

Without travelling too far outside of Rome you can take in the full wealth of Rome's history with our Rome County Tours. Don't be mistaken that the beauty of Rome lays in its city center. In ancient times Romans used the out skirts of their beautiful city for arena games, sports and pilgrimage to sacred grounds. The rich built get-away-homes and castles and left us riches to gaze upon.

**Many visitors see Rome's city centre, but miss the beautiful world outside. *LimoToursRome* ensures you won't make the same mistake. Our drivers will transport you across the breathtaking outskirts of Rome. Experience an unforgettable journey through imperial villas, grand theatres, ancient harbours, exquisite fountains, old towns, and so much more.**

We journey through the Via Tiburtina, passing by the Castro Pretorio, the Baths of Tivoli and the Lucano Bridge before finally reaching Hadrian's Villa.

Hadrian's Villa is a beautiful imperial villa built sometime in the 2nd century by Emperor Hadrian and once greater than the center of Imperial Rome. The villa features a multitude of exquisite fountains and superbly arranged Italian flower gardens. Explore Canopus and Serapeum, the villa's pool and artificial grotto named after an Egyptian city where a temple was dedicated to the god Serapis, showing how well-traveled Emperor Hadrian was.

The tour continues with Villa d'Este, the sumptuous summer residence of the XVI century, which is famous for its beautiful fountains.

**The trip of a lifetime starts on a tranquil drive along the ancient road Via Tiburtina. Look out the window to see Castro Pretorio, Baths of Tivoli, and Lucano Bridge. Soon you'll reach Hadrian's Villa (Villa Adriana), the perfect place to unwind.**

**Emperor Hadrian built this imperial villa has a retreat away from central Rome. There are exquisite fountains where Romans relaxed, a variety of colours and smells in superbly arranged flower gardens, Canopus, the pool where Hadrian kept cool, and Serapeum, an artificial grotto inspired by the God Serapis.**

**Your tour ends with a visit to Villa d'Este, which was commissioned by Pope Alexander VI's grandson, Cardinal Ippolito II d'Este. This UNESCO World Heritage site has one of the most beautiful gardens in the world. There are around five hundred water features including fountains, pools, and troughs. A beautiful sixteenth-century courtyard surrounds the villa, which houses many sights not to be missed.**

Ostia Antica or Ancient Ostica occasionally serves as a very atmospheric venue for concerts and other cultural events. It features well-preserved temples, theaters, forums, basilicas, houses, shops, inns, baths, and workshops. Every stone and archway is just an empty structure without the stories that make it come alive in our minds. Our driver will drop you off at the entrance of the excavations, where you will then be able to walk through what used to be Rome's main port for 600 years and has also been a lively trade centre until the V century AD

**Step out the limo into the world of Ancient Ostia (Ostia Antica). Founded by Ancus Marcus, King of Rome, this archaeological site used to be a bustling town. Walk down the streets invaded by pirates in the Battle of Ostia. Gaze at decorative mosaics of harbours, chariots, and townsfolk. Enter giant archways leading to well-preserved theatres. See through the eyes of ancient Rome by visiting old warehouses, inns, baths, and workshops. Stroll along the harbour, Rome's busiest port for 600 years. No wonder bestselling books (*I, Claudius*), popular TV shows (*Rome*), and Oscar-winning films (*Gladiator*) mention this beautiful town. Ostia is unforgettable.**

The district of Castelli Romani, famous for its wine, is comprised of dozens of old towns. Even today, not much has changed in terms of tradition. This is where wealthy Ancient Romans (and even modern Romans) came to escape the city. The area is littered with castles, villas, palazzi and refreshing easy towns to tour.

There are 13 towns in the Castelli Romani (Frascati, Grottaferrata, Castel Gandolfo, Marino, Rocca di Papa, Ariccia, Nemi, Monteporzio Catone, Colonna, Albano Laziale, Genzano, Montecompatri and Rocca Priora). This is a perfect area to have a good dinner or lunch, to start or end a trip (as they are relatively close to the Champino airport).

For the Roman emperor and the wealthy cardinals in the heyday of the Renaissance, the Castelli Romani exerted a powerful lure, and they still do.

**Castelli Romani, the infamous wine district, is the best way to discover Rome. There are seventeen towns in the region, so you can tailor the perfect tour for you.**

**Each town offers a unique experience. The town Ariccia was named after Aricia, the wife of a forest God. No wonder it was blessed with expansive forest landscapes, a peaceful place for budding artists. Lanuvio wasn't as fortunate. The town was almost destroyed by bombs during the Second World War. Another town, Nemi, overlooks Lake Nemi, a volcanic crater lake. Here you'll taste some of the sweetest strawberries in the world, much higher quality than any store could offer.**

**The other fourteen towns are Frascati, Grottaferrata, Castel Gandolfo, Marino, Rocca di Papa, Monte Porzio Catone, Colonna, Albano Laziale, Genzano di Roma, Monte Compatri, Rocca Priora, Ciampino, Lariano, and Velletri. Rome's elite couldn't resist coming here, and you're about to find out why.**