8 DAYS · 7 NIGHTS

Paul's Final Journey

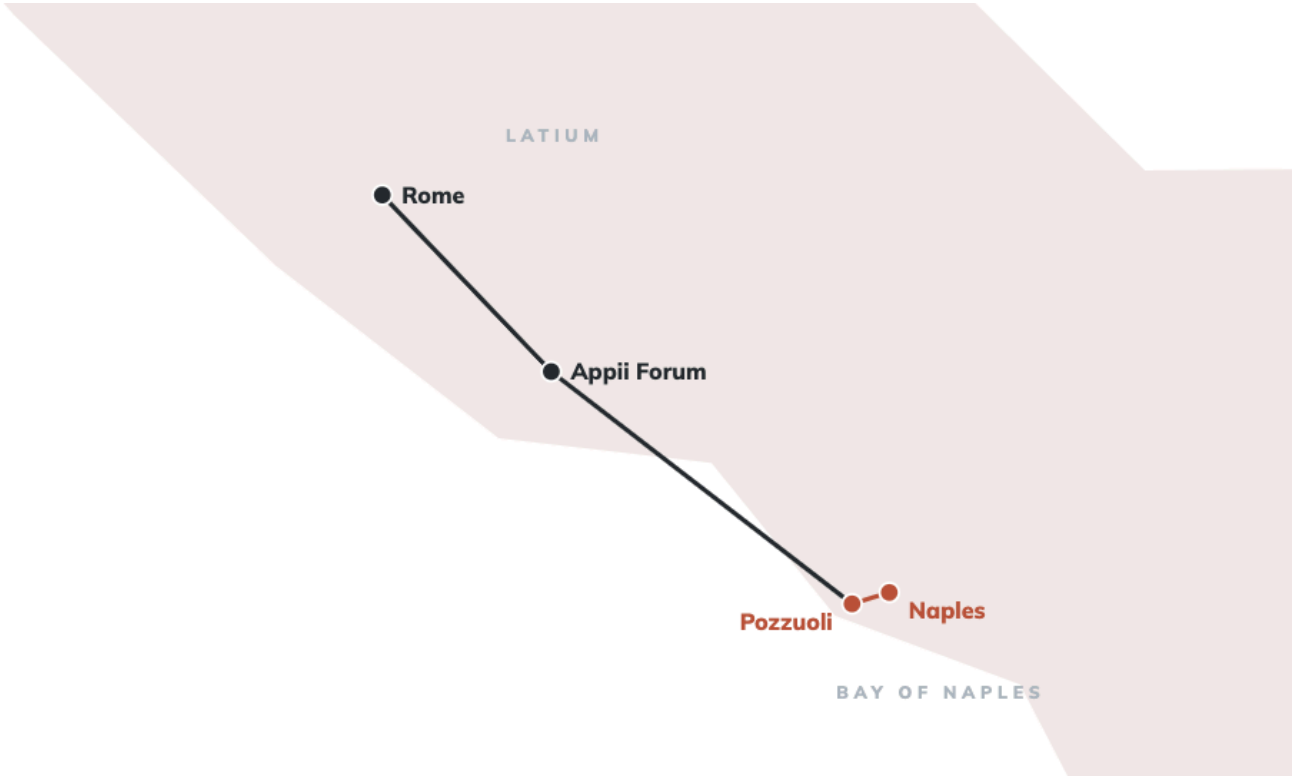
From Puteoli to Rome, studying Paul's arrival and the world of the Roman church.

BASE CITIES
Naples, Rome

BEST MONTHS
April–May
Late Sept–October

PACE
Moderate, with several walking days in Rome

SCRIPTURE
Acts 27–28 · Romans · Paul's prison letters



Bay of Naples · Days 1–2 — The Appian Way to Rome · Days 3–8

THE JOURNEY

You lead the study of the voyage, the welcome on the Appian Way, and the letter Paul wrote to a church he had not yet visited.

Not every church on the route stood in his lifetime, and the outline says so.

A proposed itinerary, not a confirmed departure. Hotels, meals, worship times, and price are set when a departure is planned.

For Catholic groups, Mass is arranged separately with a priest. A Vatican morning, if you want it, is Vatican City, not an archaeological stop in Italy.

HOW IT'S EXPERIENCED Who leads, what's built in, and what the hosting church can add.

01

Who leads

A pastor or church leader teaches the voyage, the Appian Way, and Romans.

02

In the program

Naples, Pozzuoli, the Appian Way, Ancient Rome, and St. Paul Outside the Walls.

03

By request

Mass with a priest for Catholic groups. A Vatican morning. Assisi can be added.

ITINERARY

Day by day

NAPLES → ROME

Bay of Naples DAYS 1–2

01

NAPLES

Night in Naples

The voyage that ended in Italy

Arrival and a welcome gathering that reads the storm of Acts 27, so the harbor tomorrow is an arrival, not a parking lot.

> *"And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land."*
>
> ACTS 27:44

TEACHING

Ask who has come through a season like that storm, and let the evening be gentler because of it.

02

POZZUOLI

Night in Naples

Brethren who asked him to stay

Pozzuoli, ancient Puteoli, the harbor where Acts says Paul found believers and stayed seven days.

> *"Where we found brethren, and were desired to tarry with them seven days: and so we went toward Rome."*
>
> ACTS 28:14

TEACHING

Hospitality. Who has your church asked to stay?

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03

ROME

Night in Rome

A church that was already there

The transfer to Rome and an evening with the opening of Romans, written to a church Paul had not yet visited.

> *"First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world."*
>
> ROMANS 1:8

TEACHING

Read Romans before the Forum, so the letter arrives before the ruins do.

04

THE APPIAN WAY

Night in Rome

They came as far as Appii forum

The Appian Way, the road on which believers walked out of the city to meet Paul.

> *"They came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage."*
>
> ACTS 28:15

TEACHING

Who would walk out of your city to meet a tired servant of the gospel?

05

ANCIENT ROME

Night in Rome

Not ashamed, in the middle of the empire

The Forum and the center of imperial Rome, with a full hour reserved for Romans.

> *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."*
>
> ROMANS 1:16

TEACHING

Give this session a full hour. Do not let the ruins replace the letter.

06

ST. PAUL OUTSIDE THE WALLS

Night in Rome

I have finished my course

The basilica built over the traditional site of Paul's tomb.

> *"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."*
>
> 2 TIMOTHY 4:7

TEACHING

What does each leader want to have finished, and what are they still unwilling to keep?

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07

ROME

Night in Rome

The last morning is yours

A free morning, then a closing gathering where Acts ends.

> *"Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him."*
>
> ACTS 28:31

TEACHING

End where Acts ends. The book stops with an open door, not a tomb.

08

ROME

Departure

Depart Rome

Transfer for departure.

> *"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."*
>
> ROMANS 16:24

TEACHING

Name the household at home that should hear Romans read again.

BEFORE YOU GO Practical notes, clear limits, and the options a group can add.

Practical considerations

WALKING	Extensive walking, cobbles, and stairs, especially on the Rome days. Wear sturdy shoes.
CATACOMBS	Enclosed passages. A surface alternative is planned for travelers who cannot enter.
TRANSPORT	A dedicated coach is the simplest way to make the Naples–Rome transfer and reach the Appian Way.
TRADITIONS	The Peter-and-Paul connection at the Mamertine Prison, if used, is presented as tradition.

What this journey is not

- × Not every church on the route stood in Paul's lifetime.
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What can be arranged

- \+ Add Assisi
- \+ Mass arranged separately with a priest

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