Sites On Tour Include

Bomarzo Mostri Park
Botanical Gardens
Hadrian's Villa
Gardens of Ninfa
La Landriana
Orange Garden

Rose Garden
Vatican Gardens
Villa Borghese
Villa d'Este
Villa Farnese
Villa Lante

Capitoline Museum
Colosseum
Palazzo Massimo Museum
Pantheon
Roman Forum
Sistine Chapel

Spanish Steps
St. Paul Outside the Walls
St Peter's Basilica
Trevi Fountain
Vatican Museum
Villa Borghese Museum

Escorted Tour & Sketching & Painting Workshop

Gardens of Rome and Lazio

May 25 - June 5
2016

Hosted By Cynthia Parsons
Day 3  A full day excursion through the dramatic landscape of Tivoli in the Lazio region of Italy northeast of Rome leads to the UNESCO World Heritage site Villa d’Este with its extraordinary fountains and gardens in the Mannerist and Baroque styles. Afterward, visit the picturesque Hadrian’s Villa and its much-copied reflecting pools built in the 2nd-century CE.  
*Lunch included*

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**Sketch & Paint**

gardens, classic and historic sites around Rome with Cynthia Parsons. You’ll create a journal sketchbook journal of favorite sites - a memorable keepsake! In addition to sketching on site & en plein air as daily schedule allows - Parsons will conduct a one-day painting workshop in Rome.

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Day 1  Fly overnight to Rome. Dinner and in-flight entertainment will be provided on your trans-Atlantic crossing.

Day 2  Arrive in Rome and transfer to the centrally located Grand Hotel Palatino. Today, enjoy a casual, easy orientation tour of the area around our hotel and visit some iconic sites of this historic city, such as Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon.

Day 4  A full-day excursion to the northwest of Rome features the Villa Lante, one of the finest examples of 16th-century Mannerist garden style, with perfectly proportioned garden designs, water features, and grottos. Next, tour the Italian Renaissance gardens of the Villa Farnese, which find their inspiration in designs of the Villa d’Este. Today also includes a garden treat, a visit with the fanciful creature sculptures of the 16th-century Park of Monsters, or the Bomarzo Mostri Park in the Lazio region.  
*Lunch included*

Day 5  Ancient Rome is today’s highlight as you visit the Colosseum, the largest amphitheater of the Roman Empire; the Forum, the center of the ancient city; and the Capitoline Hill, one of the Seven Hills of Rome. Lunch on own in the Vittoriano café before visiting the Capitoline Museum.
Day 6 A visit to the formal gardens and expansive 148 acre park at the Villa Borghese in Rome is rivaled only by the magnificent art collection at the Villa Borghese Museum, which includes Bernini’s David and Apollo and Daphne. The afternoon is at leisure.

Day 7 Today’s full-day excursion heads south of Rome to two of the most famous 20th-century gardens near Rome. The first is the rose-rich and romantic Gardens of Ninfa, a lush botanical garden growing among the ruins of the garden’s namesake medieval town. The trip ends with a visit to La Landriana, an arrangement of 32 garden “rooms,” such as the valley of ancient roses, started by the Marchesa Lavinia Taverna in 1956 and developed in 1967 by the English landscape designer Russell Page. 
*Lunch included*

Day 8 Staying in Rome today for full day painting and drawing workshop with Parsons allows for plein air experiences among the ruins, gardens, fountains and famous works of art. Depending on weather all or part of workshop will be indoors at a church or museum.

Day 9 Today features the beauty and magnificence of Vatican City. Dating from the 13th century, the Vatican Gardens have been a place of serenity in the midst of this city within a city for centuries, whereas the Vatican Museum contains monuments of artistic achievement dating over centuries, including the Sistine Chapel. Complete your visit in St. Peter’s Basilica, one of the most renowned works of Renaissance architecture. The afternoon is at leisure.

Day 10 St. Paul Outside the Walls, one of the historical pilgrim churches and patriarchal basilicas of Rome, and the accepted burial place of St. Paul, is today’s first stop. From there, travel to the Rose Garden on the Aventine Hill with its photo-perfect grand views overlooking the Circus Maximus. Next on the Aventine Hill, the Orange... (continued next page)

“I prefer every time a picture composed and painted outdoors. The thing is done without your knowing it.”
-Winslow Homer
Day 11  Only 30 acres, the Botanical Gardens in the Trastevere section of Rome is today's first stop. It is one of Europe's finest small gardens with attractions such as the Valley of Ferns and a Japanese garden. Then, enjoy the 1st-century BCE frescoes of Livia's garden at the Palazzo Massimo Museum, a fitting final site for the garden tour. An included farewell dinner closes the day and the tour.

Day 12  Transfer to the airport for the return trip home.

Garden offers panoramic views of Rome and of St. Sabina, the oldest basilica in Rome. Continue by coming down to the Bocca della Verita and the St. Giorgio al Velabro area, then on to Tiber Island, and finally walk through the Roman market areas, by the 1st-century Theater of Marcellus, and the charming Turtle Fountain in the Piazza Mattei.

To register or for more information please contact: Karen Greene Tour Coordinator 205-223-6567 kngreene@aol.com or Cynthia Parsons cynthia@parsons.net

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(*Note, traveling companions not participating in workshop will receive $300 discount)

Cost is based on double occupancy, if you prefer a single room a $595 supplement fee is required.

If you have a companion who would like to join us from a different departure city, please call for air quote.

Trip insurance is available for $239pp

You've asked for a painting excursion in Italy and now it's a reality! Life's a trip, and full of happy 2016 surprises!
- Cynthia
From the pleasure gardens of ancient Rome to famous Baroque and modern gardens, this study tour explores celebrated formal gardens and parks in Rome and the surrounding Lazio region of Italy, as well as highlighting some of the iconic sites of Roman history and architecture.

Sam Pezzillo (seen left with co-host Susan Hagen) is a retired Professor of Classics at Birmingham-Southern College. He has led over 40 tours in Italy, is fluent in Italian and lived in Rome for four years. Susan Hagen is a Professor of Medieval Literature at Birmingham-Southern College and former president of the Blount County Master Gardeners Association. Cynthia Parsons (seen middle) is an Alabama Artist who teaches, exhibits and sells works of art nation wide. Karen Greene (seen right) serves as the Birmingham tour coordinator.

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