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Rome

October 5-16, 2025 (12 days | 16 guests) with archaeologist Crispin Corrado



Sorrento

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Villa Poppea

Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer and Host



Crispin (Cris) Corrado has spent her entire career creating, leading, and teaching academic programs in Italy and Greece. A classical archaeologist specializing in Roman art, Professor Corrado has taught American undergraduate and graduate students in Rome, Italy, for the past 20 years. For several

summers, she was also involved with research projects and excavations at Pompeii. Her research interests and publications focus on ancient Greek and Roman wall painting and sculpture, as well as funerary and domestic architecture. She currently teaches at several universities in Rome, including the University of California, John Cabot University, the American University of Rome, the University of Maryland, and the Catholic University of America.

Professor Corrado received a B.A. in Classical Studies and an M.A. in Art History at the University of Chicago, and a Ph.D. in Classical Archaeology at Brown University. She has worked in a curatorial capacity in the departments of ancient art at the Smart Museum of Art at the University of Chicago; the RISD Museum; the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; and the Vatican Museums. One of Professor Corrado's greatest joys is accompanying groups in Italy, Sicily, and Greece. In addition to leading university trips, she has guided returning student/continuing education tours, and she created an international high school summer abroad program in the city of Rome that she directed for 10 years. Professor Corrado is the founder of the Rome Society of the Archaeological Institute of America and, since 2022, she has led this very AIA Tour twice, both times to excellent reviews.



- ✈ = Flights
- = Itinerary stops
- ⑤ = Overnight stays

Immerse yourself in the opulence and grandeur of ancient Rome while uncovering the secrets of daily life, the indulgence of luxury, and the pursuit of leisure that helped to define one of the most influential civilizations in history. Our adventure begins in Rome, heart of the Roman Empire, where we witness the architectural marvels that stand as a testament to Rome's engineering prowess. At the Baths of Caracalla, learn about the interesting Roman bathing culture and the significance of these communal spaces in Roman society. Delve into the world of luxury in ancient Rome with visits to the opulent villa in Tivoli and the well-preserved remains of ancient cities frozen in time by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Learn about the daily lives and customs of the Romans through beautifully preserved frescoes and artifacts, as well as the exquisite art, landscaping, and leisure pursuits enjoyed by the Roman elite.

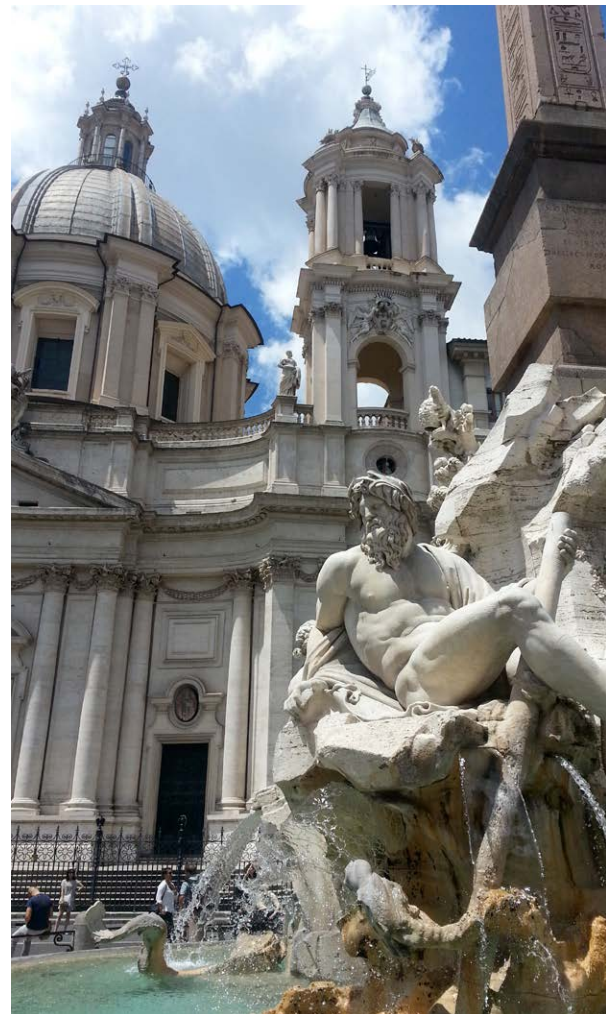
Throughout the tour, archaeologist and professor Crispin Corrado will guide the group at many sites, offer several lectures, and be available to engage in discussions. Whether you are an avid archaeology or history enthusiast, or simply curious about one of history's greatest civilizations, this journey will provide a deep understanding and appreciation of ancient Rome's enduring legacy.



Baths of Caracalla (Rome)

Highlights include:

- A **custom-designed itinerary** with five nights in central Rome, two nights in Naples, and three nights in Sorrento
- Visits to several UNESCO World Heritage Sites:
 - Spend a full day exploring **Rome's ancient monuments**, including the Roman Forum, the House of Augustus on the Palatine Hill, the Domus Aurea, and the Colosseum
 - Enjoy a day trip to Tivoli for visits to **Hadrian's Villa**, a 2nd-century A.D. complex; and the **Villa d'Este**, a Renaissance masterpiece of garden and villa architecture
 - Explore **Pompeii** and **Herculaneum**, both of which were buried (and preserved) by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in A.D. 79; as well as **Villa Poppea** (Oplontis), an ancient villa with incredible wall paintings
- The collections of Rome's **Capitoline Museums**, with magnificent Classical and Renaissance art; the awe-inspiring **Pantheon**; and the superb **Naples Archaeological Museum**
- **Carefully selected, 4- and 5-star hotels**
- Our **group size is limited to 16**, and you will also be accompanied by a **professional tour manager**, and **expert local guides**, who will handle the details so you can relax, experience, and learn.



The Fountain of Four Rivers, Rome



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The Archaeological Institute of America & AIA Tours

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"The archaeological sites are the things that caused me to select this tour. The great buildings and ensembles of architectural interest were such a thrill that I will never forget."

- Charles, New York

ITINERARY

B= Breakfast • L= Lunch • D= Dinner

Sunday, October 5, 2025: Fly to Rome, Italy

Monday, October 6: Arrive in Rome | Transfer to hotel | At leisure

Upon arrival at Rome's Fiumicino Airport (FCO) you are met for a transfer to our hotel in Rome's city center. The balance of the day is free to relax and perhaps stroll around the neighborhood. This evening gather for an introductory meeting with your AIA lecturer before enjoying an independent dinner. (Recommendations for dining independently will always be provided.) *Five nights at the 4-star [UNAHOTELS Trastevere Roma](#).*

Tuesday, October 7: Archaeological Park of Ostia Antica | Rome: PM at leisure | Welcome dinner

This morning we visit the Archaeological Park of Ostia Antica. Located at the mouth of the Tiber River, Ostia Antica was once the seaport of ancient Rome. This well-preserved city is home to a variety of partially intact temples, houses, and baths, and offers a glimpse into the everyday life of the Romans. We then return to our hotel for an independent lunch and afternoon at leisure. Gather this evening for a welcome dinner. (B,D)

Wednesday, October 8: Rome: Pantheon, Capitoline Museums, Baths of Caracalla, Circus Maximus

This morning we start with a short walk to the awe-inspiring Pantheon, built in the 2nd century A.D. by Emperor Hadrian as a temple to all the gods. It remains the largest unreinforced concrete dome ever built and a testament to ancient Roman engineering. Continue on to the Capitoline Museums, the world's oldest public museums, and view magnificent and iconic Classical sculptures as well as paintings by Caravaggio, Rubens, Titian, Van Dyck, and other masters. After lunch, we visit the Baths of Caracalla. Covering nearly 25 acres, the baths were the second largest in ancient Rome and had shops, libraries, gardens, and entertainment. Built by Emperor Antonius Caracalla and inaugurated in A.D. 217, the baths were used until the 6th century. We end our day with a visit to the Circus Maximus, the first and largest chariot-racing and mass entertainment stadium in ancient Rome and the Empire. Dinner is at leisure. (B,L)

Thursday, October 9: Tivoli: Hadrian's Villa, Villa d'Este | Rome

Enjoy a full-day excursion to Tivoli, a town hosting some of Italy's top cultural treasures, less than one hour's drive from Rome. Begin at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hadrian's Villa (Villa Adriana), a 2nd-century A.D. complex of buildings featuring marvelous pools, baths, fountains, gardens, theaters, and the Imperial Palace. After lunch we visit the Villa d'Este, another UNESCO World Heritage Site and a Renaissance masterpiece with a breathtaking, 16th-century Italian garden. Return to Rome for an evening at leisure. (B,L)

Friday, October 10: Rome: Roman Forum, Palatine Hill, House of Augustus, Domus Aurea, Colosseum

Begin the day with a walk through the Roman Forum, the public center of ancient Rome where the popular assembly and senate met. Visit the Palatine Hill, centermost of the Seven Hills of Rome, standing above the Roman Forum on one

Photos (left from top): *The Dying Gaul* on display at the Capitoline Museums (Rome), Submerged remains of Emperor Claudius' Nymphaeum at the Underwater Archaeological Park of Baiae, Mosaic from Pompeii at the Naples Archaeological Museum



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side and the Circus Maximus on the other. From the time of Augustus, Rome's first Emperor, imperial palaces were built here. Visit the House of Augustus, which reopened in 2008 after extensive restoration; its colorful wall paintings and mosaic floors are stunning. After some time at leisure for lunch we re-group to visit the Domus Aurea ("Golden House") where, thanks to innovative multimedia and a site-specific immersive reality project, it is possible to relive the splendor of the residence built by Emperor Nero following the fire of A.D. 64. End the day at the Colosseum, Rome's amphitheater, the largest ever built, which accommodated 50,000 spectators. Return to our hotel and gather this evening for dinner. (B,D)

Saturday, October 11: Terracina | Sperlonga | Naples

We depart Rome this morning and drive south to Terracina, where we visit the Temple of Jupiter Anxur, with a breathtaking view of the Tyrrhenian Sea from the top of Mount Jupiter. After lunch, a short drive takes us to the cave of Emperor Tiberius in Sperlonga. Visit the local museum with magnificent sculptures recounting the deeds of Odysseus. We continue driving south to Naples, where we check-in to our lovely seaside hotel. Dinner is at leisure tonight. *Two nights at the 4-star [Grand Hotel Saint Lucia](#).* (B,L)

Sunday, October 12: Baiae | Cumae | Naples

Today we explore two archaeological sites that are off the regular tourist trail, Baiae and Cuma Archaeological Park, both of which were built on the Cumaean Peninsula in the Phlegraean Fields, an active volcanic area. Baiae, the summer seat of Imperial Rome, benefitted from thermal springs for bathing establishments and was a fashionable coastal resort with many summer villas such as those of Emperors Julius Caesar, Nero, and Hadrian (who died there). Enjoy a boat excursion into the submerged Bay of Baiae, which sank about 2,000 years ago due to a seismic phenomenon. From both above deck and below, through windows below sea level, we will be able to observe the remains of villas, statues, mosaics, and other submerged finds. After lunch we continue on to Cumae, which was founded by Greeks in 750 B.C. and is probably best known as the legendary home of a sibyl (Greek prophetess) who resided in a cave and played a role in Aeneas' journey into the underworld. Cuma Archaeological Park includes the Cave of the Sibyl as well as the Temples of Apollo and Jupiter. Return to our hotel in Naples for an evening at leisure. (B,L)



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Pantheon (Rome)



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Villa d'Este (Tivoli)



What to Expect



ACTIVE: Must be able to walk three or more miles per day on mostly uneven terrain, and up and down inclines and steps.

You must be able to make long walks, unassisted, over uneven terrain and up and down steps. Some sites require strenuous and/or brisk walking or climbing, sometimes with difficult footing. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions. Participants who are not able to walk or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. Any participant showing signs of illness will be asked to wear a mask when in close proximity to others. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested, and additional costs may apply. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not the program is appropriate for you.

Rome will be celebrating its Jubilee in 2025. The first Jubilee was announced in 1300 by Pope Boniface VIII and now occurs every 25 years in Rome. While it is a busy time to visit Rome it is also a special and unique time to visit and see the many cultural and religious celebrations planned throughout the city. Most of our time in Rome will be spent in areas not visited by Jubilee visitors and we will take measures to mitigate crowds where possible.

Traveling along the coast you should expect narrow, winding roads. Hotels have been chosen for their excellent locations and generous comfort. Included meals are of a very high quality. Average October temperatures in this region range from 50° to 77° (F). *Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.*

Monday, October 13: Naples Archaeological Museum | Villa Poppea | Sorrento

This morning we enjoy an in-depth visit of the Naples Archaeological Museum, which houses one of the world's finest collections of Greco-Roman artifacts, including celebrated bronze and marble statues as well as ancient paintings and important artifacts from Pompeii, Herculaneum, Cumae, and Baiae. After a break for lunch at leisure we drive toward Sorrento, stopping along the way to visit Villa Poppea (Oplontis), an ancient seaside villa with superb wall paintings, which was probably owned by Emperor Nero. Upon arriving in Sorrento we check-in to our lovely seaside hotel and gather for dinner at the hotel's restaurant. *Three nights at the 5-star [Hotel Parco dei Principi](#).* (B,D)

Tuesday, October 14: Herculaneum | Sorrento: PM at leisure

Today and tomorrow are dedicated to visiting sites included in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of "Pompeii, Herculaneum, and Torre Annunziata." (Torre Annunziata includes Villa Poppea, which we visited yesterday; and Villa Stabiae, which we will visit tomorrow.) Spend this morning at Herculaneum, where excavations reveal the customs, habits, and art of an ancient holiday resort for wealthy Romans. Like Pompeii, Herculaneum was buried and thus preserved by the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79. Among the most important buildings are the theater, the basilica adorned with marble and paintings, the spa with gym, and the House of Argos. After lunch, we return to our hotel in Sorrento for the balance of the day and dinner at leisure. (B,L)

Wednesday, October 15: Pompeii | Villa Stabiae | Sorrento | Farewell dinner

Spend the morning at Pompeii, one of the world's most fascinating archaeological sites. The eruption of Mount Vesuvius both buried and preserved Pompeii under tons of ash, pumice, and lapilli. Excavations have revealed life in this prosperous ancient Roman city, and highlights of our tour may include the House of the Faun, Villa of the Mysteries, the brothel, Garden of Fugitives, and more. This afternoon we visit the ancient seaside Villa Stabiae and the excellent, small site museum. The town, with its two primary Villas of Arianna and San Marco, was buried in heavy ashfall from the A.D. 79 eruption of Vesuvius, but some of the town's most striking remnants are fine mosaics and wall paintings that are comparable to those from Pompeii and Herculaneum. Return to our hotel to freshen up and then gather this evening for our farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B,L,D)

Thursday, October 16: Transfer to Naples Airport | Fly home

You are met at the hotel for a transfer to Naples International Airport (NAP) in time for flights homeward. (B)



Pompeii

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Herculaneum

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Tour Prices Per Person (10 nights)

Double Occupancy (13-16 participants)	\$9,595
Double Occupancy (11-12 participants)	\$9,995
Single Supplement (<i>limited availability</i>)	\$2,645

Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required.

With fewer than 11 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.

Prices Include:

- **Leadership of AIA lecturer/host Cris Corrado** plus a professional **tour manager** and **expert local guides**
- **Ten nights'** accommodations in 4- and 5-star, conveniently located hotels as indicated in the itinerary
- **Delicious meals:** all breakfasts; 6 lunches and 4 dinners with bottled water or soft drinks, plus coffee or tea and wine or beer with dinners; including a **welcome *aperitivo* and special welcome and farewell dinners**
- **Individual and/or group airport transfers on program dates**
- Transportation by **private, modern, air-conditioned vehicles**, with bottled water available at all times
- **Excursions, entrance fees, and sightseeing** as per itinerary
- **Personal listening audio devices** during excursions
- **All gratuities** to the tour manager, guides, drivers, waitstaff for included meals, and porters
- **Baggage handling** at hotels
- **VAT, local taxes, and service charges**
- **Comprehensive pre-departure information**, including a suggested reading/media guide, travel guide, and packing list

Flights & Transfers

Airfare from/to home is not included. Individual and/or group transfers (times TBD) are included on your arrival at Rome's Fiumicino Airport (FCO) and for departure from Naples International Airport (NAP). Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to the tour. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking non-refundable airline tickets before this time, please contact our office first. *We do not accept any liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

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Colosseum (Rome)



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"I liked that I did not have to worry about anything during the trip. Even when unforeseen events occurred, the tour moved on without a hitch."

- Dean, Washington

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Thermal Baths (Baiae)

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☐ I/We have read the 'What to Expect' section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? Yes, _____

How did you hear about this tour? ☐ eNewsletter ☐ mailing ☐ website ☐ friends/family ☐ other _____

ACCOMMODATIONS:

(Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)

☐ Double (one bed) ☐ Twin (two beds) ☐ Single

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☐ Check payable to: Eos AIA-Romans10/25 ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ American Express ☐ Already paid by phone

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