

SIE Rome and Paris, January 2011
Western Culture and Heritage in the Arts, Architecture, and Urban Landscapes
(Draft Itinerary – May be subject to changes)

**Sunday and Monday,
January 02 – 03, 2011**

Bryant Pre-departure Session

**Monday P.M. Group Departure from
Boston**

Tuesday, January 04 -- Rome

**Rome -- City Walks,
Orientation to Rome, and
Group dinner**

We'll get our bearings and find the most famous of Rome's fountains and public spaces – Piazza Navona, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, and the Spanish Steps



Coliseum, Rome



*Bernini's Fountain of the Four Rivers,
Rome*

Wednesday, January 05 -- Rome

**Vatican Museums and St. Peter's
Basilica**

The seat of papacy – the Sistine Chapel – the great Renaissance and baroque works of Michelangelo and Gianlornzo Bernini.

Villa Borghese

Cardinal Scipione Borghese ranks among the greatest of all patrons of the baroque. The Galleria Borghese houses his collections as the core of one of the greatest of all art collections in Rome.



*Bernini's Prosepeina, Galleria Borghese,
Rome*



*Michelangelo's Dome, St. Peter's, Vatican
City*



City walk in Trastevere, Rome



Palatine -- Rome



*Quadriga – Monument of Victor
Emmanuel II, Rome*

Thursday, January 06, Rome



The Campidoglio and Capitoline Museums, Rome

Coliseum/Roman Forum/Palatine

The architecture and glory of Republican and Imperial Rome

Capitoline Museums

One of the world's great art collections in the world's oldest public museum

City Walks

Experience the neighborhoods, shopping, and daily life of Rome



The Garbatella Neighborhood, Rome

Friday, January 07, Tivoli

Excursion to Tivoli

Hadrian's Villa

Built by the Emperor Hadrian in the 2nd century C.E., this archaeological site sprawls across more than 400 acres.

Villa d'Este

Truly, this 16th-century villa has to rank among the architectural wonders of the world. The formal gardens flow down the mountain side boasting hundreds of fountains and delightful surprises.



Hadrian's Villa, Tivoli



Villa D'Este, Tivoli

Saturday, January 08, Orvieto

Excursion to Orvieto

The Umbrian hill town of Orvieto has nearly a 3,000 year history as fortress stronghold. Perched high on a mountain top, historic Orvieto is best reached on an inclined railway and is still barely accessible by car.

A favorite retreat (and safe haven) for medieval and Renaissance Popes, Orvieto features one of the most lavishly decorated and beautiful cathedrals in all of Italy. A true walking city, Orvieto offers a wonderful variety of artisan shops and historic sights

Sunday, January 09, Rome

City Walks -- Rome

Free Time -- Shopping

Overnight Train to Paris (Sleeping Car)



Orvieto



The Cathedral at Orvieto



Trenitalia Eurostar



Via Marguta, Rome

Monday, January 10, Paris
Walking tour and Orientation to Paris

Eiffel Tower
Notre Dame de Paris
Sacré Coeur
Montmartre



Sacré Coeur



Notre Dame de Paris

The entire center of Paris – the “banks of the Seine” – are designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Tuesday, January 11, Paris

Musée D’Orsay

Neighborhood Walks

Evening: Theatre

The Musée D’Orsay and the Comédie Française are centerpieces in the historical center of Paris. The D’Orsay – a converted train station – houses the world’s greatest collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist art. Many consider the Comédie Française the cradle of modern theatre.



The Musée D’Orsay

Wednesday, January 12, Paris

Musée du Louvre and Pompidou Center



La Gioconda (Mona Lisa) at the Louvre

Seine River, Bateaux Mouches river cruise

The Louvre and the Pompidou represent two extremes of Parisian life and culture – the glory of Francis I, Louis XIV and Napoleon are reflected in the Louvre. The Centre Pompidou showcases the creativity and vitality of 21st-century Paris.



The Seine at the Île de la Cité

Bateaux mouches are the original river cruise excursion boats, providing an unparalleled way to see Paris at night.

Thursday, January 13

Excursion to Provins and Fontainebleau



Fontainebleau

Provins is an extremely well preserved heritage site that was home to some of the most important “fairs of Champagne.” These were the trading fairs that connected medieval France and northern Europe to the luxuries of Italy and the East.



Provins

Fontainebleau is the signature chateau with which Francis I established the model for the full development of French Renaissance architecture.

Friday, January 14, Versailles

Excursion to Versailles



The Palace at Versailles

Voltaire looked back on the reign of Louis XIV as the “culmination” of French culture. In that regard, the chateau and gardens at Versailles have to rank as the most widely recognized legacy and heritage of Louis XIV’s reign.



The Gardens at Versailles

Farewell dinne

Saturday, January 15

Departure from Paris,

Transfer to the airport by coach

PM: Arrive Boston

Flights/Overnight Train:

January 3, 2011, Boston to Rome

January 9/10 (Train) Rome to Paris

January 15 -- Paris to Boston

Excursions from Rome and Paris:

Rome:

Jan. 7 – Tivoli

Jan. 8 – Orvieto

Paris:

Jan. 13 – Fontainebleau and Provins

Jan 14 -- Versailles

Accommodations for 11 nights in Italy and France:

Rome Arrival 4 January 2011 for 5 nights

9 January, 2011 Couchettes on the overnight train to Paris

10 January 2011, 5 nights in Paris