



# New Year's Eve in Rome: Italy & Greece

11 days

As you make your way through Italy and Greece's most iconic cities and inspiring landscapes, you'll walk through the backdrops of ancient mythology and in the footsteps of emperors. Sit back and savor the good life in Sorrento and on the Isle of Capri, then kick off the new year in Rome and explore history in Athens.



## Your tour package includes

- 9 nights in handpicked hotels
- 9 breakfasts
- 4 dinners with beer or wine, including a celebratory New Year's Eve dinner with Champagne toast
- 5 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director
- Private deluxe motor coach
- 1 on-tour flight

## Included highlights

- Capri
- Pompeii ruins
- Roman Forum
- Colosseum
- New Year's Eve celebrations in the Eternal City
- Epidaurus & Mycenae
- Acropolis
- Parthenon
- Temple of Zeus

## Tour pace

You will walk for at least 2 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and unpaved trails, with some hills and stairs.

## Group size

15-38

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## Overnight Flight → 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Naples today.

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## Sorrento Peninsula → 2 nights

### Day 2: Arrival in Naples & transfer to Sorrento Peninsula

*Included meals: welcome dinner*

Welcome to Italy! Travel to your hotel on the Sorrento peninsula. Then, meet your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

### Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Capri

*Included meals: breakfast*

Join a local guide and sail across the Bay of Naples to the famed Isle of Capri before returning to Sorrento.

- Boat around the island to view Capri's caves and grottoes (weather permitting)
  - Stroll through the village of Capri
  - Take a funicular ride to Capri's upper town
  - Explore the Gardens of Augustus
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## Rome → 3 nights

### Day 4: Rome via Pompeii

*Included meals: breakfast*

En route to Rome, stop at Pompeii for a guided walking tour of the city's ruins.

- Discover how Roman citizens lived 2,000 years ago, before Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 A.D.
- View the excavated Roman ruins of theaters, villas, temples, and baths

Then, continue on to Rome.

### Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Rome

*Included meals: breakfast*

Follow in the footsteps of the ancient Romans on a guided tour of the Eternal City.

- Soak up over 2,000 years of history in Imperial Rome, viewing the Arch of Constantine and the Arch of Titus
- Enter the Colosseum, the largest amphitheater of the Roman Empire

- Stop at the ruins of the Forum, once the setting of parades, elections, and trials
- Pass by Palatine Hill to see Circus Maximus, the stadium where ancient Romans raced chariots, and the Baths of Caracalla

### Day 6: New Year's Eve celebration

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Spend a free day exploring Rome or add an excursion.

Tonight, you'll welcome the new year with a multi-course dinner and champagne toast. Then, the rest of the evening is yours to enjoy Rome's New Year's Eve festivities as you please.

+ Iconic Sights: Vatican City

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## Nafplio → 2 nights

### Day 7: Flight to Athens & transfer to Nafplio

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Fly to Athens, Greece. Then, continue on to Nafplio and sit down for an included dinner.

### Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Epidaurus & Mycenae

*Included meals: breakfast*

Visit Greece's best-preserved amphitheater on a guided walking tour of Epidaurus, then enjoy a guided tour of the UNESCO-listed Archaeological site of Mycenae.

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## Athens → 2 nights

### Day 9: Athens via Corinth Canal

*Included meals: breakfast*

As you travel to Athens, make a stop at the scenic Corinth Canal.

This afternoon, a local guide introduces you to the highlights of Athens, home to the world's first democracy.

- Pass by the Olympic Stadium, Syntagma Square, and the Arch of Hadrian
- View the sixth-century Temple of Zeus
- See the classically inspired Old Royal Palace, home of the Hellenic Parliament, and drive through the Plaka district

- Set off on a walking tour around the ancient Acropolis, site of the Parthenon, Temple of Athena Nike, and Erechtheion

### Day 10: Free day in Athens

*Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner*

Spend a free day in Athens or add an excursion. Later, join your group for a farewell dinner in Athens.

+ Cape Sounion

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## Flight Home

### Day 11: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

# Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.\* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: [goaheadtours.ca/IT8](https://goaheadtours.ca/IT8) | 1-800-754-5066

## Day 6: Iconic Sights: Vatican City

\$175CAD (3.5 hours, departure time varies)

This guided tour takes you inside Vatican City—a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most sacred places in Christendom. This independent city-state within Rome serves as the headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church and is home to the Pope. Upon arrival, turn on your pre-distributed headset and dive into the Vatican's rich history with your local guide. First, visit the Vatican Museums, which are more than 500 years old and house many of the world's most important Classical- and Renaissance-era sculptures. Next, step inside the Sistine Chapel, whose frescoed ceiling is arguably Michelangelo's greatest masterpiece. Finally, pay a visit to the enormous St. Peter's Basilica, the epicenter of the Roman Catholic faith. The artists who have contributed to its glory are some of the best Italy has ever known: Bramante, Peruzzi, Raphael, and Michelangelo. Masterpieces await at every turn, from Bernini's magnificent bronze canopy to Michelangelo's Pietà.

Please note: Should this excursion fall on a Sunday, it'll be moved to another day of the tour. Backpacks aren't allowed in the Vatican, and shorts and sleeveless shirts are strictly prohibited. Due to closures of certain entrances and pathways, wait times may extend to several hours during busy travel months. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 70 days prior to departure.

## Day 10: Cape Sounion

\$89CAD/\$99CAD\* (4.5 hours, departure time varies)

Journey to the southern tip of the Attica Peninsula to take in the sights of the Poseidon Coast, including sandy beaches, natural and manmade harbors, and, of course, the Aegean Sea itself. High above the sparkling shoreline, the Temple of Poseidon dominates the landscape. Of the original structure, 16 elegant Doric pillars remain. Afterward, decide how you'd like to spend your free time. Take a moment to look out from the lofty cliffside vantage point, where you can see five Aegean islands on a clear day. You may also choose to enjoy a coffee, stop in the souvenir shop, or stroll through the area. Please note: This excursion involves some walking on uneven terrain.

\*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at [goaheadtours.ca/terms](https://goaheadtours.ca/terms)