



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.

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

Rome \rightarrow 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

$\textbf{Nafplio} \rightarrow 2 \text{ nights}$

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.

Athens \rightarrow 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

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** | 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 citystate 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

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.