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Catholic Italy Pilgrimage

February 18-29, 2024 - 12 Days

\$5,099 from Norfolk

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Sunday, February 18 - Day 1 –
USA/ROME – Today we depart from 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.

Monday, February 19 – President's Day - 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. Overnight at our hotel.

Tuesday, February 20 - 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". (OR MEDICI). 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, its campanile by Giotto. Once outside we view the Baptistry's 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, then 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 our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Wednesday, February 21 - Day 4 – 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, 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. We continue uphill to visit the monumental Cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary. We enjoy 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. 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. Continue to the upper village for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

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[www.Unitours.com/questions.](http://www.Unitours.com/questions)"



Thursday, February 22 - Chair of Peter - 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.

Friday, February 23 - Day 6 - ASSISI/SORRENTO - Following an early morning departure from Assisi, we travel south through the Umbrian countryside. Our first stop is Santa Maria Degli Angeli for our Mass. Stop along the way for lunch on our own. We continue our travel south to the wonderful town of Sorrento along the Mediterranean coast for dinner and overnight.

Saturday, February 24 - Day 7 - ISLE OF CAPRI/SORRENTO - 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 overnight.

Sunday, February 25 - Day 8 - SORRENTO/POSITANO/SORRENTO - Today, we drive along the famous Amalfi Coast to reach Positano. We visit this wonderful village and celebrate Mass at one of its churches. Free time for Lunch. In the afternoon we return to Sorrento for a guided tour. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Monday, February 26 - Day 9 - SORRENTO/POMPEII/ROME - This morning, we leave Sorrento as we travel to Pompeii, the Roman City destroyed yet preserved by the volcanic ash of

Vesuvius in 79 AD. We visit the church of the Holy Rosary visited by Blessed John Paul II, shortly before his death. We enjoy some free time for lunch and shopping. In the afternoon we continue to Rome for dinner and overnight.

Tuesday, February 27 - Day 10 - VATICAN CITY/ROME - Following morning Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, we tour Catholicism's mother church and the largest church in the world. Highlights will include Michaelangelo's *Pieta* as well as Bernini's famous altar columns, one of which contains the spear of St. Longinus, the Roman centurion who pierced the side of Christ and was healed by the blood and water that flowed from it! Afterwards, we visit the Vatican Museum, including the Sistine Chapel. After lunch on our own, we'll visit the Basilica of St. Mary Major. After, we enjoy a walking tour of the Roman Fora, the Arch of Constantine, the Coliseum and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Wednesday, February 28 - Weds Day 11 - 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, contains an unusual gallery of papal portraits: 265 tablets portraying the popes of the past. 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. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Thursday, February 29 - Day 12 - ROME/USA - Today we make our way home with memories of a lifetime.

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

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Name(s) as appears on passport

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TOTAL TOUR PRICE: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect October 26, 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 August 29, 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 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 \$130 plus current fuel surcharges of \$400 are included (subject to change). **TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$123 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

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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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