



Father Leo Proxell Catholic Italy Pilgrimage

May 7-16, 2024 - 10 Days

\$5,699 from Bozeman

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Tuesday, May 7 - DAY 1 – DEPART USA – Today we depart from Bozeman to connect with our overnight flight to Florence aboard a wide-bodied jet. We enjoy in-flight movies, dinner and breakfast aloft.

Wednesday, May 8 - DAY 2 - FLORENCE/MONTECATINI – This morning we arrive in Florence where we are met and board our motorcoach for our ride to 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 and overnight at your hotel.

Thursday, May 9 – Ascension - DAY 3 - FLORENCE - This morning we drive to Florence where our first stop will be “Piazzale Michelangelo” for the best panoramic view of this spectacular city one could ask for. We proceed with a tour of the Academia Gallery, where we view one of Michelangelo’s most famous works, “David” (OR MEDICI). We continue with the celebration of Mass and a visit to the Duomo (also known as the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore), in the heart of the city and the fourth largest in the world! There we admire the cupola by Brunelleschi, completed in 1240, its campanile by Giotto. Once outside we view the Baptistery’s with its incomparable bronze doors by Ghiberti. We break for a leisurely lunch on our own at one of the many trattorias that dot the riverfront area, along Florence’s Arno River. The rest of the day is free for personal time, shopping or browsing

this fascinating city on your own. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

Friday, May 10 - DAY 4 - FLORENCE -

This morning, we return to Florence to spend more time in this beautiful city and visit the beautiful Basilica of Santa Croce. Among the most famous Italians interred here, lie Galileo, Rossini, Michelangelo, and Machiavelli. We continue our tour of Florence with 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 a break for lunch on our own, we enjoy some free time for shopping or personal adventure in any of the many art museums or to have a walk along the Arno River admiring the enchanting Ponte Vecchio, This evening, we enjoy dinner at one of the restaurants of this enchanting city. After our included dinner we return at our hotel for overnight.

Saturday, May 11 - DAY 5 –

MONTECATINI/SIENA/ASSISI – This morning, 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, to the famous Piazza del Campo. This shell shaped square is the dramatic setting for the annual Palio bareback horserace. The piazza's focal

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point is the Palazzo Pubblico, the public palace, which dates back to 1250. We continue uphill to visit the monumental Cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary. We have free time for lunch and browsing. In the afternoon we continue south through Umbria to the hilltop village of Assisi, the home of Saint Francis, for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Sunday, May 12 - DAY 6 - 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 enjoy this picturesque hillside village on our own. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Monday, May 13 - DAY 7 - ASSISI/ROME - This morning, we depart, stopping 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 travel south to Rome where this afternoon we tour her sites, including the Basilica of St. Mary Major. Afterwards, we have a walking tour to the nearby Roman Fora passing the Arch of Constantine and the Coliseum. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Tuesday, May 14 - St. Matthias - DAY 8 - ROME - This morning we visit Vatican City where 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. This afternoon we are free to further enjoy this fascinating city. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Wednesday, May 15 - DAY 9 - ROME - This morning, we make our way to St. Peter's for an audience with Pope Francis if he is in residence. 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. This evening we have a Farewell Dinner with entertainment at a typical local restaurant.

Thursday, May 16 - DAY 10 - RETURN TO U.S. - Today we make our way home with memories of a lifetime.

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Please reserve ___ seats on this Catholic Italy Pilgrimage - May 7-16, 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 November 16, 2024, or later.)

Name(s) as appears on passport

My Roommate:

Address:

City, State & Zip

Telephone:

Day Evening

Email address:

Charge my deposit to ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Amex ___ Discover

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Exp. Date

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 September 20, 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 25 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 November 16, 2024, 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 United & Lufthansa Airlines & Air Dolomiti. 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 \$639 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 \$225 plus current fuel surcharges of \$449 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR

MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$96 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 at Unitours after 45 days before departure must include a \$25 late payment fee. (This does not apply for new reservations made after 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 processing charge plus any air penalties noted above. In the event of a cancellation from 60 to 8 days of departure - - \$400 processing charge plus up to 50% of the land cost, plus any air penalties noted above. There can be no refund for any services for cancellations received within 7 days of departure. All cancellation and refund claims must be in writing to Unitours, Inc.

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