

# NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

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## FAMILY PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

### Special Events:

#### ***Celebrating Rome in America***

**Saturday, February 20 and Sunday, February 21, 12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**FREE with museum admission**

Visitors to the National Constitution Center won't have to fly across the Atlantic to experience Rome. Instead, they can visit the museum to learn more about the influence of ancient Rome on our nation. During a special program at 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., guests will explore the *Ancient Rome & America* exhibition and *Signers' Hall*, where several of our nation's Founders can be seen wearing togas, in order to learn how our Founding Fathers were influenced by the Roman Republic and Empire. During additional programming from 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., visitors can learn from some of history's great orators, from Webster to Cicero, in order to deliver an effective speech; discover the shared symbolism between ancient Rome and America by examining some of the impressive artifacts in the exhibition; and learn more about the Roman influence on American design and architecture.

#### ***Educator Open House***

**Wednesday, February 24, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**FREE**

**Reservations required by February 22 at 215.409.6700**

Educators will experience the Center's innovative programs in order to enhance their next class visit. Participants will receive free materials for the classroom and admission to the Center's exhibitions, including *Ancient Rome & America*. Teachers can also enter to win a free class trip.

#### ***Educator Workshops***

**Saturday, March 13 and Saturday, April 17, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**\$40 per person, includes lunch in Delegates' Café**

**Reservations required at 215.409.6700**

These full-day workshops will provide teachers with access to the Center's main exhibition, as well as *Ancient Rome & America*. The Center's education staff will present grade-level-appropriate sessions about the Center's new educational projects, including iPod tours, theater productions, and national student programs. In addition, teachers will receive classroom-ready resources and will learn how to apply the Center's civic education framework in their classrooms. Continuing Education Credits are available for Pennsylvania teachers.

#### ***Vino Vitae***

**Thursday, March 25, 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

**\$149 per person, \$129 per person for Constitution Center Members**

**Reservations required at 215.409.6700**

Visitors can enjoy an exclusive tour of the *Ancient Rome & America* exhibition, followed by a five-course Italian dinner with Salvatore Galati of Mastroberardino. Menu and wine selections are available at [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

***A Night in History: Rome***

**Friday, March 26, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

**\$45 per person, \$40 per person for Constitution Center members**

**Reservations required at 215.409.6700**

The Center introduces an unforgettable overnight program for families, youth groups, scout troops, schools, and community organizations. Guests can spend a night at the museum to see how history comes to life while the rest of the city sleeps! Participants will enjoy a night filled with activities, workshops, and tours for all ages. Visitors will learn about Roman architecture and its influence on America by building a model of the Colosseum and the Capitol building, discover how to become a great orator, mold statues and pottery, create mosaics, build catapults, and enjoy a private, after-hours tour of *Ancient Rome & America*.

***Roman Holiday Spring Break Adventure Camp***

**Monday, March 29 through Friday, April 2, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**\$225 per person**

**Advanced registration required at 215.409.6700**

From the roars of the Colosseum to the temples of the gods, campers can spend their holiday exploring the history of ancient Rome and experiencing life as a Roman citizen. During this interactive camp, children will make their own togas; create statues, pottery, and mosaics; compete in a gladiator challenge; hear stories of legendary gods and goddesses; and discover how the architecture of ancient Rome influenced many of the great buildings and monuments seen in America today. So strap on your sandals, wrap up your togas, and enjoy a Roman holiday!

***American Adventure Camp: Do As the Roman Do!***

**Monday, June 28 – Friday, July 9, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**\$450 per person**

**Advanced registration required at 215.409.6700**

Travel back to the time of chariot races, togas, and gladiators! From the construction of the aqueducts to the creation of mosaic masterpieces, campers will learn about ancient Rome and its influence on American democracy, architecture, and culture. Campers will learn how the Founders were influenced by the Roman Republic and what they borrowed when creating our new nation. Children will also hear legendary stories of gods and goddesses and influential emperors who ruled Rome. In addition, campers can compete in a Constitution Center chariot race and join in a gladiator showdown!

**Daily Tours:**

***Ancient Rome & America iPod Tour***

**\$5 per person**

Will the United States suffer the same fate as ancient Rome? Curatorial consultants Dr. Caroline Winterer, Associate Professor of History, Stanford University, and Dr. Campbell Grey, Assistant Professor of Classical Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, will take visitors on an in depth journey through the exhibition during this engaging audio tour.

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***Rome-ing Around: Roman Walking Tour of Historic Philadelphia***

**\$30 per person (includes admission to *Ancient Rome & America*)**

**Reservations required at 215.409.6800**

During this special one-hour walking tour of Historic Philadelphia, participants will learn about Rome's influence on the architecture and symbols of our historic landscape.

Minimum attendance of five participants required or tours will be cancelled. Tours will depart from the museum entrance at 10:45 a.m. daily.

***Ancient Rome & America Family Guide***

**FREE with admission to *Ancient Rome & America***

With this special guide, families can work together to uncover the connections between the history of ancient Rome and America. Family members can try taking the census, play a Roman symbols “I Spy” game, and match Emperors to their accomplishments in order to learn more about Roman life.

***Ancient Rome & America Student Guide (Grades 5-12)***

**FREE with admission to *Ancient Rome & America***

With this special activity guide, students will uncover the mysteries of the past by comparing the founding ideals, governments, and expansion of ancient Rome and America.

***Ancient Rome & America Exhibition Tour for Adults***

**\$350 (maximum of 25 people per group)**

**Reservations required at 215.409.6800**

During this 45-minute tour, groups will gain deeper insight into the connections between ancient Rome and America. Participants will explore the founding myths, government structures, expansion, and citizenship requirements of each nation.

***Student Group Package – Rome: Republic to Ruin***

**\$17.50 per student (minimum of 20 students required)**

**Reservations required at 215.409.6800**

*Rome: Republic to Ruin* examines the events, historical figures, and influence of ancient Rome, from the founding of the city to the development of the Republic, to the eventual rise and fall of the Empire. The show is enhanced by a guided tour that highlights the many connections between Rome and America.

**Additional Programming:**

***Interactive Exhibition Carts***

**FREE with admission to *Ancient Rome & America***

Visitors can enjoy daily hands-on activities at interactive carts stationed throughout the *Ancient Rome & America* exhibition:

- The Art of Oratory Cart – Guests will learn how to deliver an effective speech by studying the history of ancient and modern speeches, from those of Cicero to Martin Luther King, Jr.’s famous “I Have a Dream” speech.
- Building the Colosseum and the Capitol Building Cart – Guests can join in this hands-on activity involving models of these iconic buildings. While building their own models, visitors will learn about the styles the United States borrowed from Rome in order to build some of our nation’s most famous buildings.
- Census Activity – Guests can participate in a primary source workshop about the Roman and American Census to discover the reason for the Census and its fascinating history.

***The Discovery***

**Friday, February 19 – Sunday, June 20**

**Twice an hour Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**FREE with admission to *Ancient Rome & America***

The Center will feature a special ten-minute theatrical experience inside the *Ancient Rome & America* exhibition. Visitors will meet a museum conservator who has just re-discovered a rare artifact from the digs at Pompeii. Audience members will learn from the conservator as she briefs her team of interns and prepares to install the artifact in the exhibition. Along the way, visitors will learn about the fascinating stories that artifacts often reveal. In particular, participants will discover how our Founding Fathers were influenced by the discoveries at Pompeii, and how they still impact Americans today.