Rome

January 6-9, 2014, Only \$708 Hosted by Rev. David Epstein and Billy Nelson



Day 1 – Monday, January 6: Arrive in Rome with all the pilgrims coming back on the morning flight from Israel, but while they go on to New York, meet your guide at the airport before boarding your deluxe coach to tour the Roman Forum, heart of imperial Rome, and the Coliseum, where persecuted Christians were taken to be killed for sport. After the half-day tour, check in at the four-star Victoria Hotel (www.hotelvictoriaroma.com). You'll have time to stroll your pleasant neighborhood in the historical center of Rome to find a venue for dinner on your own or the hotel has its own restaurant (breakfast at hotel included each day).

Day 2 – Tuesday, January 7: Begin the day with local guide to the treasures of the Vatican Museum (timedentry tickets so no long lines) and the Sistine Chapel. Experience the magnificence of St. Peters basilica, including the largest unsupported dome in the world and the famous Michelangelo *Pieta* of the crucified Jesus in his mother's lap. In the afternoon, for those who wish, is an optional excursion (for at an approximate cost of €10) outside Rome to the San Castillo catacombs on the Appian Way, extensive underground tunneled burial caves of martyrs, bishops, and other Christians driven literally underground by 2nd-century persecution.

Day 3 – Wednesday, January 8: Morning guided tour of Baroque Rome to include such features as the world-famous Spanish Steps, the Pantheon (former pagan temple, now Christian monument) and Trevi (Three Coins) Fountain. The afternoon is free time to tour at your leisure.

Day 4 – Thursday, January 9: Board your flight back to JFK, arriving the same day.

