



Pilgrimage to

Italy

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE

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Oct. 16 - 25, 2019



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Assisi



Day 1 • Departure

Our spiritual 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. We have time to relax from our long flight before a welcome dinner at our hotel tonight. **D**

Day 3 • Assisi

After breakfast, a local guide joins 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 nuns; here we 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.” This evening we enjoy dinner at a local winery. **B,D**

Day 4 • Florence

Our entire day is devoted to Florence, the Cradle of the Renaissance. We begin with a stop for reflection at the American Cemetery of Florence. Here we see the graves of thousands of WWII GI’s who fell while fighting their way “up the boot” of Italy. Florence is home to the Duomo with its famed Baptistry, Giotto’s Tower, the Pitti Palace, the Accademia with Michelangelo’s incomparable David, and the Uffizi Gallery with the finest collection of paintings in all of Italy. **B,D**

Day 5 • Rome

Our day begins with breakfast and devotions or Mass before we depart for Rome. On arrival we become acquainted with the city that was the birthplace for much of our civilization as we visit the

Trevi Fountain



Rome’s Colosseum



Capitoline Hill area, from which we view the Roman Forum. We also see the Colosseum, Mamertine Prison, St Peter in Chains, and more. Dinner tonight is at our hotel. **B,D**

Day 6 • 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, housing one of the greatest art collections in the world. We see a young Michelangelo’s masterpiece, the deeply moving and magnificent *Pietà*. We see the Tapestries Gallery and the Belvedere with its marvelous statues. We also visit Raphael Rooms and Michelangelo’s Sistine Chapel that has been restored to its original beauty. This afternoon we journey underneath the foundation of St. Peter’s Basilica to walk the streets of this ancient necropolis and the Scavi Tour.* Tonight we have dinner in a Roman restaurant. **B,D**

**Note Scavi Tour entrance cannot be guaranteed as a limited number are allowed each day. It is limited to 12 persons at a time. The tour itinerary may be modified to accommodate as many travelers as possible throughout the time in Rome. Priority to travelers will be based on the date they signed up for the tour.*

Day 7 • 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. Mass has been celebrated here 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. Later this afternoon our guide will take us on an evening stroll to Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps and more. **B,D**

Pompeii



Day 8 • 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 for lunch around Navona Square and then we visit the Pantheon. Later we make a stop at the catacombs of San Sebastian before a tour at St Paul Outside the Walls. We spend the remainder of the day exploring on our own. Dinner is also on our own tonight. **B**

Day 9 • Rome

This morning we drive to Pompeii on the Mediterranean Sea. We have a guided visit of the ruins of the Roman city destroyed by Mt. Vesuvius. As we return, we will catch glimpses of the amazing Italian coast line and scenery and marvel at God's creation. Tonight we will have a farewell dinner in a local restaurant with local music as we celebrate our journey. **B,D**

Day 10 • Rome

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

Optional VENICE EXTENSION

Day 10 • Venice

While the rest of the group heads to the airport to go back to the United States, we go to the train station to board the Hi-Speed Train to fabulous Venice—La Serenissima, the "Serene One." Built upon 117 islands, Venice is a mosaic of canals, plazas, fascinating markets, and chaos! Upon our arrival in Venice, we take a water taxi to our hotel. After checking in we have some free time to explore before dinner at our hotel. **B/D**

Day 11 • Venice

We begin our day in St. Mark's Square, where a local guide gives us a tour of the Doges' Palace and show us the Bell Tower and the impressive St. Mark's Cathedral. After lunch, we travel to Murano—a cluster of small islands connected by bridges and the center of the Italian glassmaking industry since 1291. There is time in the afternoon to explore and shop in the famous market area around the Rialto Bridge or to enjoy a coffee and some people-watching at St. Mark's Square. Dinner is on our own in Venice tonight. **B**

Day 12 • Venice

Today we have the entire day free to explore, relax, take a mask-making workshop, or visit another of the world-class museums. With our vaporetto passes, we are free to visit any one of the many other islands before a farewell dinner and wine at a local favorite restaurant. **B/D**

Day 13 • Return

This morning we transfer to the Venice airport, where we say "Ciao", and board our flight for our return to the USA. **B**

**Note: if there is a priest along, there will be additional prayer and Mass opportunities to celebrate our Catholic faith!*

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast D=Dinner

TOUR COST:

2018: \$2,679* per person, double occupancy

2019: \$2,779* per person, double occupancy

Single supplement = \$475 (2018) , \$475 (2019)
with a minimum of 20 participants

Venice Extension

2018: \$ 999 per person, double occupancy

2019: \$1,039 per person, double occupancy

Extension Single supplement = \$225 (2018) , \$225 (2019)

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in three or four star traditional European Hotels
- **Meals** as indicated in 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 except as noted below.

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Airfare and related taxes, fees and fuel charges
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- End of tour gratuity for coach driver and tour manager
- 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:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

Refund/Cancellation Policy:

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

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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- Single Supplement \$475

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 travel protection plan and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel protection plan 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.**
- Please charge \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

Credit Card Number: _____ **Exp. Date:** _____

Card ID Code:* _____ **last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

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

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



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