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## DECEMBER OFFERS GETAWAY OPTIONS

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Celebrate Christmas at Vatican in Rome

When it comes to celebrating the Christmas festivities, no place is more

ideal than Rome with its rich Catholic Christian heritage and close proximity to Vatican City. Perillo Tours, a leading tour operator to Italy that travels to Italy year-round and with its ItalyVacations independent travel brand, can help travelers customize a Christmas itinerary in the Eternal City. Those preferring a prearranged departure, Perillo's popular Eat, Pray, Love Tour has Dec. 20 departure that includes exclusive access to Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel, Papal Audience (when available), wine tasting and more. The itinerary starts at \$3,490 per person, double and includes eight overnights, daily breakfast, five dinners, two lunches, wine tasting, vineyard tour and more. Details: [www.perillotours.com](http://www.perillotours.com).

Escape cold with villa rental from St. Barth Properties

While many popular villas are often booked for the holiday season a year in advance, St. Barth Properties still has a number of properties throughout the island available to book. Whether you are looking for a romantic getaway for two or planning a chic group getaway, there is a villa to fit the bill. Prices for villa rentals during this period begin at \$4,070 per week and often have minimum stays from seven to 14-days, depending on the property. Properties available to rent for the 2015 holiday season include:

The one-bedroom Colony Club E2 luxury apartment starting at \$4,070 per week with a minimum stay of 10 nights over the holidays

The two-bedroom Villa Acerola can also be combined with the one-bedroom Villa Ti Acerola with prices for this two-villa, three-

bedroom combo during the holiday season starting at \$25,070 per week with a minimum stay of 10 nights.

The four-bedroom Villa Gem-Palm Springs, starts at \$90,070 per week during this period with a minimum stay of 14 nights.

Get a complete list of villas from St. Barth Properties' portfolio available to rent over the holidays, [atstbarth.com/christmas-and-new-year-availability](http://atstbarth.com/christmas-and-new-year-availability).

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