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Catholic Italy Pilgrimage

October 14-25, 2024 - 12 Days

\$5,899 from Charleston WV

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Monday, October 14 - Day 1 –
USA/ITALY – Today, we depart from Charleston, WV on our connecting flight to Italy aboard our overnight flight. We are served Complimentary beverages, in-flight movies, dinner and breakfast aloft.

Tuesday, October 15 -St. Teresa of Avila - Day 2 -

ROME/TUSCANY/MONTECATINI - Upon arrival in Rome, we are met and board our motorcoach for our ride to the Florence area. Following lunch on our own we continue to the delightful nearby spa town of Montecatini Terme whose streets invite us to stroll after dinner at your hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure.

Wednesday, October 16 - Day 3 - FLORENCE - This morning we drive to Florence where our first stop will be a visit to the Academia Gallery, here we view Michelangelo's famous "David". We continue for Mass and a visit to the Duomo, the heart of the city. Once outside we view the Baptistry of St. John with its incomparable bronze doors by Ghiberti. Up until the end of the 19th century, all Catholics in Florence were baptized within its doors. 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." Following free time for lunch on our own we visit the Basilica of Santa Croce. Among the most famous Italians interred here are Galileo, Rossini, Michelangelo and Machiavelli. Following some free time for shopping or personal adventure, we

regather for dinner at one of the restaurants in this enchanting city. After our included dinner, we conclude with a drive to the "Piazzale Michelangelo" for a panoramic view of the city. Return to hotel in Montecatini for overnight.

Thursday, October 17 - DAY 4 - SIENA/ASSISI - Today we journey through the Italian countryside arriving in the magnificent city of Siena, which invites us to stroll through its Gothic streets. After we celebrate Mass at the Dominican Church commemorating St. Catherine, we walk down to the famous Piazza del Campo. We continue uphill to visit the monumental Cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary. We say goodbye to the home of St. Catherine and continue south to Assisi, the home of St Francis, for dinner and overnight.

Friday, October 18 - St. Luke - 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 enjoy a walking tour of the village with visits to the Church of St. Clare to view the famous San Damiano crucifix. From this cross, Christ spoke to St. Francis telling him to "rebuild my Church". After lunch on our own, we visit the resting place of newly beatified Blessed Carlo Acutis who was 15-years old when he died in 2006 from leukemia. Acutis' tomb is located in Assisi's Sanctuary of the Renunciation, a part of the Church of St. Mary Major. The sanctuary is located on the spot where a young St. Francis of Assisi is said to have cast off his rich clothes in favor of a poor habit. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

"Have questions about this pilgrimage? Ask us! Go to www.Unitours.com/questions." To book online go to <https://bit.ly/HiggsItaly>



Saturday, October 19 - Day 6 - ASSISI/ SORRENTO - This morning, our first stop is in the lower town for a visit and Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, and the Portiuncula, Francis' Church of the Little Portion. We travel south to the wonderful town of Sorrento along the Mediterranean for dinner and overnight.

Sunday, October 20 - Day 7 - ISLE OF CAPRI - This morning, we leave Sorrento by steamer across the Bay of Naples to the Island of Dreams - Capri. We tour the island including Anacapri and weather permitting, the beautiful Blue Grotto. Following Mass at one of the churches here we return to Sorrento for dinner and overnight.

Monday, October 21 - Day 8 - POMPEII/ ROME - Today, we travel to Pompeii, the Roman City destroyed but yet preserved by the volcanic ash of Vesuvius in 79 AD. Late in the morning we leave Pompeii and en route we have a quick lunch before arriving in Rome. We enjoy a tour and Mass at St. Mary Major, one of the Four Basilicas in Rome with Holy Doors for Jubilee years. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Tuesday, October 22 - Day 9 - ROME - This morning, we go to the Vatican, where we celebrate Mass below St. Peter's. Afterwards, we see the treasures of the Vatican Museum. We marvel at Michelangelo's restored frescoes in the Sistine Chapel and the wonders of St. Peter's. In St. Peter's Basilica, we take in the world-renowned altar columns created by Bernini. Tradition holds that Bernini engraved his own Rosary on one of the columns while another column is said to contain the spear of St. Longinus, the Roman centurion who pierced the side of our Savior and was healed by the blood and water that flowed from it! This afternoon after lunch on our own, we enjoy a tour of Rome's sites starting with the Roman Forum, the Arch of Constantine, the Colosseum, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Church of St. Peter in Chains to view Michelangelo's most famous sculpture, the "Moses". We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Wednesday, October 23 - Day 10 - ROME -

This morning, we make our way to St. Peter's for an audience with Pope Francis if he is in residence. Afterwards, we visit the Holy Stairs and Basilica of St. John Lateran. Following lunch on our own, we continue to St. Paul Outside the Walls. The huge, imposing Basilica, second only to St. Peter's and one of the largest churches in the Christian world, contains an unusual gallery of painted papal tablets portraying the popes of the past. We conclude our day at one of the Catacombs, which served as the burial place for the early Christians. We celebrate Mass here and appreciate the 2nd and 3rd century fresco paintings. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Thursday, October 24 - Day 11 - ROME - We begin today by exploring Rome's city center including the Piazza di Spagna, Fontana di Trevi, Pantheon, Piazza Navona and Mass at Sant'Agnes in Agone. The afternoon is free to pray, shop, enjoy street vendors and explore the city on our own. Our final day of our pilgrimage concludes with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at our hotel.

Friday, October 25 - Day 12 - RETURN TO USA - We transfer to the airport in Rome for our flight home with unforgettable memories to cherish for the rest of our lives.

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Please reserve ___ seats on this Catholic Italy Pilgrimage - October 14-25, 2024.

Enclosed please find deposit of \$500 per person (Payable to Unitours, Inc.)

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (Passport MUST be valid until April 25, 2025, or later.)

Name(s) as appears on passport) _____

My Roommate: _____

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City, State & Zip _____

_____ I prefer a single room - \$844 supplement and limited in number.

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Day _____ Evening _____

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I understand that certain charges such as air taxes, fuel surcharges and rates of exchange can affect the final cost, and I agree to pay such costs should adjustments be necessary. _____

_____ Signature

TOTAL TOUR PRICE: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect December 11, 2023. All rates are subject to change without prior notice. Should the rates go up or down, an adjustment would be made prior to departure. Refunds CANNOT be granted for any accommodations, services or events that are not used nor if you deviate from the tour. If fewer than 30 pilgrims participate a price adjustment may be necessary.

PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS: A valid passport is required. At the time of printing, U.S. citizens holding valid passports DO NOT REQUIRE visas or immunization for the country or countries being visited. Passport MUST be valid until April 25, 2025, or later. Citizens of countries other than U.S. - please contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: International flight reservations are being held on American Airlines. No stopovers are permitted. Any changes after ticket is issued carries a mandatory charge of \$200. Once the tickets are issued, they are NON-REFUNDABLE. Additional non-recoverable airline penalties of up to \$200 may be assessed for cancellations received within 90 days of departure.

DOMESTIC AIRFARE: For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, your tour host and Unitours strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always subject to change.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath. Single Room supplement of \$844 will be charged where requested and available. If you do not have a roommate and Unitours is unable to arrange one, you will be billed for the single room supplement. All singles are subject to availability.

MEALS: Breakfast and Table D' Hote dinners are provided daily except where noted in the itinerary. An extra charge will be made when coffee, tea or other beverages are not included in the menu of the day with the dinner meal.

TIPS AND TAXES: Tips and taxes normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as service are included, as are all government and local taxes on hotels and meals, portage of one suitcase per person. International departure taxes of \$123 plus current fuel surcharges of \$410 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR

MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$122 ARE NOT INCLUDED. (One average sized suitcase not exceeding 50 lbs total weight and 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) is permitted throughout the trip.

NOT INCLUDED: Expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to passport and visa fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, after dinner coffee or tea, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, tips and taxes mentioned above, excess baggage and insurance, etc.

DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATIONS: A deposit of \$500 is required to secure reservations. Any balance is to be paid in full no later than 60 days before departure of tour. Final payments received by Unitours after 45 days before departure must include a \$25 late payment fee. (This does not apply for new reservations made within 45 days of departure.) Reservations made within 60 days of departure must include full payment. Amex, Discover, Visa and MasterCard are accepted with signed reservation form. Final payments will be applied to same credit card on final payment due date. Cancellations made from time of reservation to within 61 days prior to departure - -

\$400 administration fee (charged to deposit) plus any air penalties noted above. In the event of a cancellation from 60 to 31 days prior to departure - - \$400 administration fee plus up to 50% of the land cost, plus any air penalties noted above. No refund for cancellations received within 30 days of departure. All cancellation and refund claims must be in writing to Unitours, Inc.

BANK FEE: A fee of \$50 will be charged for any check that is returned to us for insufficient or unavailable funds.

DEVIATIONS: A service charge of \$50 pp will be applied for any deviations made in tour, (where possible), PLUS any additional air or land charges incurred.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Optional Travel Insurance is strongly recommended for your trip. See www.Unitours.com/travelInsurance for full details and to purchase coverage. To cover preexisting conditions, insurance must be purchased within 21 days of Unitours' receipt of your reservation.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS: The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen emergencies.

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Italy

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Siena ●

Assisi ●

Rome ●

Pompeii ●

Sorrento ●
Capri ●



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