



ROMAN SOCIETY CENTENARY TOUR OF ROME

8 DAYS, 17 TO 24 JULY 2010

A celebration of 100 years of the Roman Society

This special tour, celebrating 100 years of the Roman Society, includes a week-long visit to Rome based at The British School (or nearby) and featuring special visits in and around the city and a trip to the ruins of Herculaneum.

We will take a detailed and different overview of the city, Mistress of the Mediterranean, Queen of the known world, as we consider her past imperial glory.

Day 1 - Saturday 17th July - London/Rome - Fly to Rome and transfer to the British School for a 7-night stay (or nearby hotel).

Day 2 - Sunday 18th July - Rome - Tour to the Palatine Hill, site of the emperors' residences, from where we can gaze on the massive Circus Maximus, the largest racing stadium in the ancient world. View the excavations. In the afternoon we visit a section of the ancient underground Catacombs, of which there are at least forty, excavated from the second century onwards and some discovered only in recent decades. Though most famous for Christian burials, they include pagan and Jewish burials, either in separate or shared catacombs. Many have kilometres of tunnels, in up to four storeys, with the Christian catacombs extremely important for their art in both fresco and sculpture.

Day 3 - Monday 19th July - Rome - Half-day morning

tour to view the late Byzantine mosaic in the wonderfully atmospheric church of San Clemente. Remainder of the day at leisure.

Day 4 - Tuesday 20th July - Rome - A full appreciation today of the rich masterpiece collections of the Archaeological National Museum. Next to the Museum of Villa Giulia (or Villa of Pope Julius III), designed by Jacopo Barozzi da Vignola between 1551 and 1553.

The museum was founded in 1889 with the aim of collecting together all the pre-Roman antiquities of Latium, southern Etruria and Umbria, and is rich in finds from excavations between the Tiber and the sea belonging to the Etruscan and Faliscan civilizations.

Day 5 - Wednesday 21st July - Tivoli - A leisurely excursion to Tivoli to visit Villa Adriana in the rolling countryside, an elaborate conceit of an emperor keen on nostalgia and with money to burn. There is the option of continuing to the Villa d'Este.

Day 6 - Thursday 22nd July - Herculaneum - An early start today for a full day excursion to Herculaneum in the company of Professor Andrew Wallace-Hadrill, formerly Director of the British School and head of the Herculaneum Conservation Project. The site is now situated in the shadow of a wall of mud and ash 20 metres high under which the town was buried by the Mount Vesuvius eruption of AD79. The good state of preservation of many of the buildings gives an immediate feel of Roman life. Original Roman staircases, shelves, trelliswork and furniture carbonised by the boiling mud can still be seen in situ.

Day 7 - Friday 23rd July - Rome - The day is free for private exploration. Evening farewell celebration dinner.

Day 8 - Saturday 24th July - Rome/London - Return flight to London.

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PRICE

£1635 per person.

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENTS:

British School at Rome £109

Nearby hotel (within 1Km of British School) £229

INCLUSIVE OF

Flights from London Heathrow to Rome, 7 nights' twin share accommodation with breakfast and dinner, airport transfers, gratuities, English-speaking guide on site visits.

NOT INCLUDED

Insurance, items of a personal nature, any other meals

FLIGHT FILE:

London Heathrow/Rome

BA0560 1240/1610

Rome/London Heathrow

BA0559 1720/1900

PRICE WITH OUT FLIGHTS

£1475



NOTES

Please note if you organise your own flights you will need to make your own transfer arrangements to meet the group in Rome either at your hotel, or at the British School on 17th July.

Places at the British School at Rome are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Any bookings received once the British School accommodation has been filled will be accommodated at a nearby four star hotel.

The accommodation at the British School at Rome is fairly basic and passengers will be required to share w.c. and bathroom facilities. Those who do not wish to be accommodated at the British School at Rome and would prefer hotel accommodation should indicate this clearly on their booking form at the time of booking.

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