

# Christmas in Rome

For almost a thousand years Rome was the Capitol of the known world. From Scotland to the Sahara dessert, from the Atlantic to the Persian gulf, the Roman legions controlled an immense Empire. And in the middle ages the city on the Tiber river was the spiritual Center of Christianity. Old and new live side-by-side. Rome, the cradle of western civilization is always worth a visit... and befitting the season you can celebrate christmas mass with the Pope.



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### ITINERARY (subject to change)

#### Dec 23rd:

Departure from Wiesbaden, Hainerberg Housing (military bus stop behind PX), 5:45 am. From Kaiserslautern Daennerplatz P&R (opposite Kleber Kaserne), 6:00 am. From Heidelberg PHV P&R outside base (near new commissary), 7:00 am. From Böblingen Panzer PX parking lot 8:45 am. To begin the journey in the morning makes everything so much more enjoyable. Every hour brings you further south. The towering peaks of the alps will offer you some of Europe's finest scenery. Early evening we will arrive in Pisa, check into our comfortable hotel and stay the night.

#### Dec 24th:

After breakfast and check out we will have a guided tour of the Piazza Dei Miracoli with the leaning tower, the 11th Century Cathedral and the Baptistry. Afterwards we are heading to Rome. Hotel check-in and time to relax and refresh before having a festive Christmas dinner (appr. € 35).

#### Dec 25th:

Merry Christmas! After breakfast, we are off to St Peter's Basilica for the Christmas Mass, followed by the official Papal Blessing out on St Peter's Square. It is broadcast around the world - and being there is a memory to cherish forever! In the afternoon, our city sightseeing tour will include magnificent sights: the Coliseum, where gladiators fought for their lives; the Forum, once the center of the Roman Empire; the Pantheon, a temple to all gods; and of course the Trevi Fountain (don't forget to toss a coin).



#### Dec 26th:

Day free or join us on our optional tour to Pompeii. The 79 AD eruption of Mount Vesuvius with the enormous rain of ashes brought the city's live to a sudden end. Excavations that continue now over 250 years brought back to light the most precious document of the ancient world. You spend the morning on a guided tour featuring the highlights of this ancient city. Around noon we take the Sorrentina, a panoramic drive disclosing spectacular views over the Bay of Naples. Lunch and shopping time (inlaid wood) at the Peninsula of Sorrento, a renowned spa and a famed resort town located on the cliffs overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. Evening return to Rome.

#### Dec 27th:

This morning you can join our optional tour to the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica, highlighting a priceless collection of artworks. After lunch we drive north to Florence. Tonight you may attend a Tuscan Gala Dinner - a perfect way to top your stay in Italy.

#### Dec 28th:

Breakfast and hotel check out. Our brief walking tour of Florence highlights the Ponte Vecchio, the Dome of St. Mary with Brunelleschi's Cupola, Giotto's celebrated Bell Tower and the Baptistry with the Porta dell Paradiso. Passing by Signoria Square, we proceed to the Franciscan St. Croce Church, burial ground of many of the geniuses of the Renaissance age. Afterwards free time for shopping (Florentine leather and gold). Early afternoon, we depart for Germany where we arrive at midnight.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:** Transportation by deluxe motor coach with WC, air condition, reclining seats, refrigerator, 5 overnights with buffet breakfast in 4-star hotels, all rooms with private facilities, Christmas Mass and Papal Blessing at St. Peter's, sightseeing as described, tour guide.

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT:** € 200 for 5 nights. Persons booked on share basis must pay single supplement if no share is available. Share basis means double or triple occupancy.

**SUPPLEMENTARY COSTS:** Optional tour to Pompeii, Sorrento, €79, Optional tour to Vatican €49, meals (appr. € 35 per meal inc. drinks), personal expenses, tips.

**CHILDREN PRICE:** Children 3 through 11 pay € 100 less than adult price. Children under 3 pay €190 (child seat required for bus).

**DOCUMENTS:** Valid US passport or ID card

**CANCELLATION CHARGES:** more than 14 days prior departure € 50 per person, from 14 days prior to departure 50% of tour price will be charged! NO REFUND FOR NO SHOWS!

**TRAVEL INSURANCES:** i.e. €21,- per person (covers cancellation fees, luggage etc.) €41,- for families.

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