

Illinois Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums

2020 Pilgrimage to Rome

April 18 - 25, 2020

Tour Highlights include:

- Hotel De La Minerve, which is located steps away from the Pantheon, great dining destinations and delectable gelato selections.
- An exclusive tour for patrons of the Vatican Museums showcasing one of the world's greatest collections of art. View many areas usually closed to the public.
- Private visit of restoration laboratories.
- Private Sistine Chapel Tour - Enjoy an after-hours private tour of the Vatican's most sublime artifacts in peace and quiet, without lines or distractions.
- An intimate dinner in the Vatican Museums during closed hours / a private Mass with Cardinal Bertello in the Palazzo del Governatorato.
- Reserved seating at Papal audience.
- Farm to Table Luncheon at the Papal Farm in Castel Gandolfo followed by a visit of the Villa Barberini Gardens built in the first-century ruins of Emperor Domitian's country residence.



Additional Itinerary Tours* Included:

- Capitoline Museum, Forum tour
- Villa Farnesina private tour of a 16th century Renaissance building with frescoes by Raphael and amazing gardens
- Visit St. Mary Major, St. Praxedes and St. Pudenziana (containing some of the oldest Christian mosaics in Rome)
- Wine tasting and dinner at a 5-star winery in Frascati
- Pizza making class
- Day trip to Ostia Antica and St. Paul Outside the Wall

* Tours are pending confirmation and subject to change.

