
**PONTIFICAL COMMISSION
FOR SACRED ARCHAEOLOGY**

**REGULATIONS FOR VISITS
TO CATACOMBS**

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1 Generals Rules

1. Visitors must always be accompanied by the Official Guides. Guided Tours are available in Italian, English, French, German and Spanish; for guided Tours in other languages the support of a personal guide is authorized under the supervision of designated personnel of the Catacombs
2. It is absolutely forbidden to take photographs and film inside the Catacombs. The Official Guides may expel transgressors
3. Visitors have to show the Admission Ticket to the Official Guide at the Entrance of the Catacombs. The Official Guide verify the regularity of the counterfoil, as reported in this Regulation
4. Visitors must have the Admission Ticket in their possession during the visit to the Catacombs and must be able to show it upon request at the end of the Tour
5. All animals are forbidden into the Catacombs
6. Smoking is strictly forbidden inside the monuments
7. Groups of visitors should be commensurate with the capacity of the Catacombs spaces, with a maximum number of 35 persons, to allow a proper surveillance, prevent damage to the monuments and avoid the removal of movable objects, and also to ensure visitors safety
8. For the execution of this General Rules are established inspections by designed representatives of the Pontifical Commission for Sacred Archaeology

2 Ticket Sales

- The Custodian Order have to display Admission Fees clearly visible to the public, both in the Ticket Office and at the Entrance of the Catacombs; for this purpose a Summary Table is attached to this Regulation (see Annex)
- Every visitor has an Admission Ticket with a counterfoil. Counterfoils can ben removed only by authorized personnel of the Catacombs before the Guided Tour starts. If Admission Tickets are purchased by a responsible, he shall be informed in advance by the responsible of the Ticket Office that he must distribute thicketts to any member of the group before entering the Catacombs
- The Admission Ticket entitles the visit only on the day on which the ticket is issued, with the sole exception of the «Tour of Roman Catacombs» Ticket

3 Tickets



3.1 Full Entry Ticket

Categories:

- All categories not listed below

3.2 Reduced Entry Ticket

Categories:

- Children between the ages of 7 and 16 years
- Groups of student from primary and secondary Schools and Institutes of first and second level
- Students of Archaeology, Architecture, Art History and Cultural Heritage up to and including 25 years of age, in possession of a valid documentation
- Individual priests, men and women religious, seminarians and novices, upon presentation of a valid documentation

3.3 Free Entry

Categories:

- Children aged between 0 and 6 years
- Disabled visitors and a companion
- Students of the Pontifical Institute of Christian Archaeology (in possession of the card issued by Pontifical Commission for Sacred Archaeology)

- Individual priests, men and women religious, belonging to the Religious Family of the Catacomb Custodian Order
- Professors, teachers and catechists leading a group (one free entrance every 15 paying visitors)
- For every group of at least 35 people who have bought full entry tickets, two free entry are granted *intera, sono concessi due ingressi gratuiti*
- Tour guides owning a valid card
- Scholars documenting the subject of their research, after a specific request to the Pontifical Commission for Sacred Archaeology

3.4 Special Visits

Special Visits take place in the Catacombs normally closed to the public, but also in the Catacombs habitually open, upon a specific request for access in areas excluded from the ordinary Guided Tour (email to: protocollo@arcsacra.va).

4 Notes

Purchased or booked Tickets cannot be refunded.

5 Final Communications

This Regulation supersedes and replaces all the previous provisions for buying and selling Catacombs Admission Tickets issued by the Pontifical Commission for Sacred Archaeology.

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Table 1: Summary table



Ticket	Ticket Fee	Category
1 – FULL ENTRY TICKET		All categories not listed below
2 – REDUCED ENTRY TICKET		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children between the ages of 7 and 16 years. • Groups of student from primary and secondary Schools and Institutes of first and second level • Students of Archaeology, Architecture, Art History and Cultural Heritage up to and including 25 years of age, in possession of a valid documentation • Individual priests, men and women religious, seminarians and novices, upon presentation of a valid documentation
3 – FREE ENTRY		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children aged between 0 and 6 years • Disabled visitors and a companion • Students of the Pontifical Institute of Christian Archaeology (in possession of the card issued by Pontifical Commission for Sacred Archaeology) • Individual priests, men and women religious, belonging to the Religious Family of the Catacombs Custodian Order • Professors, teachers and catechists leading a group (one free entrance every 15 paying visitors) • For every group of at least 35 people who have bought full entry tickets, two free entry are granted • Tour guides owning a valid card • Studiosi, che documentando l'oggetto della loro ricerca, facciano specifica richiesta alla Pontificia Commissione di Archeologia Sacra
4 – SPECIAL VISITS	Estimate	Special Visits take place in the Catacombs normally closed to the public, but also in the Catacombs normally open, upon a specific request for access in areas excluded from the ordinary Guided Tour (email to: collo@arcsacra.va).