

# ROME

19 – 23 APRIL 2027

FROM  
**£3,995**  
PER PERSON

Tour Leaders: Douglas Skeggs & Joanna Worsley

  
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Piazza Navona



Trastevere

## 5-DAY ITINERARY, DEPARTING 19 APRIL 2027

### 19 April London / Rome

Suggested flight (not included in the cost of the tour) British Airways BA 554 departing London Heathrow at 10.50 hrs arriving Rome Fiumicino at 14.30 hrs.

Group transfer into Rome and check in at the L'Orologio Hotel where four nights are spent. This elegant hotel is housed in a restored Neo-Renaissance building on Corso Vittoria Emanuele in the heart of the city close to the Pantheon and Piazza Navona and has a panoramic roof terrace with views of the city's landmarks. Walking tour around Piazza Navona and see The Fountain of the Four Rivers regarded as one of Bernini's greatest works. Time permitting visit the church of San Luigi dei Francesi which houses Caravaggio's *The Calling of St. Matthew*, *St. Matthew and an Angel* and *The Martyrdom of St. Matthew*. Dinner at the hotel.

### 20 April Rome & Trastevere

Depart by coach for St. Peter's Square to visit St. Peter's Basilica built by Pope Julius II who employed Bramante, Michelangelo and Bernini in the undertaking. Bernini designed the sweeping double colonnades to Maderno's façade, and inside, the Baldacchino bronze canopy over the Tomb of St. Peter. Depart by coach for Trastevere.

Lunch at a local restaurant in Trastevere. Afternoon walking tour starting with the Tempietto, a small Roman-style temple designed by Bramante (1510) to mark the reputed site of St. Peter's crucifixion.

Continue to the Church of San Francesco a Ripa with its sculpture of *Blessed Ludovica Albertoni* by Bernini followed by the Basilica of Santa Cecilia with its sculpture of *St. Cecilia* by Maderno. End at the Basilica of San Pietro in Vincoli which houses Michelangelo's statue of Moses. Return to Rome. Short lecture at the hotel by Douglas on the Borghese Gallery. Dinner under own arrangements.



Details inside St. Peter's Basilica

### 21 April Rome

Depart by coach for the Borghese Gallery, set in the great park of Villa Borghese, built as a palace for Cardinal Scipione Borghese in the 17th century. It houses sculptures by Bernini as well as a vast collection of paintings including masterpieces

such as *Lady with a Unicorn* and *Portrait of a Man* by Raphael, *David with the Head of Goliath* and *Boy with Basket of Fruit* by Caravaggio, *Descent from the Cross* by Rubens as well as the masterpiece of Titian's youthful period, *Sacred and Profane Love*. Continue on foot to the Churches of Santa Maria della Vittoria with Bernini's famous sculpture of *The Ecstasy of St. Teresa*, followed by San Carlo alle Quattro Fontane designed by Borromini and Sant' Andrea delle Fratte with its two angel statues by Bernini.

Lunch at a local restaurant. Afternoon walking tour including the Spanish Steps, the Church of Santa Maria del Popolo to see *The Conversion of St. Paul* and *The Crucifixion of St. Peter* by Caravaggio and the Trevi Fountain. Return on foot to the hotel. Dinner under own arrangements.



Tempietto del Bramante

## 22 April Rome & Tivoli

Depart for full day excursion by coach to Tivoli. Visit Hadrian's Villa, the preferred residence of the Roman Emperor Hadrian (117-138). The extensive complex of buildings, now in ruins, was once rich in architectural and sculptural decoration.

Lunch at a local restaurant in Tivoli. Visit Villa d'Este built for Cardinal Ippolito d'Este and the masterpiece of Pirro Ligorio in the mid-16th century. Against the stunning backdrop of the Sabine Hills, terraces create the effect of a series of dramatic hanging gardens, enlivened by a spectacular series of fountains, some added by Bernini in the 1600s, powered by mountain springs. The villa itself contains several of its original late Renaissance frescoes by painters such as Federico Zuccari. Return to Rome and farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

## 23 April Rome / London

Depart on foot to visit the Doria Pamphilj Gallery. The remarkable collection of this great Roman family includes important works by Caravaggio, Titian and Velasquez (the famous portrait of *Innocent X*), housed in a splendid palazzo, with façades of the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries. Walk up the Capitoline Hill, climbing the flight of steps called the Cordonata designed by Michelangelo from Piazza Venezia to Piazza Campidoglio, also designed by Michelangelo.

Lunch under own arrangements. Group transfer to Rome Fiumicino airport. Suggested flight (not included in the cost of the tour) British Airways BA 555 departing Rome at 16.25 hrs arriving London Heathrow at 18.10 hrs.



## TOUR PRICES PER PERSON

Tour Price	£3,995
Single Supplement	£915

*Please note we have not included the cost of the flights in the tour price. Please contact us for prices should you wish to book them through us.*

## PRICE INCLUDES

- Accommodation throughout as shown in the itinerary
- Breakfast daily; 3 lunches; 2 dinners
- Group transfers and transportation as per the itinerary
- All entrance fees, visits, excursions and transportation as per the itinerary
- Gratuities in restaurants for included meals; gratuities to guides/s; gratuities to driver/s; portorage
- Local English-speaking guide/s
- The services of your tour leader and guest lecturer throughout

## PRICE EXCLUDES

- International flights
- Travel insurance
- Items of personal expenditure (e.g. telephone calls / laundry etc.)
- Government levies or taxes introduced after costing and publication of this programme on 25/03/2026





## YOUR TOUR LEADERS

### Douglas Skeggs

Douglas Skeggs read fine art at Magdalene College, Cambridge and since 1980 has been a lecturer on the history and techniques of painting. He has made several art documentaries and written and advised on many more. An accomplished painter in his own right, he has held three one-man exhibitions of his work. His biography of *Monet, River of Light: Monet's Impressions of the Seine*, sold 65,000 copies, and he has also written several novels.

### Joanna Worsley

After leaving school, Joanna travelled extensively through Asia working in Hong Kong and Delhi and developing a passion for India. She then spent several years in Los Angeles producing film and music videos. Being half-Greek she has a particular love for Greece too and has a house on the island of Skyros.