

APAVM Venice & The Veneto Rome & The Vatican

23 April - 2 May 2026

"I offer you a cordial greeting and once more I thank you for your support and cooperation in the important work of preserving and restoring the incomparable artistic and cultural patrimony of the Vatican Museums. Art refreshes the human spirit, just as water replenishes the dry and parched desert. The work of conversation to which you contribute not only safeguards this precious legacy of the past, but also invites new generations to reflect on the profound interplay between art, history, culture and faith."

Pope Francis
Private Audience Address to the
Patrons of the Vatican Museums
9 Nov 2023



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until at least end 2028

Registration



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THE VATICAN MUSEUMS



APAVM Venice & The Veneto, Rome & The Vatican 2026

The Board of Directors of APAVM invites you to join our 7th signature Vatican Trip to "Venice & The Veneto, Rome & The Vatican" from 23 April - 2 May 2026. As a participant, you will not only experience "the trip of a lifetime" but you will also be supporting the MISSION of the Vatican Museums: "To promote, restore, and conserve the artistic patrimony of the collections and buildings of the Vatican Museums."

Since 1983, Patrons worldwide have generously conserved and restored precious works of art and artifacts of history, thus allowing future generations to be inspired by one of the world's greatest collection of art and architecture. Since our founding in 2016, APAVM has pledged and contributed over USD 2 million in sponsoring numerous projects of The Vatican Museums.

Through your participation in our 2026 Trip, you will be contributing 70% of your patrons membership fees to the APAVM RESTORATION FUND, thereby allowing us to sponsor our current project: "The Windows of the Loggias of Raphael". We thank you for your continued support of APAVM and the Mission of the Vatican Museums.

Dates

- 23 April 2026
- 23-26 April
- 26-28 April
- 28 April - 2 May
- 2 May 2026

Program

- Venice Welcome Reception
- A Cultural Exploration of Venice
- The Veneto and Verona
- Rome Pleasures, Vatican Treasures
- Departure from Rome

Arrival

Our trip will begin on Thurs 23 April in Venice, with a 1430 hrs Welcome Reception at the Splendid Hotel. Please plan an early check-in to be on-time for our Opening.

Departure

Please plan your departure from the Bernini Bristol, Rome, on Sat 2 May. Optional Vatican tours are available 2nd morning for those staying back another day.



ROME



THE VATICAN



VENICE

USD9,900 per person*
(USD2,800 single supplement)

- * Includes all hotels, group meals, offsites, education, transportation.
- * Excludes: Air-tickets to Venice & from Rome to destination.

For more information
and assistance for registration
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2026 TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

(A) Venice & The Veneto

- Join renowned art historian Elaine Ruffolo and her expert guides on an unforgettable journey through Venice and the Veneto cities of Northern Italy
- Be captivated by the immersive program, blending the art, history, architecture and culture of Venice, Padua, Vicenza, Verona & Bologna
- Away from bustling tourist areas, explore a Hidden Venice with narrow alleys, hidden squares and charming canals lined with centuries-old buildings
- A private visit to the Basilica di San Marco to experience the stunning mosaics and intricate architecture of one of the world's most celebrated churches
- Appreciate Venetian Art Masters Titian, Bellini, Donatello and the dramatic Tintoretto and visit a squero to watch gondolas being crafted by hand
- Explore the Venetian Lagoons of Torcello and Burano with its ancient churches, serene greenery, colorful houses & lace-making traditions
- Experience the Lagoon's unique ecosystem, its pollution problem and rising tides; take-in Venice's natural beauty with a marine biologist
- Taking center stage in all our trips is our food and wine adventure; start with the local flavors of Venice & end with the gastronomical delights of Rome

(B) Rome & The Vatican

- Explore ancient Rome & The Vatican with internationally renowned art historian Elizabeth Lev and with Sr Emanuela Edwards, Head of Vatican guides
- Start our Rome program with a private tour of St Mary Major and visit Pope Francis' tomb; enjoy a panoramic welcome dinner at the Basilica's Terrace
- VIP seating at Pope Leo XIV General Audience at St Peter's Square; lunch at Casina Pio IV in the serene Vatican Gardens; visit to the Tapestry Lab
- A private visit to the Vatican Archives and the astronomical Gregorian Tower where the modern day Calendar was formulated
- Behind-the-scenes tour of the Vatican Museums to especially take-in the wondrous beauty and spiritual experience of the Sistine Chapel, all to ourselves
- Cocktails at the Etruscans Terrace, followed by our signature black-tie gala dinner at the Etruscans Museum, one of many museums of the Vatican Museums
- Indulge in an exclusive final night dinner at the private palace of the Doria Pamphilj, surrounded by exquisite art & history and Rome's cultural heritage

(Program Highlights above is subject to change)

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2024 Trip Highlights: Naples, Rome & The Vatican



BEST OF CAPRI, POMPEII & NAPLES



"SEE NAPLES AND LIVE!"



PAPAL MASS VIP SEATING AT ST. PETER'S SQUARE ON THE OPENING OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS



PRIVATE DINNER @ DIOCESAN MUSEUM



BLACK-TIE GALA DINNER AT THE VATICAN MUSEUMS



PATRONS "BEHIND-THE-SCENES" VISIT TO THE SISTINE CHAPEL