

The Hidden Treasures of Venice and Rome



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**A 13–day tour of lesser known collections, palazzi
and districts of Venice and Rome**



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It is significant that the most Serene Republic of Venice and Ancient Rome were the destinations of the 18th century English Grand Tourists searching for the grandeur of the ancient world, the sophistication of the Renaissance and the theatre of the Baroque. It is in these two cities that the tapestry of Western civilization can be endlessly unravelled. However few have time to discover the treasures of the smaller churches, tiny canals, little known collections and the stories they tell of districts that have all but disappeared.

In Rome we will explore how the city had been used as a gigantic film set from the time of the Roman Emperors, through the Popes of the Renaissance and Baroque periods to Mussolini. We will descend the four levels of San Clemente, interpret the early Christian mosaics in Santa Prassede, decipher the frescos of Santo Stefano and meander through the little lanes of Trastevere to Santa Cecilia. We will have private tours of the Farnese Gallery, the Doria Pamphili, Borghese and Capitoline collections and will visit small architectural gems by Bernini and Borromini.

In Venice we will discover little-known

masterpieces in the small churches and chapels in the back canals, from the Campo San Giacomo dell'Orto to San Nicolo dei Mendicoli and the collections of the Palazzo Mocenigo and Ca Zenobio. One day will be spent on the islands that predate Venice and another exploring the Scuole that employed Tintoretto, Carpaccio and Veronese. We will also have access to the unique ospedali chapels where Vivaldi trained the female orphans for whom Venice became famous.

The tour will be led by Sylvia Sagona, who has been leading cultural tours to Italy and France for the past twelve years.

Tour Price Includes

- 12 nights accommodation in centrally-located 4 star hotels including daily breakfast
- All museum and monument entrances
- Two dinners in specially selected restaurants
- Guided tours and lectures including a pre-tour lecture
- Unlimited public transport on buses and underground in Rome
- Unlimited Vaporetto transport in Venice and to the Lagoon islands
- Travel by train between Venice and Rome

Price

\$6500 (twin share / double)
Single supplement \$1700



Note : The prices listed above are for land content only and do not include transfers to and from the airport.

Tour Accommodation