

Rome Family Week

Spring 2012

March 26-31, 2012

The Catholic University of America Rome

for relatives of current Loyola and CUA students in Rome



Each semester we designate one week of the semester as family week. During this week we organize special classes for family members to participate in and see Rome along with the students. Keep in mind that the students are expected to participate in their normal classes during family week.

Monday, March 26

9.30am-1pm: Holy Week in Rome

Join Dr. Dawson and his Christology class for a spiritual walking visit of Rome, reflecting on Holy Week.

Meet in the Piazza del Popolo.

Tuesday, March 27

9am-12.30pm: Ostia Antica (section 1)

Join Dr. Crispin Corrado and her class on a visit an ancient Roman city and get an idea of how Romans used to live.

Meet at the entrance to Piramide metro station.

9.30am-1.00pm: The Vatican Museums (section 1)

Join Dr. Dawson and the students for an in-depth visit to the Vatican Museums, which includes the Sistine Chapel.

Meet in the Piazza Risorgimento.

3.30-7pm: The Jesuit churches of Rome

Join Dr. Dawson and his class for a visit the places where the Jesuits began in Rome and still operate today. Visit includes the Rooms of St. Ignatius and the Church of the Gesù and the Basilica of St. Ignatius. Learn about the theology behind the architecture.

Meet in the Piazza di S. Ignazio.

Wednesday, March 28

8.00am: Papal Audience

Greet His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, at the Wednesday General Audience. The audience will contain a reading from Scripture and a reflection by the pope.

Meet in the Piazza Sant'Uffizio, the square next to St. Peter's square, to the left if you are facing the basilica.

2.00-5.00pm: Museum of Modern Art

Join the Philosophy of Art class for a reflection on the philosophical dimensions of modern art.

Meet at the entrance of the museum, Viale delle Belle Arti, 131.

Thursday, March 29

1.30-5.00pm: Ostia Antica (section 2)

Join Dr. Crispin Corrado and her class on a visit an ancient Roman city and get an idea of how Romans used to live.

Meet at the entrance to Piramide metro station.

8pm: Group dinner

Enjoy a 4 course Italian meal at a delicious restaurant.

40 euro each, all inclusive.

Friday, March 30

9.30am-1.00pm: The Vatican Museums (section 2)

Join Dr. Dawson and the students for an in-depth visit to the Vatican Museums, which includes the Sistine Chapel.

Meet in the Piazza Risorgimento.

Saturday, March 31

7.30am-8pm: Day trip to Assisi

Join Dr. Dawson's Christology class for a day's visit to the Umbrian hill town of Assisi, home of St. Francis and St. Clare. We will discuss the life of St. Francis and visit many of the sites associated with the beginnings of the Franciscan order. Participants may elect to spend the night in Assisi on their own.

Sunday, April 1

9.30am: Palm Sunday Mass with Pope Benedict XVI

Gather in the Piazza San Pietro for morning mass with the Pope to begin Holy Week.

Tickets should be requested through the US Bishops Office for Visitors to Rome (visitorsoffice@pnac.org).

Cost

Family members and guests are expected to purchase their own entrance tickets to the sites visited, as well as pay for participation in the group dinner. These must be paid in cash on site, with the dinner cost paid at the beginning of the week. No other costs are foreseen.

Accommodation

Accommodation should be booked individually by the participants and is the responsibility of the participants. Suggestions can be found here: <http://loyola.romestudy.org/RomeHotels.html>

Getting Around Rome

Public transportation in Rome is efficient and inexpensive, even if at times it may make you wait. A week-long pass, covering all forms of transportation in Rome, costs 16 euro and can be purchased at most Tabacherie (biglietto settimanale per l'autobus).

Maps

You can pick up a simple or more extended map of Rome at any bookstore. Free maps can also be obtained at the tourist information kiosks around town.

Seeing the City

Rome, like all pre-modern cities, is made for walking. You can stroll about the streets in safety throughout the historic center of Rome from dawn until the evening hours. Taxis are readily on hand, but you miss the opportunity to discover the little treasures on every corner. Hint: If you pass a church or building that is open, go inside – you never know what beauty awaits.

Reservations

In order to book the necessary entrances, we will need to know the total number of participants for each class and for the group dinner one month in advance. Please email Dr. Dawson (dawsonvasque@cua.edu) once your plans are firm.

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