

Day 1: Monday, October 14, 2019, USA / ROME

Today we depart the USA for our overnight flight to Rome via jumbo jet, arriving the next day. Meals are served on board.

Day 2: Tuesday 10/15, ROME / ORVIETO / ASSISI



Upon arrival in Rome we travel to Orvieto. In 1263 a German priest, Peter of Prague, stopped in Bolsena to celebrate Mass on his pilgrimage route to Rome. While a devout practicing-Catholic servant, Peter couldn't erase his skepticism of Christ being present in

the consecrated Host. During the consecration at the altar above St. Christina's tomb, blood began seeping from the Host, dribbled across his hands onto the altar. He interrupted Mass requesting to be taken immediately to the tiny neighboring city of Orvieto (10 miles away), where the Holy Father, Pope Urban IV, was residing. An investigation was launched and orders were given to transport the Host and blood-stained linen to the Orvieto Cathedral where they were, and still are today, reverently enshrined and exhibited. We visit the **Cathedral of Orvieto** (location of the shrine) where the Eucharistic Miracle is exhibited. Then, we travel to the charming town of Assisi to check-in at our hotel for a welcome dinner and overnight. [D]

Day 3: Wednesday 10/16, ASSISI



Basilica of St. Francis, Assisi

Francis of Assisi was born into wealth, was naturally a happy person, and others were drawn to him. As he grew up, he became a dreamer who sought glory, nobility and the prestige. But God's plan was different. God visited Francis in a dream and called him to reform.

Prayer became important and while his conversion wasn't immediate, Francis did amend his ways. Eventually he gave up his worldly goods, began preaching, and taught about being kind and giving to those less fortunate. Soon after, a brotherhood of followers formed and became the Franciscans. At the age of 42, Francis received the stigmata wounds and died with them two years later. We will be escorted by cars to the **Church of St. Damiano**. Then, we are driven to the **Basilica of St. Clare**, which houses her incorrupt body in a crystal casket in the crypt. Off the main nave of the Basilica is the crucifix from which Christ told Francis to repair the church which was in ruins." Taken literally, Francis renounced worldly goods and began immediately to repair the building. Only later did he realize that God had been speaking of His living Church. Next, we visit one of Christianity's most revered shrines, the **Basilica of St. Francis**, and see the frescoes depicting events in the life of this gentle saint. The remainder of the day is free. Suggestions include:

- Visit Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, the "underground" ruins of Assisi, the fortress of Roco Maggiori, the Cathedral and it's museum, or Carceri (St Francis' retreat - an arduous hike up a steep hill - taxis available).
- Stroll through the city. Relax and observe the culture and its people or spend time shopping.

We gather at the hotel this evening for dinner. Overnight in Assisi. [B,D]

Day 4: Thursday 10/17, ASSISI / MONTEFALCO / CASCIA / CHIETI



We depart Assisi and stop in the lower plains to visit the **Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels**, built in 1569 to protect the Portiuncula, the church that St. Francis and his brothers were given shortly after Pope Innocent III approved of their rule. We also see the statue of St. Francis with the live white doves, the thornless rose bushes and the cave where St. Francis prayed in solitude. We make two stops en route to Manoppello. First is Montefalco where we learn more about Saint Clare of the Cross, who was devout and exceptionally intense about Christ's passion. Upon her death, the mark of the Cross was found above her heart. We proceed to the **Church of Santa Chiara in Montefalco** to see the incorrupt remains of Saint Clare of the Cross. Our second stop is in Cascia to see the **Eucharistic Miracle and the Sanctuary of St. Rita**, the patron saint of the impossible. A married mother, widow, nun, mystic, and stigmatist, St. Rita played many roles in her life. We visit the **Basilica** where we see her incorrupt body, relics, and eucharistic miracle. We visit **Roccoporeno, the birthplace of St. Rita**. Our day concludes as we check in at our hotel in Chieti for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 5: Friday 10/18, CHIETI / MANOPPELLO / ORTONA / LANCIANO / MONTE SANT'ANGELO



Our day begins at the **Church of the Volto Santo di Manoppello**, which is believed to house an image of the veil of Veronica upon which Jesus' face was wiped on his way to Calvary. The image on the veil is an exact match when laid over the image on the Shroud of Turin. We spend time

there before we continue to Ortona, where we visit the **cathedral** which houses the tomb of St. Thomas the Apostle. Then, we visit Lanciano and stop at the little **Church of Lagontial**, where the 8th-century "Miracle of the Eucharist Living Flesh of Jesus" took place. During Mass, a monk doubted that Christ was truly present in the consecrated bread and wine. As he looked on, the host and wine visibly changed to flesh and blood. Scientific tests done in the latter half of the 20th century have concluded that the flesh and blood are human in origin. We visit the **Sanctuary of the Eucharistic Miracle** and spend time in Eucharistic adoration. Then, we proceed southeast to Monte Sant'Angelo, where we check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 6: Saturday 10/19, MONTE SANT'ANGELO / SAN GIOVANNI / MONTE SANT'ANGELO



Padre Pio

Our first stop is at the **Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel**. Six popes, St. Francis, and at least four other saints have knelt in prayer at this grotto where St. Michael appeared in the 4th century. This is the only building of worship in the Roman Catholic Church not consecrated by humans; it was consecrated by St. Michael himself. From there, we board our coach for the brief trek to **San Giovanni Rotondo**, the former home of Padre Pio, a Capuchin monk and stigmatist. We visit the **tomb and sanctuary** where his

partially incorrupt body has been laid to rest, tour the old **Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie**, and see the crucifix from which Padre Pio received the stigmata in 1918. We are also able to view the confessional where he spent innumerable hours directing pilgrims on their spiritual journey. There will be **free time** to explore independently. We return to Monte Sant'Angelo. This evening, enjoy **dinner on your own**. Overnight in Monte Sant'Angelo. [B]

Day 7: Sunday 10/20, MONTE SANT'ANGELO / MUGNANO DEL CARDINALE / PAGANI / NAPLES

Traveling from the Adriatic Sea on the eastern coast to Mugnano del Cardinale on the Tyrrhenian Sea's western coast is how our day will begin. Upon our arrival in Mugnano del Cardinale, we visit the **Shrine of St. Philomena**, wonder worker of God. We pray before the tomb where her sacred body rests and see the artifacts brought here from Rome when the shrine was first established. We also view the diorama of her life and learn about the history and devotion to this little saint and the incredible miracles associated with her. Next, we head to Pagani, location of the relics of St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and doctor of the church. We visit the **Basilica of Saint Alphonsus**, where we will likely be fooled by life-like appearance of a wooden statue of the saint under an altar to the left of the main sanctuary. Many visitors, at first glance, think it's the incorrupt body of the saint. It's true some relics of the saint are present but they are located within the silver section below the statue. We travel to Naples and today's journey concludes as we check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]



Day 8: Monday 10/21, NAPLES / POMPEII / CASSINO / ROME

Today we head to Pompeii for a **brief guided tour of the ruins**, located at the foot of Mt Vesuvius. In 79 AD, Mt. Vesuvius erupted and volcanic ash suffocated the town, killing thousands of people and animals in a single day. We stop at the **Basilica of Our Lady of Pompeii** (also known as Our Lady of the Rosary). Then we depart Pompeii and make our way to Cassino, to visit the **Abbey of Montecassino**. The Abbey was founded by St. Benedict around 529 AD. The present day Abbey is a replica of the previous 17th century structure because allied bombs destroyed the complex during WWII attacks on the Germans. Our journey continues as we proceed to Rome. We catch glimpses of the city on our way to the hotel to check in for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 9: Tuesday 10/22, ROME

We begin at the **Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel**. From there we enjoy **Holy Hour and a guided tour of St. Peter's Basilica**. We view one of Rome's most recognized works of art, Michelangelo's Pietà. We have a **little bit of free time** to explore independently. Suggestions include:

- Just outside the basilica is the Vatican Post Office. Feel free to stop in and purchase postcards and stamps to send to family and friends (bring the addresses). Send one to yourself as a keepsake! Remember, although Vatican City is located with the city limits of Rome it is, in fact, its own state. With 110 acres and fewer than 900 residents, Vatican City State boasts the title of the smallest, international state that is recognized by the rest of the world. Therefore, the stamps will be quite unique. Interesting gifts can also be purchased inside.
- The 312-step climb to the "cupola" Dome of St. Peter's

Basilica is worth the effort and energy as views from the top are magnificent. An elevator/lift to the roof level is available but from the roof to the top is step by step. There is a nominal fee.

- Adjacent to the basilica are gift shops if you want to purchase items to have blessed at the Papal Audience.

Later this afternoon, we visit a **catacomb** and **St. Paul Outside the Walls**, a beautiful basilica which houses the remains of St. Paul under the main altar. This evening, join friends or enjoy a private sampling of local cuisine at the trattoria (local diner) or restaurant of your choice as **dinner is on your own**. Overnight in Rome. [B]

Day 10: Wednesday 10/23, ROME (PAPAL AUDIENCE) / NETTUNO / ROME

Early today, we proceed to **St. Peter's Square** for the **Papal Audience** (provided our Holy Father is home). We listen to the words of His Holiness Pope Francis and receive his blessing with pilgrims from all over the world. After the audience, we travel 40 miles south to Nettuno, where we learn more about the young Maria Goretti. Her life and death were focused intensely on defending her chastity, protecting her assailant from grave sin, and ultimately learning forgiveness. We visit the **Basilica of Our Lady of Graces and Saint Maria Goretti**, location of the relics of her body encased in wax. We also visit the **farmhouse** where she lived and died. We return to Rome for dinner and overnight. [B,D]



St. John Lateran



St. Mary Major

Day 11: Thursday 10/24, ROME

After breakfast, we visit **St. John Lateran**. Here we see the altar that holds relics of Sts. Peter and Paul. Across the street we see la **Scala Santa** ("the Holy Stairs") which were transported from Pilate's palace in Jerusalem and on which the Savior climbed before His crucifixion. Then, we proceed to **Chiesa Nuova** to the chapel of St. Philip Neri (1515-1595). At an early age, he devoted his life to God. He studied philosophy and theology but spent 13 years as a layperson. His personality won him friends on all levels of society. Eventually, he was ordained a priest. Using humor and charitable manner, Philip became an outstanding confessor. Later, he founded the Congregation of the Oratory. Philip was widely respected and his advice "was sought by many of the prominent figures of his day". We have the opportunity to venerate his incorrupt body which is exposed below the altar in the chapel. From there, we visit the **Basilica of St. Mary Major**, where we view relics of the wooden manger in which the infant Jesus was laid after his birth. Our last stop before dinner is at **Santa Cecilia in Trastevere**, a Basilica church built over the home of St. Cecilia who was martyred in the 3rd century. In 1599 her incorrupt body was discovered complete with the deep axe cuts in her neck. This evening we gather for a **farewell dinner at Ristorante La Carovana**. Overnight in Rome. [B,D]

Day 12: Friday, October 25, 2019, ROME / USA

Today, we travel to the airport for our flight back to the United States. Our journey home offers the opportunity to recall the sites and experiences of our pilgrimage. [B]

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TOUR PRICE: Based on tariffs and currency exchange rates in effect on 11/12/2018 and subject to change without notice should there be a revision in rates prior to departure of tour. The tour price is based on a minimum of 36 passengers. Should there be fewer, there could be a surcharge.

ACCOMMODATIONS: In first class hotels or better, based on double or triple occupancy with private facilities. Single-room supplement is \$69 per night and based on availability. Requests for a roommate are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and are not guaranteed. The single-room supplement will be assessed if a roommate is not available when the group is finalized.

MEALS: Ten full hot breakfasts and eight dinners throughout the basic tour (continental breakfasts in hotels only where full breakfasts are not available). Extra charge for beverage not included in the menu of the day.

TIPS AND TAXES: Those normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as "service" are included. **Airport fees, departure taxes, and fuel surcharges are estimated on the original invoice and adjusted at the time of ticketing.**

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NOT INCLUDED: ❶ Airport fees, departure taxes and fuel surcharges (est. - \$419); ❷ tips to guides and drivers, meal servers and luggage handlers (\$159.25); and ❸ optional travel protection. **An amount to cover these items will be added to your original invoice.** Also not included: airline baggage fees, passport and visa fees, laundry, wines, liquors, meals not included in the itinerary, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned and items of a personal nature. **NOTE: Due to limited storage space on motor coaches, Pentecost Tours entitles each passenger to one checked bag and one carry-on bag that meets airline "size/weight" allowances. Baggage fees, overweight baggage charges, and fees for additional bags fall under the responsibility of the passenger. Be aware, while you may agree to pay fees for additional luggage, there may not be room on the motor coach.**

ASSISTANCE: Pilgrims who require personal assistance must be accompanied by a paying passenger who will provide that assistance.

DEPOSIT AND CANCELLATION: A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure reservations, which sum will be applied to the price of the tour, with the **balance to be paid in full no later than 7/14/2019.**

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