



# Barrington Community School

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## Rome - The Eternal City

February 10 - 15, 2010

If your idea of a great escape for Valentine's Day includes the most romantic city in the world, pack a bag and join Barrington Community School as we take you on a great getaway to Rome, the Eternal City!

Romans live in the heart of Western civilization, which coexists with a bustling, modern city; we'll explore both ends of this historic spectrum on our winter interlude in Rome. We'll explore ancient Rome through visits to the Colosseum, Palatine Hill, the Forum; the elegance and distinctive beauty of the churches of Rome (some of which have foundations that go back to the Roman Empire); leisurely strolls past some of Rome's most famous treasures, from Bernini's *Fountain of the Four Rivers* in the Piazza Navona and the Spanish Steps to the shops of the Via Veneto.

An introduction to the artistic wealth of Rome begins with a morning visit to the Vatican Museum, with its astounding Raphael Room and picture gallery, and no visit is complete without viewing Michelangelo's restored Sistine Chapel ceiling.

Fantastic shopping, art and history without peer, wonderful restaurants featuring a marvelous cuisine and incomparable wines, ancient landmarks and classical architecture await your discovery on our 5-day getaway. One day is completely unscheduled so that you can further explore the city's museums and galleries, shop or relax at a café and watch the Romans as they take their evening *passaggiata*.

Join BCS' Director, Sandi Tinyk, and Discover Europe's Fiona Bennett this February and celebrate Valentine's Day in the Eternal City.

**Please Note:** The special early-bird discount price for those who register by June 30, 2009.



Romulus and Remus



The Trevi Fountain

The cost of this itinerary, per person, double occupancy is:

	Special Early-bird Registration Register by June 30, 2009	Normal Registration By Dec 10, 2009
Barrington, via Boston departure:	\$2280	\$2480
Land only (no airfare included):	\$1570	\$1770
Single supplement:	\$220	\$320

The following services are included:

- Airfare:** Round trip air from Boston to Rome.  
All airport taxes and customs charges included.
- Hotels:** 4 nights accommodation in a first-class hotel.  
All hotel taxes and service charges included.
- Coaching:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary.
- Meals:** Breakfast daily, 2 dinners.
- Guides:** Discover Europe's Fiona Bennett and BCS' Sandi Tinyk will escort the group throughout the tour.  
Local guides for all included visits.
- Expenses:** Portage of one large suitcase per person.
- Entrances:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary.

**For further information & registration please contact:  
Sandi Tinyk at the Barrington Community School  
(401) 245-0432**



**Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Overnight: Flight**

Our private coach takes us this afternoon from Barrington to Boston Logan Airport where we board Air France's overnight service to Paris.

**Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Overnight: Rome**

We land in Paris this morning and connect with our onward flight to Rome. On arrival we are met for the transfer to our city center hotel. There will be time to unpack, relax and begin exploring the neighborhood this afternoon. We gather this evening for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**

**Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Overnight: Rome**

Panoramic sightseeing with a local guide begins at Vatican City, with visits to the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel and the chance to stand in awe at the work of Michelangelo, and the Basilica of St. Peter's. We conclude the day at the ancient Forum, the very heartbeat of the Roman Empire, and the monumental Colosseum. The afternoon and evening are free for individual exploration. This evening why not try one of Rome's superb restaurants or pizzerias? **(B)**

**Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Overnight: Rome**

A special treat today as we explore the gardens of Rome with Lisa Finerty from Secret Gardens of Italy. We'll visit the Rose Garden, constructed appropriately enough on the site of the old Temple of Flora, the Gardens of the Villa Torlonia, newly renovated after years of neglect and, possibly, we may be able to get into a very special private garden – that of the headquarters of the Knights Hospitaller of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. Lisa may also have some other surprises up her sleeve. The evening is free. **(B)**



*The Colosseum at night*



*The Forum*

**Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Overnight: Rome**

This morning we begin with a guided tour of the Galleria Borghese with its wonderful collection of paintings by such household names as Raphael, Correggio, Titian and Caravaggio. The rest of the day is free to explore this glorious city on your own. Stroll along the banks of the Tiber past the Castel Sant'Angelo, linger over lunch in the heart of old Trastevere, toss a coin in the Trevi Fountain, stop for a rosy red Campari in the midst of Piazza Navona's Baroque splendor, explore the Centro Storico (historic center), pausing to savor the languid palms rising above the steps at Piazza di Spagna, or take in the upscale shops lining Via Condotti—the day will slip by before you know it. We'll gather for a farewell dinner in the evening and share our adventures. **(B, D)**

**Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Overnight: Home**

Morning transport to Rome Airport for returning flights to Boston, where our coach will be waiting to take us back to Barrington. **(B)**

Key to included meals: **B** - breakfast, **L** - lunch, **D** - dinner