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## Tivoli TOUR

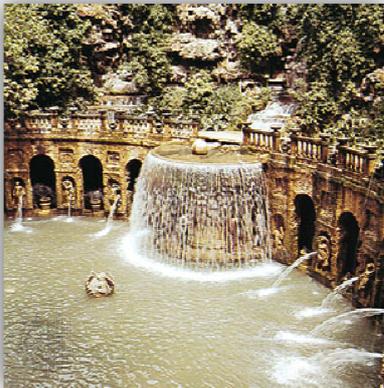
- Itinerary:** Hotel – Hadrian’s Villa – Villa D’Este - Hotel
- Duration:** about 5 hrs
- Note:** see attached
- Program:** a journey of rare beauty through the magnificent history of the Roman Empire.

It’s the tour that guides us through a wonderful and interesting trip to two of the most famous Roman villas named UNESCO World Heritage Site: Hadrian's Villa and Villa d'Este, the jewels of the Caesars.

We start with Villa Adriana. The queen of the Roman villas of ancient Rome is located in the plain below Tivoli and stands out for its imposing grandeur of the architecture. It was built by the Emperor Hadrian, who personally supervised the project (118-138 AD), from the renovation of a former republican villa. It constituted by a set of monumental buildings, roads, ponds, spas, libraries, theaters, temples that had struck the emperor in his travels in the provinces of the empire where he had gone to know reality so far and adapt structures of the empire to the new needs. It is a real city extended over an area of about 300 hectares, where the large complex is divided in four different nucleuses. Hadrian's Villa, built by the Emperor Hadrian, was certainly inspired by the Domus Aurea di Nerone, the great Roman palace almost completely destroyed after the death of the reviled emperor. After the death of Hadrian, which took place in 138 AD, the villa remained part of the assets of the Imperial House. In the following centuries suffered a slow decline and was stripped of its marble used in many buildings and medieval churches. House Conte began a campaign of excavations and adorned with cypress trees and vines. After the unification of Italy (1870), the villa passed to the State government. At the beginning of `700 most of the villa was acquired by the House Conte that began a campaign of excavations and they adorned with cypress trees and vines. After the unification of Italy (1870), the villa passed to the State government.



Villa d'Este, masterpiece of the Italian Garden, is included in the UNESCO world heritage list. With its impressive concentration of fountains, nymphs, grottoes, plays of water, and music, it constitutes a much-copied model for European gardens in the mannerist and baroque styles. The garden is generally considered within the larger –and altogether extraordinary-- context of Tivoli itself: its landscape, art and history which includes the important ruins of ancient villas such as the Villa Adriana, as well as a zone rich in caves and waterfalls displaying the unending battle between water and stone. The imposing constructions and the series of terraces above terraces bring to mind the hanging gardens of Babylon, one of the wonders of the ancient world. The addition of water - including an aqueduct tunneling beneath the city - evokes the engineering skill of the Romans themselves.



## VILLA ADRIANA SERVICE

### Visiting Hours:

Opening 8.30 – closed one hour before sunset.

The ticket office closes one hour before the closing of the monument.

The hydraulic organ of the Organ Fountain is active daily, from 10.30am, every two hours.

The Fontana della Civetta functions daily, from 10.00am, every two hours.

**The Monument is closed the following days:**

All Mondays, January 1<sup>st</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, and December 25<sup>th</sup>. If Monday is a holiday, the monument will remain open and the weekly closure will then be delayed until the following business day.

**Ticket Prices:**

(From June 15 to November 4, 2012)

Full ticket (exhibition + villa and gardens, not divisible): € 11.

Reduced ticket: € 8.

These prices will be valid during the daytime openings of the Villa until the closure of the exhibition, due on the 4th of November, 2012

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(From the 5th of November, 2012)

Full ticket: € 8

Reduced ticket: € 4

These fares may vary in conjunction with exhibitions set inside the Villa.

The right to purchase reduced price tickets belongs to all citizens of the European Union between the ages of 18 and 24 as well as permanent teachers of state schools (upon presentation of identity documents).

The right of free admission belongs to all citizens of the European Union under 18 and over 65 upon presentation of identity documents.

**To welcome our disabled visitors:**

The Villa is equipped with elevators from the street level to the upper level of the garden. For the visit of the garden itself, an electric car (with driver) is available, free, upon reservation. The vehicle is also equipped for the transport of wheelchairs.

**VILLA D'ESTE SERVICE**

**The Monument is closed the following days :** All Mondays

**Ticket Prices :** Full ticket: € 6,50 - Reduced ticket: € 4,50

You can take advantage of the audio guide (in Italian, English, French, German and Spanish) for the visit of the villa. These can be rented at a cost of € 4.