

# Rome Connection Itinerary

All activities use Rome as an open-air classroom for students to experience the on-the-ground application of course themes. The following is a tentative itinerary and subject to change.

Thursday, May 30

Depart EWR Airport (Newark)

Friday, May 31

**Arrival at FCO Airport (Rome)**

Coach bus transfer and check-in at the Rome Campus

**Arrival Orientation**

Staff and faculty review campus resources and policies for the two weeks ahead

**Neighborhood Resource Tour**

Students are introduced to local neighborhood resources that surround the Rome Campus

**Welcome Dinner**

A complimentary dinner featuring Roman cuisine and other local treats

Saturday, June 1

**Domus Aurea and San Clemente Excursion**

Comprehend the urban breadth of ancient Rome by descending into Emperor Nero's golden palace and explore the layers of medieval Rome underneath the Basilica of Saint Clemente

**Pigneto Excursion**

Enjoy an evening in a rapidly changing neighborhood shared by local students, hipsters, pensioners, and immigrants while engaging in its lively street scene (includes group meal)

**Sunday, June 2**

**Campo Marzio**

Explore the transformations of medieval Rome's core from Piazza Navona to the Pantheon before ascending the Campidoglio for a grand view over the Eternal City

**Monday, June 3**

**Trastevere Excursion**

Take a stroll through an iconic neighborhood and delve into the ways that faith-based communities have shaped Rome through the ages (includes group meal)

**Tuesday, June 4**

**Galleria Borghese Excursion**

Take in expansive gardens before joining a personal tour of a former country villa to gaze upon the art of masters such as Bernini, Raphael and Caravaggio

**Wednesday, June 5**

**Orvieto Day Trip (Cantelmo and Alfani Groups)**

Welcome to an all-day adventure in a stunning hill town to discover ancient caves, incredible vistas, world famous architecture and farm-to-table cuisine (includes group meal)

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**Friday, June 7**

**Musei Vaticani Excursion**

Experience an immersive evening tour of the Vatican Museums while touring the most impressive collection of art in the world, ending in a visit to the Sistine Chapel

**Saturday, June 8**

**Catacombe di San Callisto Excursion**

Dive into the underground world of early Christian history while traversing the largest expanse of catacombs in Rome

**San Lorenzo Excursion**

Walk the grounds of Sapienza University, uncover early church history and discover a vibrant college neighborhood while discussing the local issues affecting today's Italian students

**Sunday, June 9**

**Free Day**

**Monday, June 10**

**Esquilino Excursion**

Wander thru some of the most important basilicas in Rome including Santa Maria Maggiore and Santa Prassede while delving into the impact of the medieval church on Rome

**Tuesday, June 11**

**Garbatella Excursion**

Explore an avant-garde neighborhood that personified the competing politics and values of 20th century Rome (includes group meal)

**Wednesday, June 12**

**Udienza Papale**

Join pilgrims and visitors in witnessing Pope Francis at Piazza San Pietro

**San Pietro Excursion**

Explore the most important Catholic church in the world before ascending Michelangelo's dome for an awe-inspiring view of the Vatican gardens and the vastness of Rome

**Panini Run**

Students give back to the Eternal City by participating a sandwich distribution to the food insecure in Piazza San Pietro

Thursday, June 13

**Ostia Antica Excursion**

Venture through the architectural remains of what was once one of the largest ports on the Mediterranean with finely adorned bathhouses, an ancient theater, and grand temples

Friday, June 14

**Testaccio and Aventino Excursion**

Explore the former epicenter of working-class Rome before ascending to the Giardino degli Aranci for a final skyline view of the Eternal City

**Farewell Meal**

A complimentary farewell dinner featuring traditional Roman cuisine

Saturday, June 15

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**Arrive at EWR Airport (Newark)**