



Clockwise from top:
Trevi Fountain in Rome;
family time at the Colosseum;
gladiator gear; light streaming
in at St. Peter's Basilica.





## Roman Verities

Gladiators, Opera Composers, Romantic Poets

Exclusive Look Inside the Colosseum: Descend into the belly of the world's most famous ancient monument. Stories of gladiatorial games come alive as your guide leads you on an exclusive exploration of the Hypogeum, where the fighters prepared for battle with wild beasts. Afterward, climb to the third ring, a striking vantage point that takes in the entire area of the Roman Forum and Palatine.

## Dinner and Opera in a Composer's Home: Revel in this memorable evening of opera

with acclaimed director and composer Tito Schipa, Jr. Schipa opens the doors to his apartment in the trendy Trastevere district, entertaining you with a selection of piano works from favorite operas complemented by a unique audiovisual display. Then sit down to an exquisite dinner prepared by the composer's wife, Adriana Ruvolo, a renowned Gambero Rosso food expert.

## **Keats-Shelley House After Hours:**

You are privy to an exclusive after-hours visit to this museum dedicated to two of England's most famous Romantic poets. Explore the beautiful rooms and curiosities before a fascinating private talk by the curator and a glass of prosecco on the scenic terrace.

## Gladiator for an Afternoon: Don a tunic and learn the basics of sword fighting at a

Roman gladiator school. Your guide meets you at the hotel for a private tour of the Eternal City and travels with you along the ancient Appian Way to the gladiator school where an expert instructor teaches you essential sword skills. A certificate of achievement makes the perfect memento for kids of all ages.



