



Catholic Italy Pilgrimage with a Priest Host

September 16-29, 2019 - 14 Days

\$5,399 from Chicago

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Monday, September 16 - Day 1 – DEPART USA – Today we depart our home airport to connect with our overnight flight to Rome aboard a wide-bodied jet. We enjoy in-flight movies, dinner and breakfast aloft.

Tuesday, September 17 - Day 2 - VENICE - Upon arrival in Venice (or Milan – pending flight verification), where we are met by our Unitours Tour Manager and transferred to our hotel in the nearby Mestre area for welcome dinner and overnight.

Wednesday, September 18 - Day 3 - VENICE - Venice, the *Queen of the Cities!* The glories of Venice have attracted Byron, Goethe, Wagner, Shakespeare and now - you! Following Mass in one of her beautiful churches, time is spent this morning walking the sights of Venice: the splendid Piazza San Marco and the incredibly rich Byzantine Basilica of San Marco. We marvel at the intricate network of elegant squares lined with stately Renaissance villas and palaces. This afternoon we have ample free time for shopping, personal adventure or an optional romantic gondola ride through the inner canals of Venice. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Mestre.

Thursday, September 19 - Day 4 - VENICE/MONTECATINI - This morning, we depart Venice for our journey to Florence. On our scenic drive through this beautiful countryside, we stop at Padua for Mass and a tour of the Basilica of St. Anthony and view the largest bronze work of Donatello. Next, we continue to Florence's delightful nearby spa town of Montecatini Terme, whose streets invite us for an evening stroll after dinner on our own. Overnight at our hotel.

Friday, September 20 - Day 5 - FLORENCE - This morning we drive to Florence where our first stop will be a visit to the Academia Gallery, where we view Michelangelo's famous "David". We continue for Mass and a visit to the Duomo, the heart of the city. Here we admire the cupola by Brunelleschi, completed in 1240, and its campanile by Giotto. Once outside, we view the Baptistery with its incomparable bronze doors by

Ghiberti. 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 people interred here are; Galileo, Rossini, Michelangelo and Machiavelli. Following some free time for shopping or personal adventure, we conclude with a drive to the "Piazzale Michelangelo" for a panoramic view of city spectacular city. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

Saturday, September 21 - Day 6 – 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 arriving, we celebrate Mass at the Dominican Church commemorating St. Catherine. Following Mass, we walk down to the famous Piazza del Campo. This shell shaped square is the dramatic setting for the annual Palio bareback horserace. The piazza's focal point is the Palazzo Pubblico, the public palace, which dates to 1250 AD. We continue uphill to visit the monumental Cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary. We enjoy free time for lunch and browsing the many shops nearby. In the afternoon we continue south through Umbria to the hilltop village of Assisi, the home of Saint Francis. After check-in we have some free time to explore the medieval streets of Assisi before dinner on our own. Overnight at our hotel.

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Sunday, September 22 - Day 7 - ASSISI/ ORVIETO/SORRENTO - 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, to include 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. Our next 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. Following a break for lunch on our own, we depart Assisi and travel south through the Umbrian countryside, stopping at Orvieto for a visit at the breathtaking Cathedral, known as the jewel of Italian architecture. Inside the Cathedral is the Chapel of the Corporal, which houses the chalice cloth, involved in the famous Eucharistic Miracle, which occurred in nearby Bolsena. In the 13th century 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 instituted The Feast of Corpus Christi. Afterwards, we continue south to Sorrento for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Monday, September 23 - Day 8 – SORRENTO/ISLE OF CAPRI - This morning, we board the boat to Capri, the Island of Dreams. We tour the island including Anacapri and, weather permitting, the beautiful Blue Grotto. Following Mass at one of the local churches, we return to Sorrento for dinner overnight

Tuesday, September 24 - Day 9 – SORRENTO/AMALFI DRIVE/POMPEII/ROME - Today, following a very early departure, we drive along the famous Amalfi Coast with stops along the way, the first being Positano's overlook, where we can take wonderful pictures of the scenic vista. We continue along the Amalfi coast and pass by the village of Amalfi. Afterwards, we continue to Pompeii, the Roman City destroyed yet preserved by the volcanic ash of Vesuvius in 79 AD. We celebrate Mass at the church of the Holy Rosary, visited by St. John Paul II shortly before his death. We finish our day in Rome for dinner and overnight.

Wednesday, September 25 - Day 10 – 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 visit the Holy Stairs and Basilica of St. John Lateran. We continue to St. Paul Outside 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 conclude our day at one of the Catacombs, burial places of early Christians. We celebrate Mass here and view the 2nd and 3rd century fresco paintings. Dinner on our own and overnight at our hotel.

Thursday, September 26 - Day 11 - ROME - This morning, we again travel to the Vatican where we celebrate Mass below St. Peter's. Afterwards we view 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 explore the many shops and trattorias that surround St. Peter's square before dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Friday, September 27 - Day 12 - ROME – This morning we visit to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the final of the four major Basilicas in Rome. We enjoy a walking tour passing by the Roman Forum, the Arch of Constantine, the Coliseum, as well as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We then visit the Church of St. Peter in Chains to view Michelangelo's possibly most celebrated sculpture, the "Moses." We travel back to St. Peter's square for lunch on our own and take in all that this beautiful city has to offer. Dinner on our own and overnight at our hotel.

Saturday, September 28 - Day 13 - ROME – Today we enjoy our last day in Rome with a completely free day to do as we wish, as a group or individually, we have an opportunity to visit some cultural landmarks, revisit a favorite venue or simply take a relaxing walk to absorb Rome one more time. Tonight, we enjoy our farewell dinner, then return to our hotel for overnight.

Sunday, September 29 - Day 14 – ROME/USA - Today we make our way home with memories of a lifetime.

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Please reserve ___ seats on this Catholic Italy Pilgrimage - September 16-29, 2019

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

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (Passport MUST be valid until March 29, 2020 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

Card # _____

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. I have read and understand the Deposit and Cancellation Fees.

Signature _____

TOTAL TOUR PRICE: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect January 24, 2018. 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 **March 29, 2020** 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 Delta 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-TRANSFERABLE AND NON-REFUNDABLE. Any requests to change a ticket once issued will incur a reissue fee of \$200 plus any fare differential will apply. Cancellation of air seat within 90 days of departure will incur a \$200 penalty.

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 \$796 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 \$125 plus current fuel surcharges of \$350 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$138 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. 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 prior to departure - - \$100 processing charge plus any air penalties noted above. In the event of a cancellation from 60 to 31 days of departure - - \$150 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 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. Cost of travel insurance for this trip starts at \$237. To cover preexisting conditions, insurance must be purchased with your reservation. (See reservation form). If paying by check, add insurance cost to your deposit. Insurance can also be purchased at the time of your final payment.

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

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