disciplinary study program. Students will use Rome as the classroom exploring the religious and artistic history of one of the world's greatest cities. Capital for Caesars, Popes, Kings, and Dictators, Rome is a phenomenal living museum of history and art. Photography students will have the opportunity to document for themselves the incredible architectural legacy which Rome has to offer.

*The World is Your Classroom*



composed of three layers, a medieval basilica, atop an early Christian church, and finally the remains of a Mithraic temple. Later see the church of **San Pietro** in Vincoli which is home to Michelangelo's majestic statue of Moses, meant to be part of the un-finished tomb of Pope Julius II.

► **Tuesday, January 4**

Today enjoy an excursion to **Hadrian's Villa** and the **Villa d'Este** in Tivoli. Hadrian's villa was a complex of over 30 buildings, covering an area of at least one square kilometer, of which much is still unexcavated. The complex included palaces, several thermae, temples, libraries, state rooms and quarters for courtiers and slaves. The Villa d'Este at Tivoli was commissioned by the grandson of Pope Alexander VI, and is considered one of the finest examples of Renaissance gardens in the world.

Lunch is included in **Tivoli**.

► **Wednesday, January 5**

Today visit the **Capitoline Hill**, once the spiritual and political center of the Empire. Michelangelo designed the hill's **Piazza del Campodoglio**, one of Rome's most beautiful squares. Here visit the **Capitoline Museum** which houses one of the city's greatest collections of ancient sculpture. Also visit the church of **Santa Maria** in Aracoeli.

► **Thursday, January 6**

Free Day in Rome. You have the option of attending **Mass** at the **Vatican** with Professor Karalow.

► **Friday, January 7**

Today Renaissance Rome comes alive through visits to the **Vatican City** including **St Peter's Basilica** and the **Vatican Museums**, which house the **Sistine Chapel** and Michelangelo's glorious frescos. A local guide is included as well as entrances to the Vatican Museums and St Peters, including the Grottoes and the Treasury.

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### ► *Saturday, January 8*

Today discover the world of Saint Francis with a full day's excursion to **Assisi** via private coach and with a local guide in Assisi. If possible an English-speaking monk will conduct a visit of the **Basilica of St. Francis**. Also visit the **Basilica of St. Clare**. Assisi is the birthplace of St. Francis who would have an enormous impact on the history of the church, and whose philosophy would be instrumental in ushering in a new period of humanism which directly leads to the advent of the Renaissance in Italy.

Lunch is included today.

### ► *Sunday, January 9*

Today is free to spend as you please.

### ► *Monday, January 10*

Today visit the **Palazzo Doria Pamphilij**. The palace was built for the powerful Pamphilij family who were great patrons of the arts. Housed in the gallery are works by Bernini, Caravaggio, and many other masters.



### ► *Tuesday, January 11*

Entrances to the **Museo e Galleria Borghese** are included today. Just north of the city walls, the Borghese Museum houses a hugely important collection of Renaissance and Baroque painting and sculpture, as well as antiquities and decorative arts. Housed in a beautiful 17th century villa, the museum is surrounded by sumptuous gardens.

### ► *Wednesday, January 12*

Free Day. Tonight enjoy a **Farewell Dinner**.

### ► *Thursday, January 13*

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the USA.



# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## Accident & Sickness Insurance

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- \$50,000 Accident & Sickness Medical Expense (\$100.00 deductible)
- \$50,000 Emergency Medical Evacuation
- \$25,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment
- \$10,000 Repatriation of Remains
- Bedside visitation by friend or relative – economy class airfare
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A limited number of single rooms will be available at a supplemental charge due at the time of final payment

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**Not included in the cost of the program:** Visa fees not specifically mentioned; passport and photos; items of a personal nature, such as laundry, telephone calls, beverages or items not covered in included meals; meals not included, optional excursions, excess baggage charges, luggage handling in U.S. at beginning and end of the program; expenses due to flight delays or other irregularities.

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**Standard Cancellation Fees:** the standard cancellation fees apply as follows:

- Up to 90 days prior to departure, \$100.00 per person
- Between 90 and 61 days prior to departure, \$250.00 per person
- Between 60 and 31 days, 50% of the program price
- Between 30 days and day of departure, 100% of program price

