



# Ancient Rome

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A tour through ancient Rome can only start with the inspection of the Colosseum, the largest arena of the world and antique venue of the famous Gladiator games. It continues, passing the Constantinian and Titus Arch, into the Forum Romanum, which used to be the political, religious and commercial centre of the ancient metropolitan city.

**Y**ou will walk on the antique via Triumphalis along the speakers stage, the temple of the Vesta, the Kurie, place of the senate and the Rostra. Think of Mark Anton and his funeral speech for Caesar, arriving the Umbelicus Urbis. Subsequently, you climb on the smallest, but most important hill of the ancient city, the Capitol. The architectural dignity and uniqueness are clearly of the seal of Michelangelo. The centre of the monument is decorated with the statue of Marc Aurel and the legendary mother of the Romans - the she-wolf with Romulus and Remus. This walk finds its crowning conclusion in a common lunch, while in your thoughts, you can still remain in the ancient Rome.



■ walking tour

■ duration: approx. 3 hours – half day

# Christian Rome

This city tour includes the visit of the Basilica St. Paul outside the walls, the Basilica St. John in the Lateran and a Catacomb. Rome, the Eternal City, is not only a metropolitan city, but has also a millenium-old Christian tradition. With the inspections of St. Paul outside the walls, a Catacomb and the Basilica St. John in the Lateran you get an interesting impression of the history and the development of the Christians in Rome. Both, the churches as well as the Catacombs represent and accommodate outstanding works of art. Before Basilica of St. Peter was built, the Basilica of St. Paul outside the walls was the largest church in the world and in a unique way it still reflects the structure of an antique Basilica until today. In the 4th century, the basilica was built on top of the grave of St. Paul. According to the inscription in the front, the Basilica of St. John in the Lateran is assigned to be the „mother and head of all churches of the city and the continent“. It is the cathedral of Rome, the bishop church of the city and as the bishop of Rome, the Pope still celebrates the ceremony of washing the feet of the poor at Maundy Thursday.

- **by coach**
- **duration: approx. 4 hours – half day**

In front of the Lateran Basilica, you find the Holy Stairs (Scala Santa) with the small chapel Sancta Sanctorum, former private chapel of the Pope with exceptionally beautiful frescoes from the 13th century. This chapel normally cannot be visited and is exclusively opened for you (upon request) - a completely unusual privilege. Afterwards the tour takes you to via Appia Antica, where you find numerous Catacombs. The Catacombs are Christian graves, which are located outside the city walls, following the Roman law by that time. They offer a view of the early Christian life and the development of the early Christian municipalities and to their faith life.

*Exclusive reevaluation:  
Inspection of the Chapel Sancta Sanctorum*

# Romantic Rome

Rome is a lively pulsating city and Rome is baroque. If you would like to feel this moving and pounding life, then you should discover the city on a walking tour. It leads you inside the heart of Rome. Here you find the main attractions of the city, the governmental area, the best ice cream, the best coffee. Here you saunter. You will start at Piazza Navona, a spectacular and harmonious example of baroque Rome, where three fountains spit water, street artists offer their paintings and goods, visitors admire the beauty of the square. The walk continues with visiting the Pantheon, the most impressive and best preserved building of the Ancient Rome. The Trevi Fountain should of course not be missed, Rome's most famous and majestic fountain is a must for all Rome visitors. As it is tradition, hold a coin ready to throw into the water, so that your return to the Eternal City is secured. At the end of the walk you will reach the Spanish Steps, a pictorial scenery in the most elegant (shopping) area of Rome.



- ✿ walking tour
- ✿ duration: approx. 3 hours – half day



# SUBTERRANEAN *ROME*

Rom ist eine mehr als dreitausend-jährige Stadt, immer wieder auf sich selbst neu aufgebaut. Man muss sich diese Stadt wie einen Kuchen mit verschiedenen Schichten vorstellen. Um den Geheimnissen dieser Stadt auf die Spuren zu kommen, muss man sich in ihr Inneres wagen und deshalb schlagen wir Ihnen vor, in bekannte und weniger bekannte „Unterschichten“ des Antiken Rom vorzudringen. Wir beginnen mit dem Besuch der Kirche San Clemente, welche dem Besucher Gelegenheit zu einer mehrfachen Reise in die verschiedenen Jahrhunderte bietet. Auf der untersten Ebene befindet sich ein römisches Haus und ein Mithras Heiligtum, ein dem persischen Sonnengott gewidmeter Altar. Darüber liegt eine frühchristliche Basilika und wiederum darüber die heutige Kirche aus dem 12. Jh. mit Ihren wunderschönen Apsismosaiken. Da man sich bei diesem Besuch durch verschiedene Jahrhunderte bewegt, kann man in fantastischer Weise den Aufbau der Stadt Rom erkennen.

Anschließend geht es weiter um Ausgrabungen unter der Kirche SS. Giovanni e Paolo auf dem Caelius zu besichtigen.

Diese Ausgrabungen wurden erst seit kurzem dem Publikum zugänglich gemacht. Es handelt sich um einen Wohnkomplex aus der Kaiserzeit mit fantastisch erhaltenen Wandmalereien, der Ihnen einen Einblick in das tägliche Leben der antiken Römer bietet.

■ **Dauer: ca. 3 Stunden – halbtags**

