



Padres and Popes: A Pilgrimage to **Southern Italy**

SCHEDULED DEPARTURES

May 16 - 26, 2016

May 15 - 25, 2017



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Day 1 • Depart

Our adventure begins as we depart on our transatlantic flight to Rome, Italy.

Day 2 • Assisi

Upon arrival in Rome, we meet our motor coach and driver and transfer to Assisi. As we get close to Assisi we stop for lunch on our own. Afterwards a local guide will join us as we explore the **Basilica of San Francisco** with its wonderful frescoes by Cimabue and Giotto. We then visit the **Basilica of St. Clare**, Francis' friend and foundress of the Poor Clare order of nuns, and see the crucifix that spoke to St. Francis in San Damiano. We go to **San Damiano** to pray in the place where Francis wrote the "Canticle of the Sun." Our day ends with a welcome dinner at our hotel. (D)

Day 3 • Assisi/Cascia/Macerata/Loreto/Assisi

After breakfast we depart for Loreto with a stop along the way in Cascia. In Cascia we visit the **Basilica church dedicated to St. Rita** and the adjacent convent that has changed very little since the days of St. Rita. We visit all of the important sites including the chapel with St. Rita's incorrupt body, site of the Eucharistic miracle, Rita's crucifix that emanated stigmata and the miraculous vine of St. Rita. Next we depart for **Macerata** where we visit the **Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy**, scene of another Eucharistic miracle, where in the 14th century, another priest torn by the doubt that Christ was really present in the Eucharist, saw the host bleed into the chalice and some of the blood spilled onto the corporal. Finally, we head to **Loreto**, one of Italy's leading pilgrimage sites. We visit the **Sanctuary of the Holy House**, where local tradition says angels moved the house that had



been the Holy Family's home in Nazareth. After lunch along the sea, we return to Assisi for free time to shop, explore or meditate in this blessed town. (B,D)

Day 4 • San Giovanni Rotondo

Today we continue south and enter the Region of Puglia to reach San Giovanni Rotondo, one of the most renowned pilgrimage destinations in Europe because of the extraordinary life and reputation for sanctity of the Franciscan Capuchin Priest, Padre Pio da Pietralcina, who lived, labored, and in 1968 died here. We pray in the convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie where Padre Pio lived and afterwards hear about his life and works from the Franciscan friars, as we visit the institutions he left behind. Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni. (B,D)

Day 5 • Sorrento

After Mass this morning at San Giovanni, we go to nearby **Monte Sant'Angelo**, one of the most ancient of Christian shrines, dedicated to the Archangel Michael who appeared here in the 5th and 8th centuries. We move across the Italian Peninsula towards Sorrento, stopping in Pietrelcina where Padre Pio was born and baptized. We overnight in beautiful Sorrento. (B,D)

Day 6 • Rome

We drive to **Pompeii** on the Mediterranean Sea and pray in the famous shrine dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. We have a **guided visit to the ruins of the Roman city** destroyed by Mt. Vesuvius. Then we proceed to Rome. (B,D)





Day 7 • Rome

After breakfast, we become acquainted with the city that was the birthplace for much of our civilization as we visit the **Capitoline Hill area**, from which we view the **Roman Forum**. We also see the **Colosseum, the Trevi Fountain, and more**. Tonight we dine at a local restaurant - a favorite of Pope Benedict's. **(B,D)**

Day 8 • Rome

This morning we visit the **Vatican City** and **St. Peter's Cathedral**, home of the Roman Catholic Church and the largest building in Christianity. Also included is a visit to the **Vatican Museums**, one of the greatest art collections in the world. We see a young Michelangelo's masterpiece, the deeply moving, magnificent **Pieta**. We see the **Tapestries Gallery** and the **Belvedere** with its marvelous statues. We also visit Raphael's Rooms, and Michelangelo's **Sistine Chapel** that has been restored to its original beauty. We have time later this afternoon to explore on our own. **(B)**

Day 9 • Rome

Today we visit the major basilicas of Rome, first stopping at **St. Mary Major**, the most important church in the world devoted to Our Lady. We celebrate Mass here where Mass has been celebrated every day since the 5th century. We then depart for a visit to **St. John Lateran**, the Pope's cathedral church where relics of both Peter and Paul remain under the main altar. The remainder of our day will be spent visiting the churches of **San Clemente and its Crypt** and also **San Croce in Gerusalemme**, which house pieces of the True Cross. **(B,D)**

Day 10 • Rome

After breakfast we head back to St Peter's in the **Vatican** for a **Papal Audience** with the Holy Father. Following our audience with the Pope, we have free time later this afternoon for lunch around **Navonna Square** and see the **Pantheon**. Later we visit the **catacombs of San Sebastian**. We return to our hotel to relax before we head to a local restaurant to enjoy our farewell dinner. **(B,D)**

Day 11 • Return

Our journey draws to a close as we transfer to Leonardo da Vinci airport for our return flight home. We return moved by the Spirit with enduring memories of early Christianity, historic sites and cities, a host of new friends. **(B)**

Tour Prices:

ITP16: May 16 - 26, 2016 • \$2,899

ITP 17: May 15 - 25, 2017 • \$2,969

Prices are *per person, land only, double occupancy* with a minimum of 20 participants

Single supplement: \$575 (2016)

\$600 (2017)

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in moderate first-class hotels
- **Meals** per the itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Services of **professional tour manager**
- Local **step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services on land tour (except coach driver and tour guide)

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Roundtrip **Airfare** plus related taxes, fees and fuel charges
- Meals other than indicated above
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- End of tour gratuity for coach driver and tour guide
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (This insurance is available and recommended.)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 100 days prior to departure date. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:

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All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 99 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee plus any airfare penalties will be assessed. From 99-14 days, a \$300 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling less than 14 days prior to departure will receive **no refund**.

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

Abbreviations for Meals

B=Breakfast D=Dinner

Terms and Conditions

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Work phone/cell: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds

Roommate name: _____ **OR Single supplement:** ____ Yes ____ No

Travel Insurance (please check one)

- I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel insurance offered through Travel Guard.

Deposit Payment Information (please check one)

- Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**
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Credit Card Number: _____ **Exp. Date:** _____

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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ **Date:** _____



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