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A 12-Day Pilgrimage to Rome and Northern Italy

October 7th, 2024 - October 18th, 2024

Flights Information:

- 1 IB6170 O 07OCT 1*LAXMAD DK1 550P 155P 08OCT
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- 4 IB3239 O 18OCT 5*FCOMAD DK1 620A 855A 18OCT
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Hotels Information:

| DATE | CITY | SERVICES | ADDRESS |
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| October 8 - 10 | <u>MESTRE</u> BELSTAY HOTEL | PORTERAGE: included CITY TAX: paid BEVERAGE: water & wine (2 glasses) | Rotonda Romea, 1, 30175 Venezia VE Tel: +39 0415092311 |
| October 10 - 12 | <u>PISA</u> HOTEL GALILEI | PORTERAGE: included CITY TAX: paid BEVERAGE: water & wine (2 glasses) | Via E. Barsanti, 27/a-b - 50127 - Firenze Tel. +39 055795540 |
| October 12 - 14 | <u>ASSISI</u> BV GRAND HOTEL ASSISI | PORTERAGE: included CITY TAX: paid BEVERAGE: water & wine (2 glasses) | Via Giovanni Renzi, 2 - 06081- Assisi Phone: +39 075 81501 |
| October 14 - 18 | <u>ROMA</u> OCCIDENTAL AURELIA | PORTERAGE: included CITY TAX: paid BEVERAGE: water & wine (2 glasses) | Via di Torre Rossa 80 - 00165 - Roma Phone: +39 0666017002 |

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| October 9 | 10:15 AM | VENICE | St. Zulian Church CONF via tel C. Specchieri, 615, 30124 Venezia VE Tel: +39 041 639 4833 |
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| October 10 | 9:00 AM | PADOVA | St. Anthony Basilica Piazza del Santo, 11, 35123 Padova PD Tel: +39 0498225652 |
| October 11 | 4:00 PM | FLORENCE | Santi Apostoli e Biagio Church Piazza del limbo, 1, 50123 Firenze FI Tel: +39 0558023568 |
| October 12 | 4:00 PM | SIENA | SS. Annunziata Church Piazza Duomo, di fronte alla Cattedrale (enorme affresco dietro altare) |
| October 13 | 3:00 PM | ASSISI | St. Francis Basilica Piazza Inferiore di S. Francesco, 2, 06081 Assisi PG Tel: +39 075819001 |
| October 14 | 9:30 AM | ASSISI | St. Mary of the Angels Basilica Piazza Porziuncola, 1, 06081 Santa Maria degli Angeli PG Tel: +39 0758051430 |
| October 15 | 9:00 AM | ROME | Baptistry of St. John Lateran P.za di S. Giovanni in Laterano, 1, 00187 Roma RM Tel: +39 0669886452 |
| October 16 | 4:30 PM | ROME | St. Maria sopra Minerva Basilica Piazza della Minerva, 42, 00186 Roma RM Tel: 3337468785 |
| October 17 | 3:30 PM | ROME | St. Mary in Traspontina Church Via della Conciliazione, 14, 00193 ROMA Tel: +39 3474203578 |

Day 1 - 07 October - Departure:

From your local USA international airport.

This evening we begin our journey to Europe. Meals will be served during our overnight flight.

Day 2 – 08 October - Venice / Mestre:

Upon arrival at Venice Airport we will meet our professional tour manager and proceed to our waiting motorcoach for the drive to our hotel. We will arrive in Mestre with time to check-in and relax before dinner at our hotel. Welcome to Italy! (D)

7:00 pm Arrival at VCE APT and transfer to our hotel
Check-in, dinner and overnight in Mestre (D)



Day 3 – 09 October - Venice:

This morning we will board a motor launch and travel through the canals to the islands of Venice. Our walking tour will include a visit to one of the glass factories for which the city is so famous, St. Mark's Basilica and Square, and views of the Doge's Palace, the Bridge of Sighs and Rialto Bridge. This afternoon is free to enjoy people-watching from a cafe in St. Mark's Square or to shop along the narrow streets and canals filled with bustling activity. In the late afternoon, we can enjoy an optional gondola ride arranged by our tour manager, before dinner at a local restaurant. In the evening we return by private boat to the mainland for overnight stay in Mestre. (B, D)

Breakfast

We leave the hotel and drive towards the port (30 min drive)

9:15 am Take the boat to Venezia

10:15 am We celebrate mass at St Zulian Church

11:00 am We meet our guide and start our walking tour of Venice

The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy Venice on your own

6.15 pm Regain the boat and transfer back to the dock, from where we drive back to our hotel for dinner and overnight (BD)

Day 4 – 10 October - Mestre / Padova / Pisa / Montecatini

This morning we will celebrate early morning Mass at St Anthony's Basilica in Padova, before proceeding our journey to Tuscany. (4 hrs drive) No visit to Italy could be complete without experiencing the breath-taking view of its most famous landmark . . . but the Leaning Tower of Pisa is just one of a quartet of spectacular buildings on Pisa's 'Field of Miracles,' which also includes the Cathedral, Baptistery and Cemetery. Continue to our hotel, where we will spend the next two nights, dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Breakfast and check-out

9.00 am We celebrate mass at St. Anthony Basilica

10.30 am We continue to Pisa

4.00 pm We meet our local guide and enjoy a tour of the city, including the Duomo and Baptistry

We regain our bus and continue to our hotel

Check-in, dinner and overnight (BD)



Day 5 - 11 October - Florence:

Today we will drive to Florence (1,5 hrs drive) and experience its heritage as we begin our morning walking tour. We will visit the Accademia, where we will see Michelangelo's famous David; the Duomo and Giotto's Tower; the Baptistery's Gates of Paradise; the open-air gallery of Signoria Square; and Santa Croce Church where Michelangelo is buried. The remainder of the day is ours to relax, or better yet - to become better acquainted with this lively city where the artistic heritage of the Renaissance is part of everyday life. Return to our hotel, dinner and overnight (B, D)

Breakfast

8:00 am We drive to Florence

10:30 am We meet our local guide and start our tour of Florence, which will include entry to The Accademia Gallery. We see the Piazza Della Signoria, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Giotto's Bell Tower.

12:00/12:15 pm Entry to Accademia Gallery **reserved**

Break for lunch

4:00 pm We celebrate mass in St. Apostoli e Biagio Church

Balance of the day is at our leisure to enjoy Florence on our own

Regain the bus and return to the hotel

Dinner and overnight (BD)

Day 6 – 12 October - San Gimignano, Siena, Assisi

We check out after breakfast and drive through the rolling hills of Tuscany to visit San Gimignano, the most remarkable of the medieval, Tuscan hill towns, where time seems to have stood still since the Middle Ages. We will have some free time in this town. After lunch, continue to Siena.

Here we stroll through narrow Gothic streets lined with palaces and patrician mansions. We'll visit the magnificent Cathedral, as well as the birthplace of St. Catherine of Siena. In the afternoon, we continue to Assisi and its spectacular location in the heart of Umbria. Overnight in Assisi. (B, D)

Breakfast and check out

We drive to San Gimignano

11.00 am Time at leisure to have lunch and explore the town

12.30 pm We regain our bus and drive to Siena

2.30 pm We meet our local guide and enjoy a city tour

4.00 pm We celebrate mass at St. Annunziata Church

We regain our bus and drive to Assisi

Check in at the hotel, dinner and overnight (BD)



Day 7 – 13 October - Assisi

This morning we will explore this hilltop, walled town, which is a monument to the all-embracing spirituality inspired by St. Francis. We will tour the Basilica of St. Clare, the Piazza del Comune, and the Basilica of St. Francis (where Mass will be requested at the tomb of St. Francis), after which there will be some free time to absorb the unique atmosphere of this special place. Our tour includes also the Santuario Della Spogliazione where Blessed Carlo Acutis' tomb is placed. Carlo is the first millennial to be declared Blessed who loved the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist – Afternoon at our leisure for personal activities.
Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight (BD)

Breakfast

9.00 am We meet our local guide and enjoy a tour of Assisi, including St. Clare Basilica, Spogliazione Sanctuary and St. Francis Basilica

10.30 am We visit St. Francis Basilica

Break for lunch

15.00 pm We celebrate mass in St Francis Basilica

Balance of the day is at our leisure in this peaceful town

Return to our hotel, dinner and overnight (BD)

Day 8 - 14 October - Assisi / Rome:

Breakfast and check out. We will depart Assisi to pause in the valley below the town and visit the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli with its Porziuncola - the chapel given by the Benedictines to St. Francis and his followers, which became the cradle of the Franciscan Order. Celebrate Mass. We then continue to Rome, where upon arrival we explore the enduring legacy of the Roman Empire by coach and on foot - we will see the Baths of Caracalla, the Circus Maximus, Palatine and Capitoline Hills, the Roman Forum and the Colosseum - Continue to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Breakfast and check out

9:30 am Celebrate Mass at St. Mary of the Angels Basilica

11:00 am We board our coach and drive to Rome

4:00 pm Upon arrival we meet our local guide and enjoy a panoramic Imperial Rome tour

6:00 pm We drive to the hotel, check in

Dinner and overnight (BD)



Day 9 – 15 October - Christian Rome:

Today begins with a visit to the Basilica of St. John in Lateran, the Mother Church of Rome, which houses a table on which the Apostle Peter many times has celebrated the Eucharist during his stay in Rome. Then we will visit the Basilica of St Mary Major, which is one of the oldest and most important shrines in the world dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Holy Stairs-Mass will be celebrated at St Mary Major. The afternoon and evening are free to continue exploring the Eternal City. (B, D)

Breakfast

9:00 am We celebrate Mass at St. John Lateran Baptistry

10:00 am We meet our guide and explore the other most important Basilicas of Rome: St. John Lateran, Holy stairs and St. Mary Major

1:00 pm Break for lunch

2:30 pm We can choose to return at the hotel

Balance of the day is at our leisure to explore the city on our own

Dinner and overnight at the hotel (BD)

Day 10 – 16 October - Wednesday - Rome (Papal Audience):

This morning we will participate in the Papal Audience, which will be requested for our entire group. In the early afternoon, those who wish can return to the hotel with our motorcoach. Those who prefer to explore further on foot can join our tour manager to walk from St. Peter's Square, across the River Tiber to Piazza Navona and on to the Pantheon. We are then free to return to the hotel on foot or by taxi, for an evening of leisure (B, D)

6:15 am Early breakfast

6:30 am We drive to the Vatican Area

We take our seats to attend the Papal Audience with millions of other pilgrims coming from all over the world

Break for lunch

1:30 pm We meet our local guide and follow him to see Piazza Navona and the Pantheon

4:30 pm We celebrate Mass at St. Maria sopra Minerva Basilica

6:00 pm Return to the hotel or choose to enjoy the rest of the day in the city center

Overnight at the hotel (BD)



Day 11 - 17 October - Rome (Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica):

This morning is dedicated to the Vatican State – we will visit its Museums, the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica and Square. The afternoon is free for individual pursuits before we celebrate the final Mass of our tour and enjoy our farewell dinner. (B, D)

Breakfast

We get transferred to the Vatican Area

9.30 am We visit the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel, along with St Peter Basilica (**entry reserved h 09:30 / 10:00 / 10:30**)

Break for lunch

3.30 pm We celebrate mass at St. Mary in Traspontina Basilica

Balance of the day is at leisure

Dinner and overnight at the hotel (BD)

Day 12 – 18 October Rome / USA:

This morning we say 'Arrivederci' to Italy and to our tour manager as we transfer to Rome Airport to begin our journey home. We arrived in the US in the early evening. Welcome Home!

2.20 am Box breakfast, we board our coach and reach the airport to take our flight back home, full of good memories