

# Italian Open & Rome Experience

**DATES:** May 11 - 15, 2026

- May 11: Arrive Rome: private transportation to hotel, early evening private tour
- May 12: Half-day private tour of Rome
- May 13: Quarter-final matches on center court at the evening session (Optional add-on tour of Rome)
- May 14: Quarter-final matches on center court at the day session
- May 15: private transportation to airport from hotel

**COST:** Euro 3700 person (single supplement is 2200). Airfare is not included. You will be responsible for booking your flights to Italy.

Included in cost:

- 5 personally curated days in Rome
- 4 nights in historic, boutique hotel: Albergo del Senato (Superior Double room with view on the Pantheon guaranteed), breakfast included
- Premier seat at quarter-finals evening session (5/13) and at quarter-finals day session (5/14) at the Italian Open
- Private transportation to and from airport
- Private transportation to and from the tennis sessions
- Two privately guided tours, plus add-on options (additional cost for add-on tours) see list of tour options below.
  - One tour is Rome at Dusk
  - Second tour is your choice (see list below)
- All arrangements for hotel, tennis tickets, transportation, tours will be made for you.
- You will receive a detailed itinerary with all of the information for you to simply enjoy your time in Italy.
- List of suggested restaurants, sites, shopping and more

Option to add on extra days to your trip

Want to extend your trip? Let us know and we can help with that.

How to Reserve Your Spot:

Contact us at: 402-304-8063 or via email: [Jane@ItalianoforYou.com](mailto:Jane@ItalianoforYou.com)

A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 will be required to confirm each spot. Full payment will be required by February 28, 2026.

## Private Tour Options for Rome:

### IMPERIAL ROME

No civilization in history has shaped our modern society more than Ancient Rome. Right in the middle of the modern city is the Archaeological Park including the Roman Forum, where Julius Caesar and Cicero enthralled the crowds; the Colosseum, a monument to the wealth and the ruthlessness of the great empire; and the Palatine Hill, home of Rome's emperors. With advance notice we can arrange to include limited-access areas of the Colosseum. We also recommend walking 3 blocks further to an unbelievable excavation still buried beneath the modern city when you can walk all the way back through layers of history to Ancient Rome.

### UNDERGROUND ROME (including Catacombs and Church of the Bones)

The Rome you see as you walk the city streets is just the most recent edition of the city: Rome conceals its previous incarnations. Hidden beneath the streets, churches, and palaces there are Medieval buildings and Ancient Roman shops, homes, crypts and catacombs and more, so you can literally walk through layers of history. This is not claustrophobic: most of the spaces are surprisingly large (although if someone in the family doesn't like tight spaces let me know and I can adjust our itinerary accordingly).

### VATICAN

For centuries the Vatican has gathered the artistic gems of our civilization. This visit can include a visit to view Michelangelo's paintings in the Sistine Chapel, works from Roman and Greek antiquity as well as works by Raphael in the old papal palaces. Encounter the spirit of the Renaissance, and learn how this spectacular place came to fruition at the spiritual heart of Italy. The tour lasts about 3 hours, adding St. Peter's is another 2 hours.

### GALLERIA BORGHESI

Through the ages, Rome's powerful families demonstrated their prestige through sumptuous mansions and astounding art collections. Perhaps the most famous - and definitely one of the most opulent - is Villa Borghese, built 400 years ago by the ruthless art collector cardinal Scipione Borghese. Admire the lifelike and moving sculptures of Bernini alongside paintings by Raphael, Titian and more, in this luxurious pleasure palace.

### Antica Farmacia della Scala

A time-capsule from the Renaissance is tucked, hidden, in the Trastevere neighborhood. This beautiful and fascinating decommissioned pharmacy, one of the oldest in Europe, is sealed into a still-active

monastery where, until the 20th century, it provided potions, herbs, unguents and balms to heal Italy's kings, nobles and popes. Visits last half an hour to an hour and advance reservations are required.

## The Pope's Artists

There are still artists at the Vatican working directly for the pope. One of the most enduring art forms in Rome is the art of mosaic and here you can see these prestigious artists at work in their studio near the current papal residence within the wall of the Vatican. This mosaic studio has been active for nearly 500 years and has always required precision, dedication and beauty from its artists.

## San Carlino and Sant'Andrea

Rival architects. Rome was abuzz with the rivalry between two artists in the mid-1600s: the gregarious and dramatic Bernini and the withdrawn, complicated genius of Borromini. Nowhere is this more evident than on the Quirinal Hill where the architects built two churches side by side revealing their very different view on what architecture could accomplish. While many Baroque churches in the city are an explosion of gold and multi-colored marbles, Borromini's architecture is a lyrical meditation in stone that reinterprets the definition of a holy space.

## Trastevere Neighborhood

Once one of Rome's poorest neighborhoods, Trastevere is now chock full of history, off-the-beaten track artistic masterpieces, and all the winding alleyways and ivy-covered shops of your dreams. Cross the Tiber Island to discover Bernini statues, ancient golden mosaics, frescoes by Raphael in the Villa Farnesina (the Renaissance mansion of the Pope's banker)... not to mention sampling some of the best food in town. Then stroll up the Gianicolo Hill to see the majestic ancient fountain featured in Sorrentino's film *The Great Beauty* and a breathtaking view over the entire city.

## Capitoline Museums

The oldest public art collection in the world, the Capitoline is without a doubt one of the best places to discover the fascination of ancient art... and without the crowds! Add a short visit to see truly iconic ancient masterpieces. There are also spectacular views of the Roman Forum, as well as Michelangelo's architectural masterpiece: the Campidoglio Square.

## Palazzo Colonna

An opulent mansion. This lavish residence is a stunning view into one of the most storied families in Italy (who still live here) with eight hundred years of history. An un-missable and un-forgettable treasure trove from the marble floors and frescoes, to gilded walls and paintings by Carracci and Bronzino. Expect stories of passion, wars and scandal. Visits last about an hour and advance reservations are required.

## Galleria Pamphilj

Italy's biggest mansion. The home of 17th century princes, a visit to the Galleria Pamphilj today takes you back in time as you walk through the lavish apartments of one of Rome's leading families and their truly staggering art collection. You'll be dazzled by gilded mirrors and frescoed ceilings and the walls are hardly visible for the paintings (but if you know where to look you'll find Caravaggio and Velazquez beneath the crystal chandeliers). Expect great stories both of the artists and of the family that still lives here.

## Ara Pacis Augustae

A monument to greatness. Unearthed and beautifully displayed, this enormous two thousand year old Roman altar is an amazing chance to imagine Rome as it was in the time of its first emperor. You can stand where the ancient Roman priests stood and learn the messages hidden in the altar's beautiful decorations. Hear about the illustrious ancient emperor Augustus and what Mussolini imagined when this monument from the past was brought to light.

## Catacombs

A labyrinth of underground tunnels, cryptic ancient symbols, and centuries of history await you in the ancient catacombs. Today the shadowy burial places of Rome's early Christians bring you closer to the persecuted group of outsiders who became the masters of the city for centuries after the fall of the Roman Empire. This tour is a wonderful adventure and since the tunnels are large and frequently open into wide chambers, claustrophobia is almost never an issue.

## Basilica of San Clemente

Discover what lies beneath Rome's modern city streets as you tunnel back in time through literal layers of the city's history, from an exquisitely decorated medieval structure to the remains of one of Rome's early churches below and still further down to discover surprises from the first and second centuries AD, the peak of the Roman Empire. A true portal to the past, there's no place like Rome where one address can let you walk through twenty centuries of history.

## Capuchin Crypts

The church of bones. Thousands of deceased Capuchin friars and many others are made immortal in a crypt entirely decorated with human remains. When the Capuchins moved to their new church in the 17th century they brought the bones of their deceased brothers with them from the old monastery. Bones form patterns, symbols and even entire skeletons in what must be one of the most unique meditations on life and death that Rome has to offer. These hidden chambers with names like the Crypt of the Skulls or the Crypt of the Leg Bones are haunting, macabre, most certainly definitely memorable.

