



ROME ADD-ON: ITINERARY

****Itinerary and Optional Tours are subject to change or cancelation**

Day 1: Sunday, August 30th, 2026 – Depart for Rome

Group transportation provided to the Dublin Airport for your flight to Rome

Flight to Rome included: Flight time TBD

Arrive and check in at Rome hotel – transportation included; please note that check in is generally around 3 PM

Overnight bed and full breakfast at your Rome hotel

Day 2: Monday, August 31st, 2026 – Explore Ancient Rome

Visit the Colosseum

Also known as the Flavian Amphitheatre, an iconic symbol of ancient Rome; located in the heart of the city, it was completed in AD 80 under Emperor Titus. This massive structure could hold up to 50,000 spectators and was primarily used for gladiatorial contests, public spectacles, and other forms of entertainment. The Colosseum's impressive architecture, with its intricate system of vaults and arches, has made it one of the most enduring landmarks of Roman engineering and culture.

There is a short walk from Colosseum to Foro Romano

The Roman Forum, or Foro Romano, was the center of public life in ancient Rome. Located between the Palatine and Capitoline Hills, it served as a bustling marketplace, political hub, and social gathering spot. The Forum was home to numerous important buildings and monuments, including temples, basilicas, and government offices.

Walking tour in Rome including Fontana di Trevi, Pantheon and Piazza Navona.

Fontana di Trevi, or Trevi Fountain, is one of Rome's most famous landmarks. Completed in 1762, this stunning Baroque masterpiece was designed by architect Nicola Salvi and later finished by Giuseppe Pannini. The fountain features a grand central figure of Neptune, the god of the sea, flanked by two Tritons. Visitors often partake in the tradition of tossing a coin into the fountain, which is said to ensure a return trip to Rome.

The Pantheon in Rome is one of the best-preserved and most influential buildings of ancient Rome. Originally built as a temple to all the gods of pagan Rome, it was completed by Emperor Hadrian around AD 126. The Pantheon is renowned for its massive dome, which remains the world's largest unreinforced concrete dome. The oculus at the dome's centre is the only source of natural light, creating a stunning effect inside the building. The Pantheon's portico, with its grand columns, adds to its majestic appearance. Over the centuries, it has been used as a church and a tomb for several important figures, including the artist Raphael.

Piazza Navona is one of Rome's most famous and beautiful squares. Built on the site of the ancient Stadium of Domitian, it retains the elongated shape of the original Roman stadium. The square is renowned for its stunning Baroque architecture and three magnificent fountains, the most famous being the Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi (Fountain of the Four Rivers) by Gian Lorenzo Bernini.

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Day 3: Tuesday, September 1st, 2026 – Explore Vatican City

Explore the smallest country in the world

Visit St. Peter's Basilica

St. Peter's Basilica is one of the most renowned and largest churches in the world. It is a masterpiece of Renaissance architecture, primarily designed by Donato Bramante, Michelangelo, Carlo Maderno, and Gian Lorenzo Bernini. The basilica is traditionally believed to be the burial site of Saint Peter, one of Jesus's apostles and the first Pope, making it a significant pilgrimage site for Catholics.

Visit Vatican Museums

The Vatican Museums are among the most famous and visited museums in the world. Established by Pope Julius II in the early 16th century, the museums house an extensive collection of art and historical artifacts accumulated by the Roman Catholic Church over centuries. You can explore the Gallery of Maps, the Pio-Clementine Museum, and the Vatican Pinacoteca, which features works by artists such as Leonardo da Vinci, Caravaggio, and Raphael. Vatican Museums are also known for Sistine Chapel which you can explore too.

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Day 4: Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026 – Farewell

Transfer to airport for your departure flight home. Transfer from accommodations *under own arrangements*.