

# **Private Family Friendly – Paris and Rome**

Trip length: 10 days (8 nights)

Best time to travel April-June or September-October





#### **ITINERARY SUMMARY PARIS**

#### **DAY DESCRIPTION**

#### **NIGHT IN**

1	Depart USA for Paris	
2	Arrival, private transfer, and private tour Eiffel Tower	Paris
3	Louvre private tour, Seine cruise and Paris explorations	Paris
4	Cooking Class and Chocolate tasting tour	Paris
5	Private Versailles and free afternoon	Paris

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6	Transfer airport. Arrival in Rome transfer and free time	Rome
7	Colosseum & Walking Food Adventure	Rome
8	Vatican Museums & afternoon Sidecar cultural tour	Rome
9	Roman gladiator school	Rome
10	Transfer to airport and return flight	

#### **Pricing and Inclusions**

- Two hotel rooms on a bed and breakfast basis including all local taxes
- Guided activities as mentioned in itinerary
- Food tastings
- Private airport transfers
- 5 day unlimited Paris public transport pass zones 1-3

#### **Excludes**

- Meals
- Tips
- Flights



## DAY 1 – FLY FROM USA TO..... PARIS!!

Fly form the U.S.A to the city of love, Paris.

#### DAY 2 – WELCOME TO..... PARIS!!

On arrival, after clearing customs and immigration and collecting your bags, you will be greeted by your driver who will transfer you to your hotel Gabriel. A 4 star boutique hotel in the lively Oberkampf area, with two adjacent rooms. Check-in and store your bags before heading out for a private tour of the Eiffel Tower with your local English speaking Guide. Overnight in *PARIS* 

Hotel Type: : <a href="https://www.hotelgabrielparis.com/">https://www.hotelgabrielparis.com/</a> or similar

**Room Type:** Deluxe adjoining family rooms with breakfast

**SERVICE INCLUDE** > Private driver from Airport to Paris accommodation. Eiffel Tower guide who will meet you in hotel lobby.

## **DAY 3 – LE LOUVRE MUSEUM and SEINE CRUISE**

After breakfast and some free time, meet your guide in the lobby of your hotel at 11am, for a Le Louvre Museum private guided visit and tour.

Around 2 pm: Enjoy a 2-hour-private-guided-tour of the historical area around the Louvre with tasting pause: with your knowledgeable guide, discover the Tuileries gardens, the Gardens of the Royal Palace and some covered passages. Enjoy a gourmet break at Le Grand Colbert, and taste its famous "chocolat à l'ancienne". Continue towards the Pont Neuf, -the oldest standing in Paris-, and finish your walking tour at Vert Galant square, by the river Seine.

Around 5 pm: Go onboard the Vedettes du Pont Neuf boat and take a relaxing 1-hour-Seine-river-cruise with English commentary - ticket provided, just embark and enjoy! Sail along the most beautiful avenue in Paris...and perhaps even in the world, rediscovering its monuments and bridges from an angle only possible from the Seine. From the Louvre Museum to Notre-Dame Cathedral, passing by the Eiffel Tower, your one-hour cruise starts and ends at the Pont-Neuf, on the Ile de la Cité, in the heart of historic Paris.



## **DAY 4 – COOKING CLASS and CHOCOLATE TOUR**

This morning you will enjoy a cooking class with a difference – a rare opportunity to go behind the counter of a local Parisian bakery. And what a bakery! Didier is an enthusiastic baker committed to organic flour and traditional baking methods, and happy to communicate his know-how.

You will see how the organic grain is milled by the baker's stone grinder; a rare approach wanted by the baker. Then you'll enter the kitchen to learn how to create French breads, baguettes, and croissants, under the expert guidance of the baker himself.

The 2-and-a-half-hour bakery class will show you the techniques and tricks that bakers use to create baguettes and croissants; and you'll be able to take the knowledge back home with you thanks to the recipes that will be shared with you after the class.

There may be a few surprises sprinkled into the mix as well! This one-of-a-kind experience is an incredible hands-on way to see the creation of some of the most iconic foods of France. To top it off you'll also get to taste some of the breads and pastries that you help prepare.





This afternoon, enjoy a chocolate tasting experience. On Paris's Right Bank in the area of Place de la Concorde, the Tuileries Gardens and the Madeleine Church, you'll be invited inside a selection of Paris's most celebrated master chocolatiers for some serious chocolate tasting. Explore the old cobbled streets, winding throughout this glamorous district known for luxury fashion and gastronomy. Your guide will fill you in on the history, culture, and lifestyle of the neighbourhood as you visit and sample unique and delicious chocolates.

You might think that you know chocolate, but Paris takes things to the next level. Each chocolatier has their own creative style and signature. You'll discover the traditional and the classical, the innovative and trend-setting, the old-fashioned artisan chocolate shop and the "designer" shop who sees making chocolate as an art experience. Your palate will be introduced to new taste sensations – not only just chocolate, but a new myriad of flavors. You'll learn the history of chocolate and the cocoa bean in France; and be swept up in the search for chocolate excellence and innovation, and discover what makes each chocolate creator so special and so different. Come along, indulge yourself, and enjoy and let us spoil you!

NOTE: You will be provided with public transport directions to the bakery and chocolatier.





## **DAY 5 – VERSAILLES**

This morning meet your private guide in the lobby for a journey to explore how Royalty once lived in France. On the way to Versailles, you will have the chance for you and your guide to get to know each other so that she/he can tailor your visit to your interests for a truly personal experience of Versailles. During your visit your expert guide will enlighten you as to the intricacies of The Etiquette: the rules which controlled every aspect of the life of the Royal Family & the whole court from sunrise to sunset.

Following in the footsteps of the Queen, the King and theirs courtiers who daily frequented Versailles, you will pass through the lavish salons as your own guide recounts the history of the parties held here by the kings to entertain the court.

From subtle symbols to emblematic images your guide will recreate the wonders of court life as you make your way through Louis XV's Council Chamber, Louis XIV's Bedchamber, the Bull's Eye Antechamber before arriving in the stately elegance of the Queen's Apartments.

Return to Paris for some free time this afternoon.





# **DAY 6 – Depart for... ROME!**

Your driver will meet you in the hotel lobby and transfer you to the airport for your short 2hr flight to Rome

Overnight in **ROME** 

Hotel Type: : https://lolyhotel.com/ or similar

**Room Type:** Deluxe room with breakfast

**SERVICE INCLUDE** > Private driver from Rome Airport to Rome accommodation (is far about 45 min. 35 km. by car)

Welcome to ROME! At the airport, you will meet your private driver who will accompany you to your accommodation.

ROME such a fascinating city: feel the atmosphere of the Gladiators and start to take in the History and works of Art that are on every street corner.

Overnight accommodation and some FREE TIME to relax after your journey and to start discovering at your own pace this ancient Metropolis. The central position of your hotel will allow you to explore the city on foot, easily reaching sites of historical and artistic interest such as the Spanish Steps and the Trevi Fountain besides many famous restaurants of course; therefore a stroll around, even at the end of a long day, is perfectly enjoyable, moving easily from one Piazza to the next: besides even just sitting around sipping an aperitif, tasting some local wine or enjoying some great gelato whilst watching the locals speed by on their 'vespas' will soon awaken any tired spirits!





# DAY 7 – COLOSSEUM & JEWISH WALKING FOOD TOUR - TASTE THE LOCAL LIFESTYLE

Overnight in *ROME* 

**SERVICE INCLUDE** > Private guide half day, food tasting, tickets, private driver pick up

Today you will meet up with your knowledgeable and friendly English speaking Guide who can offer you a unique experience whilst strolling through the ancient parts of Rome, taking you back about 2000 years to the glories of the Roman Empire to admire the Roman Forums and the Palatine. At that time, the citizens of Rome were witnessing the construction of one of its now best-preserved buildings: The Amphitheatrum Flavium, better known as the Colosseum.

Go through some of the most spectacular highlights of Imperial Rome and relive the days of the Ancient Romans.

Your Guide will also show you another interesting, different side of Italy... You probably know the saying that the Italians "live to eat" and not vice-versa... well today should give you a pretty good confirmation of that: – lots of things to see and even more to taste and sample, which will prove to you that ROMA is by no means just Art and History...

In fact, we believe that the best way to understanding the real Roman local life, is to look out for the small and historic food stalls; the local, lesser-known bars of the capital and possibly visit one of the most important, lively Markets of the Capital and much more, all whilst taking in the historical sights too.





You will visit the Jewish Ghetto, a bohemian district south of Rome's historical centre known for its vintage shops and art studios. Stop by local grocery stores and delicatessens for samples of specialties like risotto balls, known as suppli, and fried artichokes and codfish.

At the end you will have free time at your disposal.

# DAY 8 – VATICAN MUSEUMS & AFTERNOON SIDECAR CULTURAL TOUR

Overnight in *ROME* 

**SERVICE INCLUDE** > Half day private or small shared group, skip the line ticket, private driver pick up, Sidecar tour (about 3/4 h.) private or small shared group

Today you will meet your guide for a *VATICAN TOUR*: seeing the highlights of the incomparable Vatican Museums, home to one of the most extensive and impressive Art Collections and Antiquities in the world. Peruse the Gallery and admire the incredible sculptures. All this while skipping the lines (we will take care of your tickets!).





The Vatican Museums are home to one of the most extensive and impressive Art Collections and Antiquities in the world. However, many times you might visit the Vatican and its Museums, it just gets better: it's easy to go into art and history overload as Rome is history on steroids!

Yet the Vatican collections simply cannot be missed; you will be absolutely amazed to see the size and breadth of these amazing collections, the list is endless: All of it adds up to one of the most impressive museums in the world. Just enjoy it all and take in as much as you can and check out what you prefer. The Vatican is not only a place where religious mysticism meets incredible beauty... Did you know it is also the smallest State on earth: home of great power and mystery...?

After the tour you will have time at leisure. In the afternoon awaits you an amazing experience. Doesn't it sound fantastic to sit back, relax and enjoy your ride on the unique designed Vespa Sidecar through the eternal beauty of Rome?

Hop on and let your senses live a 360° experience in a journey through space and time as if you were in a movie classic, moving from one breathtaking location to another.

You will live Rome's most beautiful sights, visit significant monuments and top squares.

Once you are on board, let all the worries to the ground, you will be driven by our Guide in this bonding and unforgettable trip.

## DAY 9 – ROMAN GLADIATOR SCHOOL ADVENTURE

Overnight in *ROME* - **SERVICE INCLUDE** > Gladiator school 2 h.

Today awaits you an amazing experience. You will find out what it takes to be an ancient Roman gladiator at the Gladiator School of Rome.

During a hands-on lesson with instructors from the Historic Group of Rome, you will learn how to fight with authentic weapons of the time while wearing a traditional gladiator tunic and belt.

Located on the Appian Way, not far from the Colosseum, this class is a unique and interactive way to learn about ancient Roman history, sports, and culture. At the end you will have free time at your disposal.





# **DAY 10 - DEPARTURE AND RETURN FLIGHT**

Check out of your hotel and meet your driver for a private transfer back to the airport. Enjoy your flight home and we hop you will visit again soon.