

Attire and Packing Suggestions

PRELUDE 2026

To help you prepare for the weather and the experiences planned in Rome, we've outlined a few attire and packing suggestions below. We encourage dressing comfortably as we explore the city, with plenty of walking and time spent in historic neighborhoods and sacred spaces. There will also be a few occasions for dressing up, including special musical events and our farewell dinner.

Practical

- January weather in Rome is generally cool, with daytime temperatures typically in the 40s to low 50s Fahrenheit, so a warm jacket or coat is recommended.
- Expect a good amount of walking on cobblestone streets, so comfortable, supportive walking shoes are essential.
- Winter rain showers are possible, so water-resistant shoes and a small umbrella can be helpful.
- Dressing in layers is ideal, as it may feel chilly outdoors but quite warm inside restaurants, churches, and performance venues.
- Most restaurants have a relaxed dress code, and business casual attire is appropriate for nearly all dining experiences.

Dressing Up

- We will be attending special musical performances in historic Roman venues, where slightly elevated attire is encouraged. For these events, semi-formal or polished business attire is appropriate, such as a dark suit or blazer with dress shoes, or a dress or elegant separates. When in doubt, classic and understated choices work best.
- Business casual attire is recommended for our farewell dinner.