

# Rome

PRE-CRUISE PACKAGES



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*Welcome to Rome!*



A heady mix of haunting sights, awe-inspiring art and vibrant street life, Italy's Eternal City is one of the world's most beautiful and inspiring capitals. The soul of this ancient place is steeped in history while still being a metropolis that dazzles and inspires visitors time and time again.

Italy's capital, Rome, is a sprawling cosmopolitan city with nearly 3,000 years of globally influential art, architecture and culture on display. Ancient ruins such as the Forum and Colosseum evoke the power of the former Roman Empire. An autonomous state within the Italian capital, Vatican City is the headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church as well as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. St. Peter's Basilica houses masterpieces such as Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel and frescoes while the city center is filled with wonderful palaces, millennium-old churches, grand romantic ruins, opulent monuments, ornate statues and elegant fountains.

With so many sights and things to do, Rome is truly a global city which should be given due time to visit.

## THREE-NIGHT ROME HIGHLIGHTS (OCTOBER 2-5, 2019)

**\$1,959 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY – GRANDLUXE ROOM**

**\$2,599 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY – GRANDLUXE ROOM**

### INCLUDED

- Three nights at the Westin Excelsior Rome Hotel inclusive of a full buffet breakfast
- Hotel check-in at 3 pm (October 2)
- Full day tour to Santa Benedetta Winery and Cooking Lesson with lunch (October 3)
- Half day tour to Vatican City with visits to the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica inclusive of breakfast in Pinecone Courtyard (October 4)
- Imperial Rome City Tour with transfer to the port in Civitavecchia (October 5)
- Hotel dates are October 2-5, 2019, with checkout on October 5
- Meals as indicated on the itinerary
- Round-trip hotel luggage portage
- Olivia staff assistance throughout

### NOT INCLUDED

International air, transfer from Rome International Airport (FCO) to hotel, meals where not listed

## IMPORTANT–ACTIVITY LEVEL REQUIREMENTS

*This pre-package does require a HIGH LEVEL of mobility as most of tours require extensive walking (on cobblestone streets, uneven ground, up and down stairs) and standing for long periods of time. If you do have limited mobility and feel that you are still able to do the activity level requirements, you are required to travel with someone who can assist you.*

## ONE-NIGHT ROME HIGHLIGHTS (OCTOBER 4-5, 2019)

**\$499 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY – RUN-OF-THE-HOUSE ROOM**

**\$699 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY – RUN-OF-THE-HOUSE ROOM**

### INCLUDED

- One night at Westin Excelsior Rome Hotel inclusive of a full buffet breakfast
- Hotel check-in at 3 pm (October 4)
- Imperial Rome City Tour with transfer to the port in Civitavecchia (October 5)
- Hotel dates are October 4–5, 2019, with checkout on October 5
- Meals as indicated on the itinerary
- Round-trip hotel luggage portorage
- Olivia staff assistance throughout

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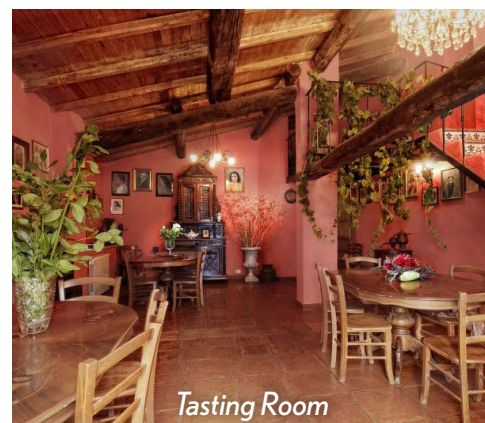
## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



Santa Benedetta Winery



Wine and Traditional Dish Pairings



Tasting Room

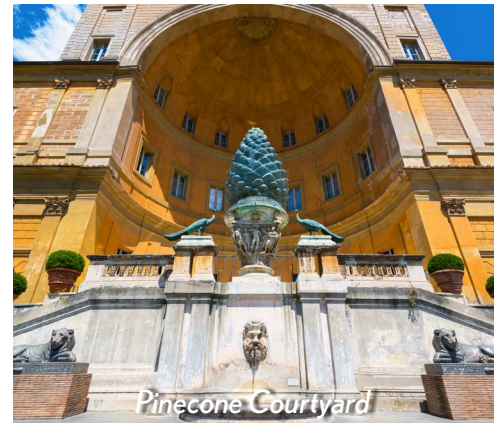


## FULL DAY TOUR TO SANTA BENEDETTA WINERY & COOKING LESSON WITH LUNCH (With Three-Night Package Only)

This morning after a nice buffet breakfast at the Westin Excelsior, you will board your coach for the Santa Benedetta Winery where you'll visit the farm, taste their wines and learn how to cook a traditional, authentic Italian meal.

Santa Benedetta is the oldest winery of Castles Romani. Once an ancient convent founded by Benedetta, the family turned it into a cellar. For more than 300 years the techniques, memories and secrets have been passed through the generations so nothing has been lost. You will tour the farm and taste the wonderful wines that have been produced here for centuries. You will hear about the history of the wines, their winemaking style, the family and the farm itself.

Later you will don an apron and get down to the business of learning how to cook a traditional Italian dish! You will be accompanied by a chef and her helpers to guide you through making a dish that you will then share during a family-style meal with your new Olivia friends. After a wonderful afternoon cooking, drinking wine and eating a yummy lunch, you will board your coach for the ride back to Rome.



## VATICAN CITY, VATICAN MUSEUMS, SISTINE CHAPEL & ST. PETER'S BASILICA TOUR INCLUSIVE OF BREAKFAST IN THE PINECONE COURTYARD (With Three-Night Package Only)

This morning you will rise early to board your coach for Vatican City, a city-state surrounded by Rome, and home to the Pope and a plethora of iconic art and architecture. Its Vatican Museums house ancient Roman sculptures and the Sistine Chapel, famous for Michelangelo's ceiling. You will enter Vatican City prior to the general public to enjoy a breakfast in the Pinecone Courtyard with your fellow Olivians, allowing you to fully take in the tranquility of the Vatican before the thralls of tourists enter.

After breakfast, and just as the doors are opening to the general public, you will begin your visit which will include the Gallery of the Maps, where a magnificent ceiling decorated with stucco and paintings showing the Miracles of the Church shelters a double line of frescoes representing all the Italian regions as they were in 1580. This is the first example ever of maps with a reference scale. You will also visit the courtyard of the pine cone, which takes its name from a gigantic bronze pine cone from ancient Roman times. The great Renaissance artist Donato Bramante built the courtyard, and it was used for tournaments all through the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

Your visit will also take in Raphael's Rooms, the residence of several popes. The frescoes, depicting stories of the Church, are the work of some of the greatest Renaissance artists led by Raphael. The frescoes on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel and the world-famous Last Judgment are the highest work of Michelangelo: the ones on the side walls, among which are works by Botticelli and Pinturicchio, are to be considered the greatest concentration of Renaissance frescoes in the entire world.

Next your guide will lead you over to St. Peter's Basilica, an Italian Renaissance church in Vatican City. The stateliness of Carlo Maderno's seventeenth century façade hints at the immensity of the Basilica inside, which today remains one of the largest churches in the world. The old Basilica of St. Peter, whose vast size was much like today's, and was built around 320 by the Emperor Constantine on the site where, legend has it, the Apostle St. Peter was buried.

St. Peter's is the most renowned work of Renaissance architecture and while it is neither the mother church of the Catholic Church nor the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome, is regarded as one of the holiest catholic shrines. After enjoying Vatican City, you will board your coach to take you back to the hotel where you will have the remainder of the day free to explore Rome on your own.



Colosseum



Arch of Constantine



Roman Forum

## **IMPERIAL ROME TOUR WITH TRANSFER TO THE PORT OF CIVITAVECCHIA (With One- and Three-Night Packages)**

Directly following breakfast at the Westin Excelsior, you will board your coach for the Imperial Rome Tour. This part of your journey through Rome is dedicated to the Roman Empire. You'll begin at the Colosseum, the symbol of the power and of the eternity of the Ancient Rome. It is said that "if the Colosseum should fall, Rome and the world will follow". It was the largest amphitheater in the ancient world, where heroic gladiators and fierce animals challenged each other unto death, all for the pleasure of the Emperor and the public. Here, you will see the Arch of Constantine, commemorating the conversion of pagan Rome to Christianity.

Afterwards, you'll walk through what was the center and heart of ancient Rome, the Roman Forum. You will walk by the Senate House, where the destiny of the Western world was decided, and see the very spot from which Marc Antonio delivered his famous..."Friends, Romans, Countrymen..." oration on the assassination of Julius Cesar.

From here you will be transferred to Civitavecchia to board Azamara's *ms Pursuit* where your adventure will continue through the Italian and French Riviera.

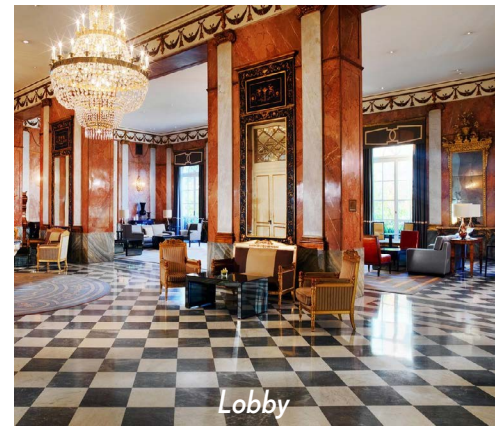




The Westin Excelsior Hotel



GrandLuxe Room



Lobby

### The Westin Excelsior Rome Hotel

The Westin Excelsior Rome Hotel is one of the city's most iconic palaces, rich in history and situated on the legendary Via Veneto. The hotel is just a close walk to the park of Villa Borghese and the 2000-year-old historic Roman walls. This elegant building features stylish decor of mirrors, elegant moldings, Oriental rugs, crystal chandeliers, and huge, baroque floral arrangements. Relax with a treatment at the Kami Wellness Center or delight in the culinary highlights of the Mediterranean cuisine at The Doney Restaurant where you also enjoy alfresco dining. Or enjoy a drink in the ORVM lobby bar, accented with art deco touches including a marble bar and windows, a round sitting room, and flowing striped curtains. Here, it is said that the bartender puts as much care into a cup of tea as he does a cocktail, many of which contain regional liquors from around Italy.

In-room amenities include LCD television with satellite channels, complimentary in room coffee delivery, hairdryer, complimentary WiFi, and a USB charger. Hotel amenities include a restaurant, bar, complimentary WiFi in the lobby, fitness center, full service spa and complimentary newspapers in the lobby.

## NEED MORE INFO? READY TO BOOK?

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**Any unused space will be released early!**

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