

# GREAT TEXTS IN

**B**aylor University

December 31, 2023 - January 13, 2024



## Tour Itinerary:

Sun Dec 31, 2023 Depart US based on your own flights

### Mon Jan 1 ROME

Arrive to Fiumicino Aiport. Meet your driver with a **'Baylor-TUTKU**'' sign. Transfer to hotel for dinner at a local restaurant and overnight in Rome. (B,D)

### Tue Jan 2 ROME

Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer by minibuses to the heart of Rome. Full day (3+3 hours) walking tour "Ancient Rome" in the morning, including internal visit of the Colosseum and the Roman Forum. After lunch on your own in the Campo Dei Fiori area we visit the Campo de' Fiori, Piazza Farnese, Via Giulia, Piazza Navona, Church San Luigi dei Francesi (opening 14:30.18:30), Church San Agostino (opening 16:00-19:30). Return transfer to the hotel. Dinner and overnight in Rome. (B,D)

### Wed Jan 3 ROME

Breakfast at your hotel. Meet your guide at hotel and start a full day (5 hours) tour "Renaissance Rome". Visit the most famous museums of the world - the Vatican Museums focusing on the Pigna Fountain, the Raphael's Parnassus and on the mesmerizing Sistine Chapel. Proceed to St. Peter's Basilica and the Square of St. Peter, followed by the Hadrian's Mausoleum, known also as St. Angel Castle (outside). The rest of the day is free for individual exploration. Dinner and overnight in Rome. (B,D)



### Thu Jan 4 ROME

Free day for individual exploration of the city. Overnight in Rome. (B,D)

### Fri Jan 5 NORCIA - CASCIA

Breakfast at the hotel and Check out. Drive to Norcia (3 hrs). In the afternoon guided tour of Norcia, including the Baslica of St. Benedict, the fortified Palace of La Castellina, the Dome of St. Mary Argentea and St. Lornezo's Church, and of other properties pertaining to St. Benedict. Dinner and overnight in Cascia. (B,D)

### Sat Jan 6 ASSISI (Epiphany)

Breakfast at your hotel and check out. Drive to Assisi. First stop at the Basilica Santa Maria degli Angeli ( the Porziuncula). Visit of the shrine with the priest. Visit the Sanctuary and the church of San Damiano. Lunch on your own nearby the Basilica. . Meet the local guide and visit the Basilica di Santa Chiara and the majestic Basilica of St. Francis. Dinner and overnight in Assisi. (B,D)

**Sun Jan 7 ASSISI - POPPI (Campaldino) - FLORENCE** Breakfast at your hotel and check out. Departure by bus for Florence. (2 Hrs) En route visit the Sanctuary of La Verna, introduction made by the Friar. Lunch at their cafetteria. Proceed for Poppi, visit on your own the Poppi Castle (outside) Campaldino (drive 45 min), Romena Castle (from the outside). Dinner and overnight in Florence. (B,D)





### Mon Jan 8 FLORENCE

After breakfast at the hotel. We will start our full day guided walking tour (6 hrs) "On the footsteps of Dante". Visit the Ponte Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria, Museum Palazzo Vecchio (maschera della morte). Ex San Pier Scheraggio Church, Perseus and the Medusa, the Squarea and Chruch Santa Croce, Santa Trinità Square, Gianfigliazzi Tower, Cerchi Tower, Dante's House, Adimari Tower, Giotto's Bell Tower (outside), the Baptistery (outside), Adimari Tower, Donati Tower. Dinner and overnight in Florence. (B,D)

### Tue Jan 9 FLORENCE

Enjoy a FREE day in Florence for individual exploration. (suggestion: Visit Dante's House on your own- it's closed Monday) Dinner and overnight in Florence. (B,D)

### Wed Jan 10 FLORENCE - PISA - SIENA

Breakfast at your hotel and check out. Drive to Pisa, half day (3 hours) guided tour of the Piazza dei Miracoli, Cathedral, Baptistery, Leaning Tower (outside), Piazza dei Cavalieri (Torre delle Muda). Free time for lunch. Continue to **Siena** (2hrs) for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

### Thu Jan 11 SIENA

Breakfast at your hotel. Half day walking guided tour (4 hours) of Siena, including Duomo and St. Catherine's House, outside visit to Tolomeo Palazzo, end the tour at Campo. Afternoon free. Dinner and overnight in Siena. (B,D)

### Fri Jan 12 SIENA – Monteaperti - ROME

Breakfast at your hotel and check out. Drive to Rome (3hrs) with stopover (for individual exploration) for 30 min at *Monteaperti* where the memorable battle described by Dante in the Divina Commedia took place. Brief coffee/lunch in Orvieto and visit to the Duomo di Orvieto Cathedral on your own and then enjoy free time. Continue to Rome (2 hours) for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

### Sat Jan 13 Flight home

Breakfast and transfer to the Fiumicino airport (Rome). Return to US.

# INCLUDING

- Jan 1-5, 4 nights Rome: Hotel della Conciliazione\*\*\*\* or similar
- Jan 5-6, 1 night Norcia: Hotel Monte Meraviglia \*\*\*\* or similar
- Jan 6-7, 1 night Assisi: Hotel Dei Priori\*\*\*\* or similar
- Jan 7-10, 3 nts, Florence: Hotel Pitti Palace al Ponte Vecchio or similar
- Jan 10-12, 2 nights Siena: Hotel Chiusarelli or similar
- Jan 12-13, 1 night Rome: Hotel della Conciliazione\*\*\*\* or similar
- Daily breakfasts and Daily dinners
- Lunch at the Sanctuary of La Verna on Jan 6th
- Bus 18 seats for max 14Pax, bus 30 seats for max 25 Pax
- Minibuses (8 seats) for transfers in Rome
- Porterage in Florence to/from hotel (at arrival and at departure)
- English speaking escort for airport transfer and transfers between cities
- English speaking licensed guide for min 2-max 8 hrs per day according program
- Whispers sets
- Entrances and reservations for sites and museums mentioned in the program
- Local city taxes

# **EXCLUDING**

- International flights You need to arrange your flights arriving Rome on **Jan. 1** & departing Rome on **Jan. 13**
- Lunches, except those listed under "Included items"
- Drinks at lunches and dinners
- Tips to guides, drivers, waiters
- Personal expenses and any item not specified under "Included items".

# **COURSES OFFERED**

GTX 2302—Medieval Intellectual Tradition (Dr. Scott H. Moore)

GTX 4330—Dante and the Italian Renaissance (Dr. Thomas Hibbs)

Submit your application through BearsAbroad.Baylor.edu

Upon acceptance, a \$1,000 non-refundable deposit secures your spot.

