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# Catholic Italy Pilgrimage with a Priest Host

**October 18- 27, 2021 - 10 Days**

**\$3,999 from Boston**

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**Monday, October 18 - St. Luke - 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 19 - DAY 2 - ROME** - We arrive in Rome and are greeted by our Tour Manager as we transfer to our coach bus. Depending on arrival time, we will stop on our way to our hotel for lunch on our own, or head directly to our hotel with time to relax before our "welcome" dinner and a possible opportunity for Mass. Along the way, we are offered a viewing tour of some of the popular sites along our route to the hotel, including the Basilica of St. Paul, the ancient Pyramid of Cestius, the baths at Terme di Caracalla, the Colosseum, Basilica of St. Mary Major, the Piazza della Repubblica and up Via Veneto to Villa Borghese. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Wednesday, October 20 - DAY 3 - VATICAN**

**CITY/ROME** - This morning, 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. Following our visit there, we drive to our next destination, the Catacombs of St. Callixtus, the burial places of early Christians. They were named after the deacon Callixtus who, at the beginning of the third century, was appointed by Pope Zephyrinus as the administrator of the cemetery, which became the official cemetery of the Church of Rome. While here, we view the 2nd and 3rd century fresco paintings. We end our day back at our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Thursday, October 21 - DAY 4 - VATICAN CITY/ROME** - Following morning Mass at St. Peter's, we spend this morning viewing the treasures of the Vatican Museum. We marvel at Michelangelo's restored frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica to view the famous "Pieta", Mary holding her son's lifeless body in her lap. This afternoon, following lunch on our own, we visit two of Rome's major basilicas, St. John Lateran and the Holy Steps, as well as St. Mary Major, where we have ample time to reflect on our day. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Friday, October 22 - DAY 5 - ROME/SIENA/ASSISI** - This morning, we travel to the magnificent city of Siena, which invites us to stroll through its Gothic streets. Following celebration of 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, dates to 1250. We continue uphill to visit the monumental Cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary. We break for lunch on our own before leaving this enchanting town for our next destination, Assisi. We arrive later this afternoon with a short time to relax before dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Saturday, October 23 - 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." 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.

**Sunday, October 24 - DAY 7 - ASSISI/ LANCIANO/SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO** - Today, we stop in the lower town of Assisi for a brief visit to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, and the Portiuncula, Francis' Church of the Little Portion. Following our visit, we journey east towards 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 material. We enjoy lunch on our own along the way. Following our stop at Lanciano, we continue south to San Giovanni Rotondo for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Monday, October 25 - DAY 8 - SAN GIOVANNI/ SUBIACO/ROME** - This morning, we visit the tomb of St. Padre Pio, as well as the wonderful church he spent the remainder of his life serving. Following our stay in San Giovanni Rotondo we depart for Subiaco, where St. Benedict and his sister St. Scholastica 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, as well as 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 stop for lunch on our own before continuing our journey back to Rome in time for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Tuesday, October 26 - DAY 9 - ROME** - Today, we have the opportunity, if tickets are available, to make the short journey to nearby St. Peter's for the Scavi Tour of the crypt portion, which is not open to the public. Following our visit, we stop for a relaxing lunch on our own. This afternoon we have the option to visit the Church of St. Peter in Chains to view Michelangelo's possibly most celebrated sculpture, the "Moses", depending on our schedule. Tonight, we enjoy our "farewell" dinner as we prepare to say "Good-bye" to Rome. Overnight at our hotel.

**Wednesday, October 27 - Day 10 - ROME/USA** - This morning, following breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our afternoon flight to the U.S., arriving the same day and filled with memories of a lifetime.

**"Have questions about this pilgrimage? Ask us! Go to [www.Unitours.com/questions](http://www.Unitours.com/questions)."**



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

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**TOTAL TOUR PRICE:** The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect July 20, 2020. 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 27, 2022 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 British Airways. 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 \$646 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 \$66 plus current fuel surcharges of \$438 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$97 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 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.

**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](http://www.Unitours.com/TravelInsurance) for full details including optional Cancel for any reason coverage. (NOT AVAILABLE FOR NEW YORK RESIDENTS.) Cost of travel insurance for this trip starts at \$199. 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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