

“PAPAL CITIES”– 11 days

This tour will take you to those cities where the papal presence has left visible traces or to towns and villages where the influence of the popes played an important role.



1^o Day ROMA/PERUGIA

Arrival in Rome. Meet our representative at the airport, transfer to Perugia. Arrival in PERUGIA, a city where the Rocca Paolina (a fortress built by order of Pope Paul III) still bears witness to this city's link with Rome and the popes. Check-in at the hotel and lunch. Meet your guide in the afternoon for a visit to the city. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

2^o Day PERUGIA

Breakfast at the hotel. The whole day is available for exploring the old town and museums. Lunch at leisure. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

3^o Day ORVIETO/PERUGIA

Breakfast at the hotel. Leave for ORVIETO. Meet your local guide for a full-day visit of this city with its stunning cathedral and charming city centre. Do not miss “St. Patrick's Well” and the “Medieval Quarters”. Lunch in a reserved restaurant. Return to Perugia, dinner and overnight stay.

4^o Day SPOLETO/PERUGIA

Breakfast at the hotel. Leave for SPOLETO. Here the highlight of your full-day guided visit is the Rocca Albornoze with its frescoes. Lunch in a reserved restaurant. Return to the hotel in Perugia, dinner and overnight stay.

5^o Day NARNI/VITERBO

Breakfast at the hotel. Leave Perugia for NARNI. Half-day guided visit of the city, where Cardinal Albornoze had another fortress built. Lunch in a reserved restaurant. The afternoon is free for relaxing, exploring the city or for an optional visit to “Narni underground” where you will see the graffiti left by prisoners of the Inquisition. Late afternoon departure to Viterbo. Arrival in VITERBO. Check-in at the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

6^o Day VITERBO

Breakfast at the hotel. Half-day guided visit to VITERBO's medieval neighbourhoods. The charm of a city unchanged through the centuries. A living testimony to history and legend, Piazza del Gesù, the hub of city political life up until the middle of the 13th century. Piazza della Morte, with its wonderful fountain dating back to the beginning of the 13th century and the famous Piazza del Duomo with the cathedral dedicated to Saint Lawrence. The splendid Papal Palace, symbol of the city. The house of Valentino della Pagnotta. Moving on to the perfectly preserved medieval quarter of San Pellegrino, its flower covered balconies, craftsmen's workshops, artists' studios and antique shops. Return to the hotel and lunch. The afternoon is free for relaxing or further exploring the city or for an optional guided visit to the VILLA LANTE. The magnificent Italian garden surrounding the villa distinguishes it from the nearby smaller twin Villas which are perfectly blended into the natural

environment. The hub around which Vignola's design revolves is the monumental Fontana dei Quattro Mori (Fountain of the Four Moors). The other numerous fountains on the hill above the Villa offer a spectacle of the playful genius of Renaissance hydro-engineering techniques. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

7^o Day CAPRAROLA/VITERBO

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to CAPRAROLA and visit to the Farnese Palace, dating back to 1559 – 1575, with its beautiful gardens. The Palace was built according to Vignola's plan to show the power of the Farnese family, a member of which, Alessandro Farnese, became the mighty Pope Paul III. The interior of the Palace is decorated with works by the Zuccari and other masters of Roman and European Mannerist painting. Lunch at leisure. Head to SUTRI. In this town, one of the first domains of the Papal State, the popes met kings and emperors. Sutri's stunning city centre, monuments and its amphitheatre, in the interesting archaeological park of Villa Savorelli, south of the town, will impress you with their beauty. Return to the hotel, spare time, dinner and overnight stay.

8^o Day ANAGNI/ROMA

Breakfast at the hotel, departure for ANAGNI, a charming old town, where Pope Boniface VIII is said to have been slapped by the representatives of the king of France. Lunch in a reserved restaurant. Departure for Rome. Arrival in Rome, check-in at the hotel, spare time, dinner and overnight stay.

9^o Day ROMA

Breakfast at the hotel. Days are available for relaxing, exploring the sights or for optional visits to less-known museums, buildings and churches. Lunches are at leisure, dinners at the hotel.

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11^o Day ROMA

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport.

