

SBL SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE

2019 International Meeting Tours

Ancient Rome Tour

Sunday, June 30: 8:30AM - 4:30PM

\$70 Per Person

Meet your tour guide at the entrance of the Pontifical Gregorian University and walk 15 minutes (1.3 km) to the Colosseum to begin the walking tour of ancient Rome. You will pass by the Arch of Constantine and the Arch of Titus, before moving on to the Palatine Hill to visit the Palatine Museum and the Alexamenos graffiti. Later you will tour the Roman Forum, before passing through the Campidoglio. You will also visit the Trajan's Column and Forum, Trajan's Market, and the Forum of Augustus. End the tour with a visit to the Pantheon. Tour returns to Pontifical Gregorian University. Duration: 8 hours.

Jewish Sites of Rome Tour

Sunday, June 30: 8:30AM - 4:30PM

\$90 Per Person

Meet your tour guide at the entrance of the Pontifical Gregorian University and walk to the bus. You will first drive to Ostia to visit Rome's ancient port and the Jewish synagogue discovered there. Afterwards you will travel back to Rome to where Jews have lived for over two millennia. Free time for lunch will be given around the Piazza delle Cinque Scole, where the Platea Judea formerly stood. After lunch you will visit the Great Synagogue built between 1901-4 and the Jewish Museum located within one of its wings. Nearby is the Portico of Octavius, one of the five former entrances to the Jewish ghetto. The tour ends with a visit to the Ara Pacis of Augustus. Tour returns to Pontifical Gregorian University. Duration: 8 hours.

Vatican Tour

Monday, July 1: 8:30AM - 1:30PM

\$70 Per Person

Meet your tour guide at the entrance of the Pontifical Gregorian University and walk to the bus. You will be driven to the Vatican to visits its museums, especially the Pio Christian Museum with its early Jewish and Christian artifacts. The tour includes a stop at the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. From St. Peter's it is a short walk to Castel Sant'Angelo to see the mausoleum of Hadrian. Tour returns to Pontifical Gregorian University. Duration: 5 hours.

Paul & Peter in Rome Tour

Friday, July 5: 1:00PM - 7:00PM

\$80 Per Person

Meet your tour guide at the entrance of the Pontifical Gregorian University and walk to the bus. You will first pass through the Ostia Gate to the Basilica of Saint Paul outside the Walls and the Tre Fontane Church. From there you will be driven to the Quo Vadis Church for a brief stop, then visit the Jewish Catacombs* and the Catacombs of San Callisto. The tour ends with a walk on the Via Appia to view some of the monuments along this ancient road. Tour returns to Pontifical Gregorian University. Duration: 6 hours.

*Jewish catacombs are subject to special permit.