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Pilgrimage to Catholic Italy

Special focus on Eucharistic Miracle Sites

October 3-13, 2022 - 11 Days

\$4,899 from Boston

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Monday, October 3 - Day 1 - DEPART USA – Today we depart Boston’s Logan Airport to connect with our overnight flight to Rome aboard a wide-bodied jet. We enjoy in-flight movies, dinner, and breakfast while aloft.

Tuesday, October 4 – Feast of St Francis of Assisi - DAY 2 - ROME – This morning, we arrive in Rome and are greeted by our Tour Manager as we transfer to our deluxe coach bus and enjoy a driving tour of Rome’s popular landmarks. Following a stop for lunch on our own, we conclude our day at one of the Catacombs, the burial places of early Christians. We celebrate Mass while here and view the 2nd and 3rd century fresco paintings. We continue to our hotel for our “welcome” dinner and overnight.

Wednesday, October 5 - DAY 3 - VATICAN CITY/ROME - Today we make our way to St. Peter's for an audience with Pope Francis (pending if he is in residence). After lunch on our own, we visit 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, contains an unusual gallery of papal portraits: 265 tablets portraying the popes of the past. We celebrate Mass here and return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Thursday, October 6 - DAY 4 - ROME/ORVIETO/ASSISI – This morning, our early morning departure from Rome, and 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 the 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, the following year Pope Urban IV instituted the Feast of Corpus Christi. We stop for lunch on our own, then make a brief stop in the town of Perugia, just a short distance from Assisi. In the Cathedral Church of San Lorenzo, we find the reliquary containing the “Santo Anello” or Holy Ring of Mary. Tradition has it that this is the very ring St. Joseph placed on Our Lady the day of their wedding! 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 thank St. Francis for two of his most notable gifts to humanity, the *Nativity Scene* and the *Stations of the Cross*. We then proceed to the hilltop village of Assisi for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Friday, October 7 - Lady of Rosary - DAY 5 - ASSISI - Today we 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, including 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 many consider 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

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to St. Clare which is worth noting. In 1240AD, a band of Saracen soldiers was 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 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 8 - DAY 6 – ASSISI/FLORENCE/ASSISI - Today, we drive to Florence, where our first stop is the Academia Gallery, where we view Michelangelo's famous "David". We continue for Mass and visit to the Duomo, the heart of the city, where 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, we visit the beautiful Basilica of Santa Croce. Among the most famous interred here, lie Galileo, Rossini, Michelangelo, and Machiavelli. We leave Florence with a drive to the "Piazzale Michelangelo" for a panoramic view of this spectacular city and return to hotel in Assisi for dinner and overnight.

Sunday, October 9 - DAY 7 – ASSISI/SIENA/VOLTERRA/ASSISI - This morning, we journey through the picturesque Italian countryside of Umbria, 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. While there, we also visit the Basilica of San Francesco, where an entire chalice was stolen in 1740AD. The 351 consecrated hosts still

maintain the look of "fresh" hosts! We continue uphill to visit the monumental Cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Following a break for lunch on our own, we stop in the town of Volterra and briefly visit the Cathedral of Volterra, where in 1472AD a Eucharistic miracle occurred, when a soldier stole an ivory chalice containing consecrated hosts from the cathedral. Once outside the cathedral, he flung the chalice against the exterior of the church but instead of the hosts falling to the ground and being corrupted, they began to float and illuminate at the same time. The documentation of this event is stored in Assisi, at the Church of St. Francis. Following our visit, we return to Assisi for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Monday, October 10 - Columbus Day (US) - DAY 8 – ASSISI/SORRENTO/ISLE OF CAPRI/SORRENTO - This morning, we depart Assisi and travel south to either Naples or the coastal town of Sorrento. From there, we depart by steamer across the Bay of Naples to the *Island of Dreams* - Capri. We tour the island, including Anacapri and the beautiful Blue Grotto (weather permitting). We enjoy lunch on our own while on the island and, following Mass at one of the churches there, we return to Sorrento for dinner overnight at our hotel.

Tuesday, October 11 - DAY 9 – SORRENTO/AMALFI/POMPEII/ROME - Today, we drive along the breathtaking Amalfi Coast. We continue along Amalfi coast and will stroll in the village of Amalfi to visit and celebrate Mass at the stunning Cathedral, home to the relics of St. Andrew, the patron and protector of Amalfi. Afterwards, we break for lunch on our own before we continue to Pompeii, the Roman City of 65,000 destroyed yet preserved by the volcanic ash of Vesuvius in 79 AD. We visit the church of the Holy Rosary visited by Pope St. John Paul II shortly before his death. We conclude our day and return to Rome for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Wednesday, October 12 - DAY 10 – ROME - This morning, we visit the last two of Rome's four major basilicas, St. John Lateran, and St. Mary Major. We then visit St. Peter in Chains to view Michelangelo's possibly most celebrated sculpture, the "Moses". Follow a break for lunch on our own, the afternoon is free for time to explore, shop or just relax before returning to our hotel for our "farewell" dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Thursday, October 13 - DAY 11 – ROME/USA - Today, we transfer to the airport for our flight to the U.S. arriving the same day 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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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath. Single Room supplement of \$936 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.

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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 \$340 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$109 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.

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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.

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