The Stones of Rome
with Professor Michael Lewis

an exclusive art and architectural journey
in the Eternal City from antiquity to the present

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Tour Highlights

Stay in the elegant four-star Rose Garden Palace Hotel centrally located in Rome’s historic center, steps away from the Piazza di Spagna

Enjoy the leadership and scholarship of Professor Michael Lewis whose expertise in ancient art and architecture enlivens visits throughout Rome

See rare and powerful works of art and architecture found in quiet corners and private chapels around Rome

Meet an Italian princess who invites Williams College travelers into her noble family’s art-filled villa including the only fresco ever completed by Caravaggio

Enjoy meals in optimal locations including a lunch overlooking the historic cascades and Temple of Vesta in Tivoli

Encounter hidden works of art by Raphael, Bramante, Caravaggio, Bernini, and Borromini (among others) in quiet corners and places closed to the public

Enjoy an exclusive visit inside the splendid Baroque Colonna Palace seemingly untouched since the 17th century

Enjoy an elegant, private farewell dinner at one of Rome’s top restaurants with spectacular views of the Eternal City
Wednesday, September 7th - Departures
Depart on independent flights arriving the next morning at Rome Fiumicino International Airport (FCO).

Thursday, September 8th - Arrivals in Rome, Italy
Rose Garden Palace Hotel (D)
Travel independently to the Rose Garden Palace Hotel, a four-star hotel located in a historic Roman building just off the Via Veneto, minutes from the Villa Borghese and Spanish Steps. Enjoy an afternoon exploration of the Roman Forum and the Colosseum, and learn how ancient glories continue to shape the city today. In the evening, celebrate your arrival in the heart of Italy with a welcome dinner featuring delicious Roman cuisine.

Friday, September 9th - Renaissance Rome
Rose Garden Palace Hotel (B, L)
Begin the day with a visit to Saint Peter’s Basilica to learn not only about its history - ancient to modern - but also about the incredible artistic and architectural achievements realized by architects from Michelangelo to Bernini. Continue with a visit to the Villa Farnesina, the Renaissance villa belonging to papal banker Agostino Chigi. Stunning frescoes adorn the walls inside the villa where Chigi commissioned architects Baldassare Peruzzi to construct the “suburban villa” and paint architectural frescoes including the “Hall of Perspectives”. Enjoy lunch at a local family trattoria. Continue through the tranquil Trastevere neighborhood to visit the most seminal architectural achievement in Rome: Donato Bramante’s “Tempietto”. Later we visit Santa Maria delle Pace. Inside this church we see a chapel commissioned again by Agostino Chigi featuring Raphael’s fresco the Four Sibyls across from Rosso Fiorentino’s Creation of Eve and Original Sin. We enter the Renaissance cloister designed by Bramante, Peruzzi’s teacher, with its sobering and elegant architectural order, an influential work in 15th-and-16th-century Rome. Evening and dinner plans are independent.

Saturday, September 10th - Private Palaces of Rome
Rose Garden Palace Hotel (B, L)
A rich selection of Baroque delights are among the day’s highlights, beginning with the spectacular art amassed by Cardinal Borghese at the Villa Borghese—see Titian’s Sacred and Profane Love, Raphael’s Portrait of a Young Man, and the world’s finest collection of statues by Bernini. Next, visit Piazza del Popolo, the historic main entrance to Rome and a masterpiece of Baroque urban planning. The church of Santa Maria del Popolo offers the artistic glories of Caravaggio and Raphael. Enjoy lunch around Piazza Navona at one of Rome’s historic trattorias. After lunch we visit Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, whose name derives from the temple ruins it stands on dedicated to the Egyptian goddess Isis, which translates to the Greco-Roman goddess Minerva. Just steps from the Minerva is the Pantheon, commissioned by Hadrian and most notably celebrates the use of concrete, particularly through the magnificent oculus in the domed ceiling. Among the significant artists buried here during the Renaissance are Raphael, Annibale Carracci and architect Baldassare Peruzzi. Dinner and evening plans are independent.
**Sunday, September 11th - Bernini and Borromini: Baroque rivals in stone**

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Francesco Borromini and Gianlorenzo Bernini, leading architects of the Roman Baroque, transformed the city during the 1600s. Witness their respective contributions to Palazzo Barberini, the enormous palace of a papal family, and view a wonderful selection of treasures inside—including one of the most magnificent ceiling frescoes in Rome, Pietro da Cortona’s *Allegory of Divine Providence*. Next, see one of Bernini’s most famous sculptures tucked inside Santa Maria della Vittoria, *The Ecstasy of Saint Teresa*. Stay on the Quirinal Hill and compare spaces by visiting Borromini’s daring San Carlo alle Quattro Fontane and Bernini’s theatrical Sant’Andrea Al Quirinale. Enjoy lunch nearby, then continue to Sant’Ivo alla Sapienza, Borromini’s magnum opus, with its remarkable corkscrew spiral lantern and revolutionary shaping of interior space. Then we visit Piazza Navona with its intriguing ancient history and home to Bernini’s Fountain of the Four Rivers and Borromini’s facade and interior of Sant’Agnese. Later, gain private access to the splendid Baroque Palazzo Colonna—considered the most elaborate private residence in the city—for an exclusive visit to see the vast art collection and private apartments of one of Rome’s most powerful former ruling families. Dinner and the evening are independent.

**Monday, September 12th - Tivoli in the Roman countryside**

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Just outside Rome lies the historic town of Tivoli, a favorite location for country estates since the days of Emperor Hadrian. Visit Hadrian’s Villa with extensive complexes, baths, and remnants of ancient gardens. Then, step back into the Renaissance at Cardinal Ippolito D’Este’s magnificent Villa D’Este, one of the most complete expressions of Roman elegance in the 1500s. Explore the colorful, decorated interiors, extravagant gardens, and cool fountains while overlooking the Roman countryside. Next, savor a memorable luncheon feast at an intimate gourmet restaurant in the quiet countryside outside Tivoli. Return to Rome to visit the noble palace of a centuries-old “urban villa” filled with antiquities and the only fresco ever executed by Caravaggio. Dinner and the evening are independent.

**Tuesday, September 13th - MAXXI and the Ara Pacis**

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This morning we visit the new MAXXI museum designed by Zaha Hadid. We meet with with their head curator of architecture and see the current exhibit on contemporary art. Next, we visit the Ara Pacis, preserved in Richard Meier’s ingenious solution to absorb vibrations, protecting the ancient structure. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure.

**Wednesday, September 14th - From ancient to contemporary Rome**

Rose Garden Palace Hotel (B, D)

Begin a journey through contemporary Rome with a visit to another innovative project by Meier—what he considers a “crown jewel”—the Jubilee Church. Continue to the stately quarter of EUR, an orderly urban center of rationalist architecture remaining from Mussolini’s errant plans for a 1942 World’s Fair. Enjoy a lunch of Dutch treats, then visit Massimiliano Fuksas’ Congress Center, appropriately dubbed “The Cloud” for its unprecedented floating structure in a glass-contained space. Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. This evening, say *arrivederci* to Rome with a farewell dinner in the historic district featuring a delectable menu of local favorites and unparalleled views of the Eternal city.

**Thursday, September 15th - Departures for U.S.A.**

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After breakfast at the hotel, we take a group transfer to Rome Fiumicino airport for independent flights returning to the U.S.A.
TOUR INFORMATION

Dates: September 7-15, 2016

Hotel: 4-star Rose Garden Palace Hotel

Cost:
- Land only package: $4,395
- Single supplement: $995

*Tour Price is per person based on double occupancy, with a minimum of 20 paying participants.

Deposit & Final Payment:
A deposit of $1,000 per paying participant will be required to guarantee participation in the program. This may be paid by check, Visa or MasterCard. Final payment will be invoiced and is due on May 25, 2016 by check only.

Air Arrangements:
International and U.S. domestic airfare are not included in the package cost.

Inclusions:
Meals and accommodation as listed in the itinerary; all entrances as listed on the itinerary; land transport by deluxe coach; bottled water on coach; service charges, taxes, and gratuities for guides and drivers; 2 glasses of wine at lunches and dinners; and services of an Italian-speaking ISDI manager.

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REGISTRATION

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