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Catholic Italy Pilgrimage

9 Days

Florence, Assisi, Rome

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Can depart Tues, Weds, Thur

Day 1 – DEPART USA – Today we depart our home airport to connect with our overnight flight to Rome aboard a wide-bodied jet. We are served complimentary beverages, in-flight movies, dinner and breakfast aloft.

Day 2 - ROME/TUSCANY – This morning we arrive in Rome where we are met and board our motorcoach for our ride to Tuscany. Following lunch on our own we arrive in the delightful nearby spa town of Montecatini Terme. The balance of the day is at leisure to stroll through the inviting streets of this charming town. Dinner at your hotel

Day 3 - FLORENCE - This morning we proceed to Piazzale Michelangelo for a panoramic view of the city. We proceed for Mass and a visit to the Basilica of Santa Croce. Among the most famous interred here lie Galileo, Rossini, Michelangelo and Macchiaveli. Afterwards, we set out to the Piazza della Signoria, dominated by the Palazzo Vecchio and its embattlement crowned tower. Across from the Palace, we visit the Loggia dei Lanzi with the statues of the “Perseus” by Cellini; Giambologna’s the “Rape of the Sabines” and “Hercules”. This afternoon is yours for shopping, personal adventure, or optional excursions. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 4 - FLORENCE/SIENA/ASSISI - This morning, we see the highlights of Florence, the jewel of the Renaissance. We start with Mass at a local parish church. Next we visit the Duomo, the heart of the city with its cupola by Brunelleschi, completed in 1240, its campanile by Giotto and Baptistry with incomparable bronze doors by Ghiberti. Next we visit the Academy where we see Michelangelo’s famous “David” and other works. This afternoon we journey through the Italian countryside arriving in the magnificent city of Siena, which invites us to stroll through its Gothic streets. We celebrate Mass at the Dominican Church commemorating St. Catherine. We continue south through Umbria to the hilltop village of Assisi, the home of Saint Francis for dinner and overnight.

Day 5 - ASSISI - This morning, we begin at the Basilica of St. Francesco with Mass. After our visit of the Basilica and the tomb of St. Francis, we begin our walking tour of the village. Included, is a visit to the Church of St. Clare to view the crucifix that spoke to St. Francis. We pass by the famous Temple of Minerva in the Piazza del Comune. This afternoon, we can enjoy this picturesque hillside village on our own. Dinner and overnight at our hotel

Day 6 - ASSISI/ROME - This morning, our first stop is in the lower town for a visit to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, and the Portiuncula, Francis’ Church of the Little Portion. We depart Assisi and travel south to Rome, where this afternoon, we tour her sites, including the Basilica of St. Mary Major and the Church of St. Peter in Chains to view Michelangelo’s possibly most celebrated sculpture, the “Moses.” Afterwards, we see the nearby Roman Fora passing the Arch of Constantine, the Coliseum, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 7 – ROME - This morning, we return to the Vatican City, where we see the treasures of the Vatican Museum. We marvel at Michelangelo's recently restored frescoes in the Sistine Chapel and the wonders of St. Peter's. This afternoon, we continue our tour with a visit to the Holy Stairs and Basilica of St. John Lateran. We conclude our day at one of the Catacombs, burial place of early Christians. We celebrate Mass here and view the 2nd and 3rd century fresco paintings. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 8 – ROME - This morning, we make our way to St. Peter's for an audience with Pope Benedict XVI if he is in residence. This afternoon we are free to further enjoy this fascinating City. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 9 - RETURN TO U.S. - Today we make our way home with memories of a lifetime.