

Ciao!

We are the **JOY of ROME** Team.

What we do? We lead **Skip the line Private and Small Groups in Rome and Vatican City, Kids-Friendly and Family-Friendly Tours!**

We use just super highly-trained guides.

We put your **JOY** before anything else.

We love the words "entertaining, funny, lovable, friendly" as much as "knowledgable, informative, perfectly organized".

That's the best mix!



Our tours include:

Colosseum, Ancient Forum and Palatine Hill, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St.Peter's Basilica and Square;

Pantheon, Piazza Navona, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps;

Food Tours, Capitoline Museums, Borghese Gallery, Ostia Antica, Tivoli, Appian Way, Catacombs and more!

Check our website

www.joyorome.com for the complete list!

WARNING!

Collateral Effects of using Joy of Rome tours

"We apologize if (after you did a Joy of Rome tour) you'll go back home and:
you'll feel like being the most knowledgeable persons of your town
you'll sign up soon for an Archaeology or Art History class at the closest University
you'll visit all the art exhibitions of your State
you'll buy more books than your favourite book-shop can sell
you'll desire to have a guide even when you'll walk through a shopping mall
on Saturday afternoon
...and, most of all: you'll never sleep anymore at night, thinking of the incredible beauties of Rome and your amazing smiling knowledgable guides!

In case of any collateral effect, please contact your doctor soon ☺

ANCIENT ROME CLASSIC TOUR

COLOSSEUM + ROMAN FORUM



Duration: 3 hrs approx.

Runs: Every day except the first Sunday of the Month (8.30 AM or 3 PM – Upon availability)

Type of Tour: Private or Small Group (max 10 people)

Description: Visit the **Colosseum** and the Roman forum in a completely different way with this skip-the-line 3-hour tour. Enter the ancient world with your guide in a small group or a private tour and you'll be captured by the way the ancient world will come to life through your guide's words. Enter the Colosseum like an ancient spectator, climb the stairs and reach the first tier. There, you will be struck by a spectacular view of the arena. Imagine gladiators fighting gladiators, lions, and tigers or the many other exciting uses of the arena. Leave the Colosseum to see the **Arch of Constantine** and be led into the heart of the ancient world: the **Roman Forum**. With the help of your guide, you will easily imagine sellers trading goods, politicians speaking to the crowd, judges sentencing criminals, teachers surrounded by their students, priests worshiping pagan gods or predicting the future, as well as vendors of all types. Walk through the '**Via Sacra**,' the holiest road in Rome, to reach the **Basilica of Maxentius** and Constantine and the Arch of Titus. Be inspired by the beauty of the most important ruins of antiquity, the **Temple of Saturn**, the **Tabularium façade**, the ancient **Senate house**, **Temple of Julius Cesar**, and the house of the **Vestal Virgins** and their sacred flame. Learn about the punishment for these vestal virgins if they didn't respect their vows.

VATICAN MUSEUMS CLASSIC

SISTINE CHAPEL and SAINT PETER'S BASILICA



Duration: 3 hrs approx.

Runs: Every day except Sunday and Wed Morning (9 AM or 2 PM – Upon availability)

Type of Tour: Private or Small Group

Description: Discover the masterpieces of Raphael and Michelangelo, the marvelous statues of the **Gallery of the Candelabra**, the incredible **Gallery of the Maps** with 36 frescoes of the Italian regions thanks, and the beautiful and gigantic **Sistine Chapel's ceiling** painted in just four years by Michelangelo Buonarroti. From the Sistine Chapel, skip the line to get into **St. Peter's Basilica**, the largest church of the world, where you will see the Baroque canopy by Bernini and the Michelangelo's Pieta, the highest dome in Rome, and some of the most important popes tombs including John Paul II's. Your visit will end in the gigantic **St. Peter's square**, where thousands of pilgrims meet together every week to be blessed by the Pope.

Please, consider that St. Peter's is a Church and there could be changes in the opening and closing time according to last minute celebrations.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ROME

Piazza Navona, Pantheon, Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain and more



Duration: 2,5 hrs approx.

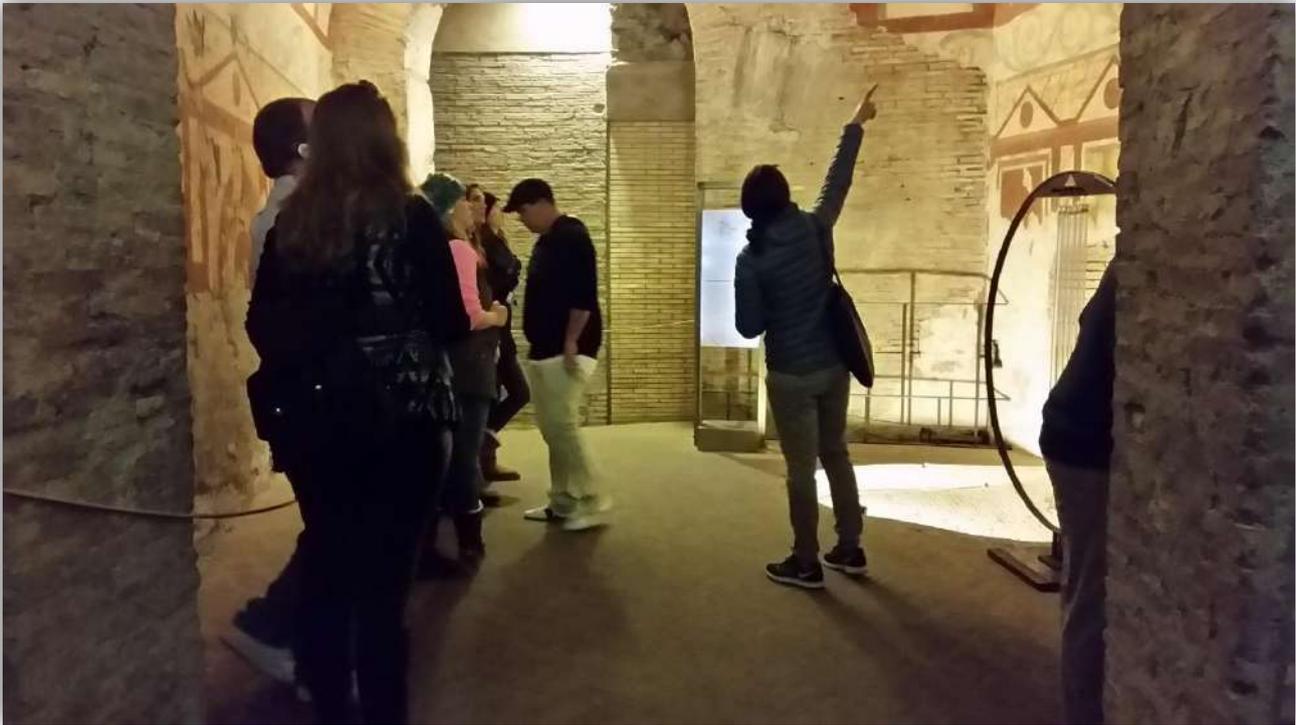
Runs: Every day except Sunday Morning (9.30 AM or 3 PM – Upon availability)

Type of Tour: Private or Small Group

Description: Rome wasn't built in a day, but the city center can be visited in 2.5 hours with a small group up to 10 people. This tour will show the most important and amazing monuments of the city center. Together with the famous highlights (Pantheon [inside], Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona, Campo de' Fiori, Piazza Farnese) you will see an incredible number of hidden treasures, such as marvelous corners, small hidden churches, noble palaces with their frescoed facades, small fountains...and the daily life in the narrow streets of Rome. There will be obviously time for a gelato break if you like!

UNDERGROUND ROME

*San Clement's Undergrounds + Roman houses
under St. John and Paul Church*



Duration: 2,5 approx

Runs: Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (9.30 AM, 3 PM)

Sunday (2.30 PM)

Type of Tour: Small Group or Private

Description: Explore the belly of Rome! San Clement + Ancient Roman Houses under the church of St. John and Paul. Go off the beaten path! The Undergrounds of Rome are a labyrinth of hidden buildings, narrow streets, abandoned churches and temples, tombs, forgotten treasures.

You will walk down to 50 feet underground to rediscover ancient Senator's houses, altars made for Oriental worships, gigantic warehouses, ancient shops, Medieval churches destroyed by brave invaders, subterranean water springs. The tour includes St.Clement's Underground and the Roman Houses on the Celian Hills.

THE JEWISH GHETTO



Duration: 2 hrs

Runs: Daily 10 AM or 5.30 PM

Type of Tour: Small Group or Private

Description: All the essential Jewish district! If visiting Rome for you is a little more than just admiring the monuments, or you would like to know more about past and present history avoiding the beaten track, you'll love to travel in time and cultures not moving from one neighborhood, while learning about our multicultural city. The Jewish community was among the first ones settling in Rome, almost 2000 years ago, in the heart of the city, living in harmony with the rest of the population and enjoying a very considerable freedom, this was an example of religious tolerance that unfortunately was not later extended to any of the reformed christian creeds: Roman Jews were forced to live enclosed in the ghetto, between 1500s and 1800s, they were imposed a curfew and several restrictions and the sad crumbling remains of this walled district, known as "Ghetto", were torn down only in the 19th century. The Jewish district tour is a tour you cannot miss. For approximately 2 hours, you can learn from your art historian guide about the rich history of the Jewish culture in Italy while walking through what was once a restrictive environment.

VATICAN FOR KIDS and FAMILIES



Duration: 2 hrs approx.

Runs: Every day except Sunday and Wed Morning (9.00 AM or 3 PM – Upon availability)

Type of Tour: Only Private

Description: Visiting a museum with your kids might be a challenge: tours rarely are tailored for children or teen-agers so if you're looking for a Vatican Museums Tour that is kid-friendly, our guides can make a difference. Our team of specially selected guides know that it's not only about playing, it's also about letting your family enjoy a unique experience while focusing the energy of the younger ones. Our tour keyword is "FUN" and we aren't the only guides, sometimes parents discover they are as well! Guides will be focused on capturing your children's attention and stimulating their imagination with visual aids. We realized that interactive tools are the best way of engaging the youngest ones in a group... and are as fun for them as they are for the whole family!

IMPORTANT: this Vatican Museums Tour for kids tour is specifically focused on the Sistine Chapel and is very "light" so as not to overload children with too much information. If you wish to have a deeper knowledge of the Vatican Museums and of St Peter's Basilica, please ask for a Vatican Standard Tour.

COLOSSEUM FOR KIDS and FAMILIES



Duration: 2 hrs approx.

Runs: Every day except the first Sunday of the Month (8.30 AM or 3 PM – Upon availability)

Type of Tour: Only Private

Description: Are you in Rome with your kids and/or grandpa and seeking an engaging private Colosseum tour suitable for the whole family? Skip the long lines on this private 2 hours long tour. The guides are all licensed, highly trained (Archaeologists or Art-Historians), English speaking, super friendly and know how to engage three generations of people in the same tour. You'll skip the lines and enter the Colosseum soon (just a quick security check) and the tour will be already started. You can visit the ground level and the first floor of the Colosseum. The guide will give the entire family an overview about Ancient Roman history, life, loves and (of course) shows and gladiators fights. Swords and spears, lions and tigers, slaves and loves, political conspiracies and gigantic gilded-bronze statues will make your Colosseum experience unforgettable. The first level is accessible by an elevator and the guide will take care of anybody having mobility problems. Wheelchair tours are possible in the Colosseum, but wheelchairs are not provided. Leave the Colosseum and walk in front of the Arch of Constantine where the tour will end. From there, the guide will be happy to put you on the right way to your next destination.

CARAVAGGIO THE ARTIST



Duration: 2 hrs approx.

Runs: Mon, Wed, Friday, Saturday 9.30 and 3.30 PM **Type of Tour:** Small Group

PRIVATE TOURS: ALWAYS AVAILABLE UPON REQUESTS

Description: Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio, best known as simply CARAVAGGIO, was not only a painter, but a "star"! His adventurous life, full of sensational events, and his revolutionary style made him an undisputed leading figure of Italian art: you can find out everything about on our Caravaggio Tour.

He came to Rome in 1597-98 in search of fame and died at the young age of forty in exile, banished by the Pope after committing murder. Caravaggio lived a short, dramatic life and knew the city of Rome in all its aspects, including the violent, sketchy and dangerous ones.

Our guides are art historians and experts of Rome and they'll show you Caravaggio's paintings, a few hidden in some of the most beautiful churches in Rome...

You will hear the stories about his friends, his loves, the models he chose among the poorest in the city, his favorite restaurants and much more!

For this tour you won't have to pay for any entrance tickets or visit any museum...you will see the Caravaggio works that are still exhibited in the places for which they were originally painted: three magnificent churches!

STREET ART ADVENTURE



Duration: 1.5 hrs approx.

small groups run: tuesday and saturday AM

private tours: Everyday upon request

Starting time: 9.00 am and 16.30 pm (from April to October); 10 am and 2 pm (from November to March)

Description: Rome is not just ancient ruins and Baroque churches: the Eternal City has recently been experiencing a boom of...STREET ART! Urban artworks are reviving the walls in suburbs and popular districts in Rome. These art-works will give us an opportunity to explore some little known, but no less beautiful corners of this surprising city. Rome has more than 300 works of street art in dozens of city streets. Take our street art in Rome tour to discover the best! Our guides will take you to little known parts of the city, unknown to the general public, such as "Quadraro", "Ostiense" or "Torpignattara" This tour will also be an opportunity to travel through centuries and admire the famous Pyramid, a Roman tomb reminiscent of Egypt, and St. Paul's Basilica. As our passionate guides know very well, in Rome, art is not just in a museum but all around us!

If you want to experience Rome as Romans do, if you have had enough of the beaten path and want to know more about this city, this is the -urban- walk for you!

CAPITOLINE MUSEUMS



Duration: 3 hrs approx.

Runs: Every day except the first Sunday of the Month (9.30 AM or 3 PM – Upon availability)

Type of Tour: Only Private

Description: Explore the fascinating history of Rome with this 2.5-hour PRIVATE tour of the Capitoline Museums with an archaeologist or art historian as your guide. Learn about the Capitoline Hill itself, once an important place in ancient Rome, and take in the superb collection in the museums now on that hill.

Walk through the collections of this, the oldest archaeological museum in the world, with your expert guide. Travel in time back to the origins of Rome reviving the glorious past of the Eternal City. Encounter ancient gods and emperors, heroes and senators, philosophers and generals, all made of white marble or shiny bronze.

TIVOLI – A day Outside Rome

Villa d'Este and Hadrian's Villa



Duration: 6 approx

Runs: Every Day, 10 AM- 4PM

Type of Tour: Private tour with private driver to reach Tivoli.

Description: During the past 2000 years, the wealthy families of Rome have always tried to escape from the noise, crowds, heat and the dangerous conspiracies of Rome. They found a wonderful haven in the Roman countryside, with forests, vineyards, waterfalls and natural SPA water-springs. Here, out of view from the prying eyes of the capital city and away from the strict and severe rules of Roman traditions, they enjoyed a much more pleasant life. **Hadrian's Villa:** Nineteen centuries ago the great Emperor Hadrian built one of the most magnificent villas of the ancient world in Tivoli. About 300 acres of imposing, original, elegant and still today very well preserved buildings, surrounded by monumental fountains of many shapes and dimensions, and trees and plants meant to re-create a perfectly artificial, natural landscape. **Villa d'Este:** Here you will find one of the most famous Renaissance villas in Europe: built by Cardinal Ippolito d'Este in the mid-XVI century: be overwhelmed by the water spouts of the Fountain of the Dragons, the enormous size of the Oval Fountain, and the shocking water-games of the Fountain of Neptune. Walk beside the "One Hundred Fountains" finally hear the music coming from the water-machinery behind the Fountain of the Organ and the Fountain of the Owl!

OSTIA ANTICA – A day Outside Rome

The Ancient Harbour of Rome



Duration: 3.5 approx

Runs: Every Day, 9 AM- 13 PM

Type of Tour: Private tour

Description: Ostia Antica was the Ancient harbour of Rome and is the best preserved ancient Roman town with its Emporium, amphitheatre and residential area. Ostia was the first Roman colony and quickly became a river harbour with a commercial function, supplying Rome with food and also had a strategic military role as naval base. The city reached a peak of almost 75,000 inhabitants in the 2nd and 3rd centuries AD and its location at the “mouth” of the river Tiber guaranteed its status as an active and prosperous colony! The Ostia Antica Tour is a full immersion into the everyday life of the colony. Our local, licensed guides will show you the river port’s districts, its cults and religious buildings, houses and spas with their beautiful mosaics and remnants of artworks. If you don’t have the time to go to Pompeii but would like to get a glimpse of the Ancient Roman life, visit the ruins of apartments in a condominium, an ancient fast food eatery, spas, warehouses, villas, a laundry and a dye works, temples and a marvelous theater – come with us to Ostia and see life as it was 2000 years ago!

If you want to:

- go off the beaten path
- experience food and tradition
- learn about contemporary art and street art in the outskirts of the city

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OTHER TOURS AVAILABLE!

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<https://www.joyofrome.com/all-tours/>

For prices, info, availability email us at:

info@joyofrome.com

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