



Travel with Kerry

Rome & Southern Catholic Italy

Pilgrimage

April 16 - 26, 2023 - 11 Days

\$4,999 from El Paso

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Sunday, April 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.

Monday, April 17 - Day 2 – ROME – We arrive in Rome this morning where we gather our luggage, clear customs and are met by our guide and driver. With an early arrival we tour the sites of Rome from our motor coach passing the Roman Fora, the Arch of Constantine, the Coliseum, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Following lunch on our own, we are escorted to our hotel for check in. The remainder of the day is at leisure as we settle in and get ready for our dinner at the hotel and overnight.

Tuesday, April 18 - DAY 3 - ROME - We start 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. This afternoon, we visit two of Rome's major basilicas, St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran. We also see the Scala Santa, purportedly the stairs that Christ climbed prior to his condemnation by Pontius Pilate. We then go to St. Peter in Chains to view Michelangelo's possibly most celebrated sculpture, the "Moses". Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Wednesday, April 19 - DAY 4 – VATICAN CITY/ROME - This morning, we make our way to St. Peter's for an audience with Pope Francis 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, April 20 - DAY 5 - VATICAN CITY/ROME/SORRENTO - Following morning Mass at St. Peter's, we spend this morning seeing the treasures of the Vatican Museum. We marvel at Michelangelo's restored frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. We return to St. Peter's Basilica to view the "Pieta". This afternoon we depart Rome and head south to the wonderful town of Sorrento along the Mediterranean for dinner and overnight.

Friday, April 21 - Day 6 – 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.

Saturday, April 22 - Day 7 – SORRENTO/AMALFI DRIVE/POMPEII/SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO - Today we motor along the Sorrento Peninsula on the

famous Amalfi Drive with stops along the way, including the splendid jet set village of Positano. Afterwards, we continue to Pompeii, the Roman City destroyed yet preserved by the volcanic ash of Vesuvius in 79 AD. We continue to San Giovanni Rotondo for dinner and overnight.

Sunday, April 23 - Day 8 – SAN GIOVANNI/MONTE SANT ANGELO/PIETRELCINA/ BENEVENTO - This morning we visit the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie, and visit St. Padre Pio's tomb where we celebrate Mass. We then visit the Grotto of Michael the Archangel. Six different popes and St. Francis of Assisi have knelt in prayer at this Grotto, seeking the protection of St. Michael. This afternoon we visit Pietrelcina, the town where Padre Pio was born. We see his native house and the Church of the Holy Family where we find a convent and museum dedicated to St. Padre Pio. Later in the day, we travel to Benevento to check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Monday, April 24 - Day 9 – BENEVENTO/MONTECASSINO/SUBIACO/ROME – After breakfast we depart and travel to Montecassino. The Abbey of Montecassino is one of the most known Abbeys in the world. In 529 Saint Benedict chose this mountain to build a monastery that would host him and those monks following him on the way from Subiaco. We enjoy a guided tour of the cloisters and then up the big ramp to the Basilica of Saint Benedict and Scholastica's grave. After the visit we have free time for lunch and then on to Subiaco. It was here that Saint Benedict and his sister, Scolastica, retired at the end of the 5th Century and built five monasteries. We visit the Monastery of St. Benedict, which dates from the 13th and 14th centuries. We visit 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 celebrate Mass here, then continue to Rome for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Tuesday, April 25 - Day 10 – ROME - Today following breakfast we visit the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, and the Pantheon, where we enjoy lunch on our own. The remainder of the day is free for shopping, rest, or personal adventure. There will be no Mass today, but make sure you are at our hotel by 7pm when we will be bussed to a wonderful restaurant for our Farewell Dinner as we celebrate the past several days of wonder and faith. Overnight at our hotel.

Wednesday, April 26 - Day 11 - RETURN TO U.S. - Today we make our way home with memories of a lifetime.

"Have questions about this pilgrimage? Ask us! Go to www.Unitours.com/questions."

To book online go to
<http://bit.ly/FrMamoItaly>

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Please reserve ___ seats on this Rome & Southern Catholic Italy Pilgrimage - April 16 - 26, 2023

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

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (Passport MUST be valid until October 26, 2023, or later.)

Name(s) as appears on passport) _____

My Roommate: _____

Address: _____

_____ Please assign a roommate (if available)

City, State & Zip _____

_____ I prefer a single room - \$820 supplement and limited in number.

Telephone: _____

_____ I/we wish to purchase optional travel insurance starting at \$245 now in order to cover preexisting conditions. (See "Travel Insurance" on pilgrimage terms for price and details.)

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. _____

_____ Signature

TOTAL TOUR PRICE: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect June 28, 2022. 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 **October 26, 2023**, 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 American Airlines. 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 **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 \$820 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 \$124 plus current fuel surcharges of \$400 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.

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 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 \$245 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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