



# ROME NEW YEAR

Sample Itinerary: Marching Band



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### Your hotel

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*Youth Music of the World prides itself in providing only superior first class hotels. Your accommodations will have en-suite facilities, including bath and/or shower and W.C., and all of the usual amenities associated with a first class hotel, including full housekeeping services with linen and towel change, room service, direct dial telephone, flat screen TV with freeview, WIFI and personal safes.*





## DAY 1

Depart USA on flights to Europe.

Dinner and breakfast will be served on your transatlantic flight.

## DAY 2

On your arrival into Rome, after clearing immigration and customs, you will be met in the arrivals area by our arrival team and transferred by coach to your hotel.

On arrival at your hotel you will meet your tour assistant for the week, who will assist with your hotel check-in.

During the day, your tour assistant will present an orientation meeting where you will receive your information book and itinerary and learn all about your week in Rome. Depending on your arrival time, you might have the opportunity for some personal sightseeing and shopping. You may want to listen to the Rome audio guide walking tour, 'Rome Revealed,' to learn about the main attractions and monuments in Rome. Additionally, your Tour Assistant will also be able to provide suggestions for places to visit during your free time.

This evening a buffet dinner will be served in a banqueting suite in your hotel.

The rest of the evening is free for you to acclimatise to European time.

## DAY 3

A buffet breakfast, with hot and cold items, will be served each morning in your hotel. The breakfast menu will include all the continental breakfast items including cereals, yogurts, breads, sweet pastries, cheeses and hams. This will be supplemented with a hot buffet including scrambled eggs and bacon, plus tea, coffee, hot chocolate and fruit juices.

Breakfast is served in a banqueting suite in your hotel.

Depart by coach from your hotel.

This morning start a four hour guided Panoramic Tour of Rome with English speaking guides. The first part of the tour will be a coach tour around famous landmarks in central Rome. Highlights will include the Colosseum, Vatican City, the Circus Maximus and the Baths of Caracalla. After the coach tour you will begin the walking part of the tour around central Rome to see the Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps and the Pantheon.

Lunch at leisure in central Rome.

This afternoon has been left free for independent shopping and sightseeing before dinner. Your tour assistant will be on hand to suggest





things you might like to see or do. Perhaps a visit to see some of the Renaissance paintings in the Borghese museum, or a visit to Castel St. Angelo to see Hadrian's Mausoleum or perhaps you might like to climb up the Vittorio Emanuele monument, otherwise known as the wedding cake, for fabulous views out over the city of Rome. If you would rather have some shopping time head to the Via del Corso or to the Christmas Market in Piazza Navona\*\* .

This evening enjoy a three course Italian dinner in central Rome.

Return by coach to your hotel.

#### DAY 4

Breakfast is served in a banqueting suite in your hotel.

Depart by coach from your hotel.

This morning you will tour the Colosseum and the Roman Forum using your personal audio download. The audio tour lasts 1½ hours although you will need additional time to take photographs and look at the exhibition/displays in the Colosseum. The Colosseum was the largest amphitheatre built in the Roman Empire. Capable of seating up to 50,000 spectators. The Colosseum was used for gladiatorial contests and public spectacles such as mock sea battles, animal hunts, executions and re-enactments of famous battles. A short walk from the Colosseum is the Roman

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\*\* Possible concert rehearsal this afternoon with a concert in the evening



Forum, the center of the city around which ancient Rome developed, in which commerce, business and the administration of justice took place. It is the most important archaeological area in Rome.

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This evening, enjoy a three course Italian dinner in central Rome.

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\* Possible Frascati performance this afternoon

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## DAY 5

Breakfast is served in a banqueting suite in your hotel.

This morning depart by coach for Pompeii located approximately three hours from Rome near to modern Naples in the region of Campagna. On arrival in Pompeii, enjoy a two course lunch before starting a two hour guided tour, with English speaking guides, around the excavated sights. Pompeii is a Roman city that was buried under several feet of ash after the huge eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD before its accidental rediscovery 1,600 years later. Today it is one of Italy's leading tourist attractions and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Late afternoon depart Pompeii and return by coach to your hotel.

Tonight enjoy a buffet dinner in your hotel with other groups, followed by a New Year's Eve party with music and dancing to see in the New Year!





## DAY 6

Happy New Year!

A breakfast brunch has been arranged in a banqueting suite in your hotel.

This morning has been left free for you to prepare for your parade participation later on today.

Depart by coach from your hotel for the parade assembly area.

A group photograph will be taken before the start of the parade.

**3.30pm** The Rome New Year's Day Parade.

After the parade depart by coach to your restaurant for the evening.

This evening, enjoy a three course Italian dinner in central Rome.

After dinner depart by coach to your hotel

## DAY 7

Breakfast is served in a banqueting suite in your hotel.

Depart by coach from your hotel for the famous Roman Catacombs.

The catacombs in Rome are ancient underground burial sites used by early Christians. These tunnels and chambers served as secretive places for burial and worship during times of persecution by Roman authorities. Besides holding a symbolic significance as places of burial for deceased Christians, the catacombs also provided refuge for believers to



preserve and transmit their religious traditions and teachings in secret, ensuring the survival of the Christian community. Visitors can explore tombs, sarcophagi, and frescoes to gain insights into Rome's early Christian community and its historical significance.

Once the tour ends depart by coach towards Vatican City.

Lunch at leisure in Central Rome.

This afternoon you will visit the St. Peter's Basilica (or Basilica di San Pietro) in Rome. This is an iconic church located within Vatican City. Completed in 1626. Designed by master architects including Michelangelo, Bramante and Bernini, the basilica is built atop the burial

site of Saint Peter, the first Bishop of Rome. Its towering dome, stands as a symbol of human achievement and spiritual aspiration.

Return by coach to your hotel.

This evening a buffet dinner will be served in a banqueting suite in your hotel.

## DAY 8

Breakfast is served in a banqueting suite in your hotel or breakfast boxes will be made available (subject to flight times).

Depart by coach to the airport for your flight home.

Check-in for your flight home.

