Rome for the Ages

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A Special Small-Group Cultural Adventure

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Rome wears its remarkable age more gracefully than any city on earth. With the luxury of an entire week, we take our time discovering the treasures of the Roman Empire as well as the early Christian, Renaissance and Baroque eras. We also include generous free time for you to explore on your own, shop and dine your way through Rome. Throughout, Professor Patricia Reilly and expert local guides share their insights on history, culture and everyday life to give you an intimate understanding of the Eternal City.

UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES...

■ Experience the ancient Appian Way, the streets of the Forum and the Colosseum
■ Marvel at the treasures on a privately guided tour of the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter’s Basilica
■ Sip a morning espresso in a classic cafe
■ See the masterpieces of Michelangelo, Bernini, Caravaggio and more
■ Enjoy three carefree afternoons to stroll, shop or relax at your own personal pace
■ Graze through the local restaurants in the neighborhood of your luxury boutique hotel

DAY 1 US to Rome
Depart the US on independently arranged flights to Rome, Italy. D [IN FLIGHT]

DAY 2 Trastevere/Janiculum
We meet this afternoon at our hotel in the heart of classic Rome. For our first taste of the city, we ascend the Janiculum hill where the fantastic view sweeps across the entire dome-studded cityscape. Wealthy Renaissance bankers built themselves suburban palaces, and we’ll see one of the finest – Villa Farnesina with its frescoes by Raphael. Then we head to Trastevere. Once the rough and tumble outskirts on the “wrong side” of the Tiber, the neighborhood is now one of Rome’s liveliest districts. At the church of Santa Maria in Trastevere, we marvel at its mosaics that still shimmer with gold. Our welcome dinner tonight is at an osteria known for its seafood. D

DAY 3 Ancient Rome/Jewish Ghetto
Today, we dedicate the morning to the grand ruins of Imperial Rome. We pay a guided visit to the Colosseum and walk the ancient streets of the Forum, taking in sites including the Arch of Constantine and Trajan’s Column. The Capitoline Museums encapsulate the city’s history with remarkable art treasures. We see the circular Temple of Hercules Victor, test the Bocca della Verità (Mouth of Truth) you may recognize from the film Roman Holiday, and visit the Ghetto of Rome, the walled neighborhood created in 1555 to house the city’s 2,000 Jews. B, D

DAY 4 Appian Way/Catacombs of San Callisto/San Giovanni in Laterano
This morning, we become pedestrians on the Via Appia Antica, arguably the world’s
most famous road since 312 B.C. The ancient pavement leads us to the Catacombs of San Callisto where 16 popes and thousands of other Christians were buried. Midday, we stop for pranzo at a restaurant situated amid the ruins. Our day also includes Esquiline Hill, site of Nero’s Golden House; the Basilica of San Giovanni in Laterano; and the Scala Santa, the holy staircase that pilgrims still climb on their knees. Round out the day with time to wander on your own, or join Professor Reilly to discover art treasures hidden in several of the city’s exceptional churches. B, L

**DAY 5  Pantheon/Piazza Navona/ Campo de’ Fiori**
The domed Pantheon is perhaps the best-preserved of all Roman buildings. We pay a guided visit and then pause for an espresso at one of our favorite cafes. The neighborhood is also home to works by Michelangelo and Caravaggio, which we discover on a leisurely walk. After the tight network of streets, it’s a wonderful surprise when Piazza Navona opens before us – a broad Baroque square with a Bernini fountain as its centerpiece. Just a few minutes away, Campo de’ Fiori is one of the city’s liveliest market squares. The afternoon is yours, so you can wander the stalls or take your time winding through the streets, getting a feel for life in Rome. B, L

**DAY 6  Santa Maria della Vittoria/ Villa Borghese/SPANISH STEPS**
Bernini’s Ecstasy of St. Teresa is a masterpiece of Baroque art. We’ll see her bathed in eternal rays of gold at the church of Santa Maria della Vittoria. Nearby, Villa Borghese is Rome’s greatest park. Like the modern Romans who love to stroll in the sculpted gardens, we pay a leisurely visit. At the end, we wind our way to the top of the Spanish Steps, one of the city’s most iconic sites. The afternoon is yours, and you are perfectly positioned to browse the exclusive shops on Via Condotti and Via Veneto. You are also just a few minutes away from the Trevi Fountain, tucked into a surprisingly small square not far from the hotel. B, L

**DAY 7  Vatican Museums/Sistine Chapel/St. Peter’s Basilica**
All week, the dome of St. Peter’s has appeared as a soaring backdrop. This morning, we enjoy a private tour that reveals the treasures of the Vatican, including the Sistine Chapel. Even if you’ve visited St. Peter’s before, you will appreciate how our expert guides help you absorb the history, the art and the iconography. On your last Roman afternoon, take in Castel Sant’Angelo, the Ara Pacis Museum with the altar of peace built to honor Augustus Caesar, or claim a sunny table on a city square and watch the world go by. We all come back together this evening for a farewell dinner. B, D

**DAY 8  Rome/US**
After breakfast, you transfer independently to the Rome airport for flights back to the U.S. B

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**Trip Details**

**TOUR DEPARTS:** May 9 – 16, 2015

**TRIP LENGTH:** 8 Days/7 Nights

**PRICE:** $5,700 per person double occupancy; $6,695 single occupancy

**TOUR BEGINS:** Depart the US on independently arranged flights to Rome, Italy. Meet your fellow Swarthmoreans and guide in Rome, Italy – 2:30 pm – Rome Times Hotel on May 10.

**TOUR ENDS:** Rome, Italy – 9:00 am – Rome Times Hotel on May 16.

For reservations and information please contact the Swarthmore Alumni College Abroad at:

**TOLL FREE:** (800) 789-9738

**FAX:** (203) 724-0844

**EMAIL:** alumni_travel@swarthmore.edu
http://www.swarthmore.edu/alumni/alumni-college-abroad
What’s Included

- Accommodations for 6 nights at a luxury boutique hotel in the heart of Rome
- 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 3 dinners
- Admissions to historic sites and other events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- Gratuities for hotels, meals and baggage
- Trip literature
- All land transportation during the trip
- Full-time experienced guide[s] who will be with you throughout the trip to handle behind-the-scenes logistics, and help with anything from selecting a restaurant to buying a tube of toothpaste.

Your Home in the Heart of Rome

ROME TIMES HOTEL

Unpack your bags for a wonderful extended stay in the Rome Times Hotel. The location is fantastic in a neighborhood full of shopping and restaurants – and less than a 10-minute walk from the Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps and the Colosseum. For breakfast, partake of the generous buffet served on the rooftop terrace with lovely views of the city. The décor is the latest in contemporary Italian design, and the very comfortable rooms are a peaceful respite from the lively city that’s just outside.

PATRICIA L. REILLY – STUDY LEADER

Patricia L. Reilly is Associate Professor of Art History at Swarthmore College and looks forward to returning to Rome to explore the city’s culture, history and art with alumni and friends. Her work investigates the intimate connection between the practical and theoretical activities of Renaissance artists, and she considers these in light of their larger intellectual and cultural environments. She earned a Ph.D. in Rhetoric at University of California, Berkeley, an M.A. in History of Art at Bryn Mawr College, and a B.A. in History of Art at University of California, Santa Cruz.
Dear Swarthmorean,

Travel with alumni and friends from May 9 – 16, 2015, on an exclusive Alumni College Abroad adventure to Rome. With intimate knowledge of the city from her prior travels, our study leader Professor Patricia Reilly helped curate this special program. Take a journey from ancient through early Christian, to Renaissance and Baroque Rome, exploring the sites on daily excursions. From the Colosseum to the Vatican, learn the history and experience the wonder of the “Eternal City.”

Settle into our lovely 4-star hotel, centrally located to allow us easy access to the city’s treasures on included excursions and during your free time. Specially selected restaurants will give you a taste of the great cuisine that Rome has to offer. Memorable art, history, culture and cuisine await you. With expert guides to lead us and Professor Reilly to enlighten us, this will be an experience you’ll always remember. Please contact the Alumni College Abroad office for more details and to reserve your place on this exciting tour today!

Sincerely,

Lisa Lee ’81
DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE RESERVATION FORM: ROME FOR THE AGES

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______ ($1,250 per person) for ______ person/people on Rome for the Ages departing May 9, 2015. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 90 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, MasterCard, VISA or by personal check. Please make deposit check payable to Classic Journeys and mail check [along with completed reservation form] to: Swarthmore Alumni College Abroad, 151 Railroad Avenue, Unit D, Greenwich, CT 06830. Phone: 800-789-9738; Fax: 203-724-0844; email: alumni_travel@swarthmore.edu; http://www.swarthmore.edu/alumni/alumni-college-abroad

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Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Rome for the Ages, May 9 - 16, 2015, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature(s) ____________________________ Date __________

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Final payment will be due 90 days prior to departure to our tour operator, Classic Journeys. The final balance will be automatically charged to the same credit card used for initial deposit.
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $1,250 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not included in tour price: International or domestic air; airport transfers; cost of passport; meals or activities not specified; alcoholic beverages except as noted in the program; personal expenses such as laundry, room service; gratuities to your Classic Journeys tour leader and vehicle driver, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities 15-20 Euros per guest, per day); travel protection insurance.

Cancellations, refunds and changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: cancel 91 days or more before departure: 25% non-refundable deposit; cancel 90-60 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 59-0 days before departure: no refund. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. Upon making your reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, date of birth and gender.

Insurance: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event you must cancel your participation in the travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Information will be sent upon registration.

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