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Catholic Italy Pilgrimage

October 20-29, 2024 - 10 Days

\$4,899 from Philadelphia

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Sunday, October 20 - DAY 1 – DEPART USA –
Today, we depart from Philadelphia on our overnight flight to Rome aboard a wide-bodied jet. We enjoy in-flight movies, dinner and breakfast aloft.

Monday, October 21 - DAY 2 - ROME – This morning, we arrive in Rome and are met by our Unitours Tour Manager and motorcoach and begin our tour of Rome. Pending our arrival time, we stop briefly for lunch on our own along the way. We enjoy a walking tour of the Roman Fora, the Arch of Constantine, and the Flavian Amphitheater, more popularly known as the “Coliseum”. We then proceed to the Callistus Catacombs, a burial place of early Christians. We celebrate Mass there and view the 2nd and 3rd century fresco paintings. We check in to our hotel for our “welcome” dinner and overnight.

Tuesday, October 22 - DAY 3 – VATICAN CITY/ROME – Today, following morning Mass at St. Peter's, we view the treasures of the Vatican Museum, then marvel at Michelangelo's restored frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. We continue to St. Peter's Basilica to view the “Pieta”, as well as the famous Bernini altar columns, one Bernini engraved his own Rosary on and one is rumored 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, following a break for lunch on our own, we visit the Basilica of St. Mary Major before concluding our day at the Church of St. Peter in Chains, where we view Michelangelo's possibly most celebrated sculpture, the “Moses”. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Wednesday, October 23 - DAY 4 - VATICAN CITY/ROME – This morning, we make our way to St. Peter's for an audience with Pope

Francis, if he is in residence. After lunch on our own, we visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran and Holy Stairs. We proceed to our next Basilica, St. Paul's Beyond the Walls. This huge, imposing basilica, second only to St. Peter's and one of the largest churches in the Christian world, containing an unusual gallery of papal portraits: 265 tablets portraying the popes of the past. We celebrate Mass there and then return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Thursday, October 24 - DAY 5 - ROME/ ORVIETO/ASSISI – Following an early morning departure from Rome, we travel north through the Umbrian countryside. We stop in Orvieto for a visit and Mass at the breathtaking Cathedral, which is known as the jewel of Italian architecture. Inside the Cathedral is the Chapel of the Corporal, which houses the chalice cloth involved in the Eucharistic Miracle, which occurred in nearby Bolsena. In 1263AD, a pilgrim priest named Peter of Prague was celebrating Mass at the crypt of St. Christina. He was having a faith crisis concerning the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and while speaking the words of the consecration, blood started to drip from the consecrated Host. Subsequently Pope Urban IV instituted The Feast of Corpus Christi. Afterwards, we continue to Assisi. 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 give thanks to St. Francis for two of his most notable gifts to humanity, the *Nativity Scene*, and the Franciscan promotion of the *Stations of the Cross*. We then proceed to the hilltop village of Assisi for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

“Have questions about this pilgrimage? Ask us! Go to www.Unitours.com/questions.”



Friday, October 25 - DAY 6 – ASSISI - This morning, we begin with a short walk to the Basilica of St. Francesco for Mass. After our visit of the Basilica and the tomb of St. Francis, we begin our walking tour of the village with a visit to the Church of St. Clare “the little plant of Blessed Francis” as she loved to call herself, where we view the San Damiano crucifix that spoke to St. Francis. Kneeling before it, Francis composed the following prayer, which is considered to be among the oldest of his writings: *“All Highest, Glorious God, cast your light into the darkness of my heart. Give me right faith, firm hope, perfect charity, and profound humility, with wisdom and perception, O Lord, so that I may do what is truly your most holy will. Amen.”* A Eucharistic miracle is attributed to St. Clare which is worth noting. In 1240AD, a band of Saracen soldiers were attacking Assisi and had reached the cloistered convent of a now sickly St. Clare. In fear that the soldiers would harm her sisters, she prayed in front of the Blessed Sacrament for protection. Tradition tells us that Our Lord assured her His protections and when she held the monstrance in front of the soldiers, they fled! This afternoon, following a break for lunch on our own, our taxis take us up to the Hermitage of the Carceri, where Francis and his Friars retreated from the world to pray and fast. Here the grotto of St. Francis can also be seen. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Saturday, October 26 - DAY 7 – ASSISI/LORETO/MONTESILVANO – Today, we drive east towards Ancona and visit and celebrate Mass at Loreto, the site of the Santa Casa or “Holy House”. Ancient tradition tells us that to avoid destruction by Muslim invaders to the Holy Land, on May 10, 1291, seven angels carried the house of the Holy Family from Nazareth to Dalmatia (modern Trsat, Croatia) and then to Italy, where it eventually rested in Loreto! After our visit, we break for lunch on our own as we continue southwards via the coastal highway to the Montesilvano Pescara area for dinner and

overnight at our hotel on the shores of the Adriatic Sea. Time permitting, we may visit the beach and “test” the Adriatic waters.

Sunday, October 27 - DAY 8 – MONTESILVANO/LANCIANO/SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO - This morning, we visit and pray at Lanciano, the site of the oldest Eucharistic Miracle certified by the Church. After almost eight centuries the Body and the Blood still maintain all the characteristics of fresh human heart material. Following a stop for lunch on our own, we continue south to San Giovanni Rotondo, where we celebrate Mass at the tomb of St. Padre Pio and visit the sanctuary. We transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Monday, October 28 – Simon & Jude - DAY 9 - SAN GIOVANNI/SUBIACO/ROME – Today, we depart late in the morning for Subiaco. It was here that St. Benedict and his sister, St. Scolastica, retired at the end of the 5th Century and built five little monasteries. We visit the Monastery of St. Benedict, which dates from the 13th and 14th centuries. We also visit the Sacred Cave where Benedict lived as a hermit for three years. The staircase holds the earliest portrait of St. Francis without his halo or stigmata. We celebrate Mass while there. We stop for lunch on our own before continuing our journey back to Rome in time for our “farewell” dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Tuesday, October 29 - DAY 10 – ROME/DEPART FOR USA - This morning we transfer to the airport for our flight to the U.S. arriving the same day.

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Please reserve ___ seats on this Catholic Italy Pilgrimage - October 20-29, 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 29, 2025, or later.)

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TOTAL TOUR PRICE: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect December 7, 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 35 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 29, 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 \$111 plus current fuel surcharges of \$400 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 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 including insurance. Cancellations made from time of reservation to within 61 days

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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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