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Pilgrimage Spiritual Guides:

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November 6-15, 2019 - 10 Days

\$4,399 from Cleveland

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Saturday, November 16 - Day 1 – DEPART USA We depart from Cleveland for our overnight flight to Rome (via east coast gateway) aboard a wide-bodied jet. We enjoy in-flight movies, dinner and breakfast aloft.

Sunday, November 17 - Day 2 - ROME/ORVIETO/SIENA Upon arrival in Rome we are greeted by our tour manager who will remain with us for the duration of our pilgrimage. Our first stop is Orvieto, one of the most dramatic townscapes in Europe, and the site of the Eucharistic miracle that inspired the Feast of Corpus Christi. We celebrate Mass at the Orvieto Cathedral, a 14th century Roman cathedral dedicated to the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. After free time for lunch, we continue through Tuscany to Siena for dinner and overnight.

Monday, November 18 - Day 3 – SIENA/ASSISI This morning we walk through the Gothic streets of Siena, exploring the most significant places in the life of St. Catherine in her native town. We celebrate Mass at the Basilica of San Domenico, where relics of St. Catherine are kept, surrounded by beautiful 16th century frescoes. We continue to her home, now the Sanctuary of Santa Caterina. It is also home to the miraculous crucifix from which she received the stigmata. We stop at the grand Basilica of San Francesco, where St. Bernardino began his religious career, and view the nearby oratory dedicated to him, containing splendid frescoes by Domenico Beccafumi, which depict episodes from the life of the Virgin Mary. Finally, we proceed to the famous Piazza del Campo, famous for the Palio bareback horserace, where we enjoy free time for lunch. We depart Siena and head to Assisi, in Umbria. Upon arrival we stop at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels and the Portiuncula, Francis' Church of the Little Portion, in the lower town. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Assisi.

Tuesday, November 19 - Day 4 - ASSISI After breakfast, we explore the hilltop village of Assisi, the home of St. Francis and St. Clare. We joyfully begin our day at the Basilica of San Francesco with Mass. After we pray at the tomb of St. Francis, we begin our walking tour of the village, including 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 del Comune. This afternoon, we are free to explore the beautiful streets of Assisi. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Wednesday, November 20 - DAY 5 – LANCIANO|SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO We depart after breakfast for Lanciano, the site of the oldest Eucharistic Miracle certified by the Church, where we celebrate Mass. We also visit the nearby Cathedral of the Madonna del Ponte, housing the famous Byzantine statue of the Madonna. We enjoy free time for lunch in this picturesque town, before we continue south to San Giovanni Rotondo to pay homage to St. Pio of

Pietrelcina, a friar, a priest, and a stigmatist. Dinner and overnight at our hotel near San Giovanni.

Thursday, November 21 - Day 6 – ROME – This morning we visit the tomb of Padre Pio in Santa Maria delle Grazie sanctuary, where we celebrate Mass. We also see the Sala San Francesco where Padre Pio greeted the faithful, and his books and clothing are still on display. After lunch, we depart for Rome. Upon arrival in Rome, traffic patterns and time permitting, we enjoy a driving tour of the ancient sites including the Roman Fora and the Arch of Constantine, the Coliseum, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Rome.

Friday, November 22 - Day 7 – ROME Today we visit Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, to venerate the tomb of Saint Catherine, and to see its treasure, the statue of Christ the Redeemer before continuing to the adjacent ancient Pantheon, resting place of the artist, Raphael. We celebrate Mass here. After, we enjoy free time for lunch in the Piazza Navona, and then walk past the famous Spanish steps and finally throw a coin in the Trevi Fountain. Our next stop is St John Lateran Basilica and the Holy Stairs, which are believed by many to be the staircase from Pilate's palace in Jerusalem, brought to Rome by St. Helen in the 4th century. Our day ends with a visit to St. Paul Outside the Walls - the spectacular basilica where we pay homage to St. Paul the Apostle, at his tomb. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Rome.

Saturday, November 23 - Day 8 – ROME Today you are free for personal adventure. Mass will be celebrated early at a nearby church or at our hotel. You may choose to visit the Vatican museums, or if there is enough interest, we may offer a private one-day excursion to Florence. Enjoy the culinary delights of Rome tonight, as dinner is on your own. Overnight at our hotel in Rome.

Sunday, November 24 - Day 9 - ROME After an early breakfast, we visit the Basilica of St. Mary Major dedicated to the Virgin Mary, to celebrate Mass. After, we head to the Vatican and see Pope Francis, if he is in residence, at the Vatican window, as we participate in the Angelus. Afterwards, we enter St. Peter's Basilica to view the Pieta and the tombs of the Popes. We have free time for lunch and shopping before heading back to our hotel. Our farewell dinner is at a restaurant in the cobbled streets of the Trastevere area of Rome. Overnight at our hotel in Rome.

Monday, November 25 - Day 10– ROME – Today we bid Arrivederci to Italia, with memories to last a lifetime.

“Have questions about this pilgrimage? Ask us! Go to 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 February 5, 2019. 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 95 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 **May 15, 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 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-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 \$578 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 \$127 plus current fuel surcharges of \$350 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$95 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

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