

# PRELUDE 2026

## Rome: January 15-19, 2026

### Day 1: Thursday, January 15

Depart the U.S. on your overnight flight to Italy.

### Day 2: Friday, January 16

Arrive in Rome and transfer to the 4-star Hotel Michelangelo, located near the Vatican. In the evening, gather for a welcome aperitif before transferring to Santa Maria Maggiore for a special opening event that introduces the spirit and purpose of the days ahead. Return to the hotel later in the evening. (B, D)

### Day 3: Saturday, January 17

Begin the day with a Gregorian chant workshop led by expert instructors, offering insight into a musical tradition deeply rooted in the city's sacred history, followed by free time to explore Rome. In the afternoon, enjoy optional venue inspections and a private visit to the opera house. Attend an evening opera performance. Dinner is on your own. (B)



### Day 4: Sunday, January 18

Begin your day with visits of two spectacular performance venues that highlight Rome's rich musical life, past and present. Afterwards you may wish to attend the Papal Blessing in St. Peter's Square or else enjoy some time to explore the city at your leisure. Late afternoon we depart the hotel by bus for a visit at Oratorio del Gonfalone where we will marvel at its frescos and savor a private orchestral performance in this special setting. We then enjoy a farewell gala dinner. (B, D)

### Day 5: Monday, January 19

Transfers provided to the airport for return flights to the U.S. (B)