



Monastery in Cassino

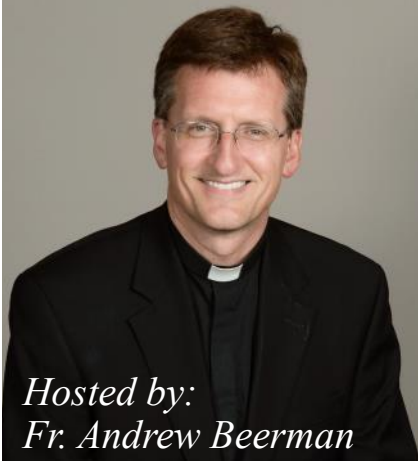
St. James Coffee House presents:

Italy: Sites of the Saints

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE

Oct. 18 - 29, 2020

Early Bird Special
\$50 off registrations
Received by Mar. 16, 2020



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Assisi



Day 1: Sun, Oct 18, 2020 • Depart

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

Day 2: Mon, Oct 19, 2020 • Arrive – Cassino area

Upon arrival, we meet our motor coach and driver and transfer to Cassino. We visit **Montecassino Abbey** where St Benedict founded the well-structured Christian monastery in the midst of rampant paganism in 529. We have Mass and remember its long history. Next, we have time to relax from our long flight before a welcome dinner at our hotel. **D**

Day 3: Tue, Oct 20, 2020 • San Giovanni Rotondo

Today we make a leisurely drive to the Region of Puglia to reach San Giovanni Rotondo, one of the most renowned pilgrimage destinations in Europe. We remember and learn about the extraordinary life of the Franciscan Capuchin Priest, Padre Pio da Pietralcina, who lived, labored, and in 1968 died here. We visit the convent of **Santa Maria delle Grazie** where Padre Pio lived and hear about his life and reputation for sanctity, and works from the Franciscan friars, as we visit the institutions he left behind. **B, D**

Day 4: Wed, Oct 21, 2020 • Assisi

After breakfast, we drive to Lanciano to celebrate Mass at the **Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano**. Later we drive to Assisi and explore the beautiful town. Our local guide shows us its wonderful frescoes by Cimabue and Giotto and more. We have free time to explore the Basilica of St. Clare on our own. St. Clare was Francis' friend and foundress of the Poor Clare nuns. We see the crucifix that spoke to St. Francis in San Damiano. **B, D**



Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi

Rome's Colosseum



Day 5: Thurs, Oct 22, 2020 • Assisi

We visit the **Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli** built to enclose the tiny Church of the Porziuncola, St. Francis' first retreat and place of prayer and where he consecrated Clare as the Bride of Christ. We continue to La Verna, one of the places where St. Francis is venerated and, we get a sense of its artistic cultural, historical and religious interest. Lunch (pranzo) is at a local ristorante in La Verna before visiting the peace and the quiet of the **Sanctuary of La Verna** on nearby Mount Penna, where we attend Mass in the Chapel of the Stigmata. **B, L, D**

Day 6: Fri, Oct 23, 2020 • Assisi

We begin today with Mass at **San Damiano** and to pray in the place where Francis wrote the "Canticle of the Sun." Later today we have the option to go to the Carceri or we can have free time in Assisi. This evening we enjoy dinner and a tour at a local winery. **B, D**

Day 7: Sat, Oct 24, 2020 • Assisi - Rome

Today we explore the Rieti Valley where St Francis found refuge from the vanities of the world. He found kind, simple people who understood his message. He found lush and peaceful nature. Saint Francis made the Rieti Valley his home along with Assisi and La Verna. Since then, this splendid plain amidst the hills and mountains has been known as the **Sacred Valley**. Other stops include Greccio where we visit the Sanctuary (one of four shrines built by St Francis) and the International Museum of the Crib and other sites as time permits. We arrive in Rome in time for dinner at our hotel. **B, L, D**



Monastery of Sacred Cave (Sacro Speco) of Saint Benedict



Day 8: Sun, Oct 25, 2020 • Rome

We begin with a walking tour of the Palatine and Capitoline Hills areas beginning at the **Colosseum**. We walk through the Roman Forum and the ruins of 2000 years ago imagining what it must have been like as we see the tracks the chariot wheels left. We see Constantine's Arch, San Pietro in Vincoli Church with Michelangelo's Moses, and Mamertine Prison and reflect on Paul's time spent in Rome. After lunch, we visit one of the four major basilicas of Rome, **St. Paul's Outside the Walls**, where the Apostle was martyred and is buried. After our Mass, we return to the city center. **B, D**

Day 9: Mon, Oct 26, 2020 • Rome

This morning we visit the **Vatican City** and **St. Peter's Basilica**, home of the Roman Catholic Church and the largest building in Christianity. Included is a visit to the **Vatican Museum** and the **Sistine Chapel**. We have free time to visit the city center in the afternoon. **B**

Day 10: Tue, Oct 27, 2020 • Rome

Today we explore another site of St Benedict as we drive the short distance to Subiaco for a tour of the Monastery and the **Cave of Saint Benedict of Norcia**. Set in the rock face of Mount Taleo, our tour will explain the "living rock" where the monastery perches as well as its significance of being a center of spirituality for almost 1000 years. We will be awed by the oldest existing portrait of Saint Francis of Assisi who arrived there in 1223. Later we stop at **Villa d'Este**, a masterful Italian Garden and included on the UNESCO World Heritage list. We will meander through impressive gardens, past fountains, grottoes and imposing architecture before returning to Rome to enjoy dinner together at our hotel. **B, D**

Day 11: Wed, Oct 28, 2020 • Rome

After breakfast we depart for the **Vatican** and a **Papal Audience** with the Holy Father. The afternoon is free for final exploration and shopping opportunities or to visit other sites of Rome. This evening we have a farewell dinner at a local restaurant and reflect on our journey. **B, D**

Day 12: Thurs, Oct 29, 2020 • Return to USA

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, a host of new friends. *Arrivederci!* **B**

Tour Prices: \$4,999

Prices are *per person, double occupancy*
Land and estimated air
with a minimum of 25 participants

Single supplement: \$500

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip transportation from Rochester to MSP airport
- Estimated airfare (\$1,300) from Minneapolis to Rome or Naples and return from Rome including taxes and fuel surcharges.
- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in superior tourist & moderate first class hotels
- Services of a **multi-lingual guide** throughout the tour
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities listed on itinerary
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- All **taxes and tips** including coach driver, tour leader and hotel and restaurant staff
- **Travel insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- Beverages, *except for* juice, tea, coffee and water with breakfast
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees (*Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date.*)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 is due with registration. Final payment is due 100 days before departure (July 10, 2020). Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. *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 and the date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to the departure date. From the time of deposit to 99 days before departure, a \$100 per person administrative fee and any lost airfare deposits will be assessed. From the final payment due date until 14 days before departure, there will be a \$300 per person cancellation penalty plus any unrecoverable deposits to suppliers as well as any penalties imposed by airlines or ground suppliers. Airline tickets, once printed are not refundable. An individual canceling less than 14 days before departure will receive NO REFUND.

Health, baggage and trip cancellation insurance is included.

Abbreviations for Meals

B=Breakfast L=Lunch 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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Please register me for:

- SJIT20: Oct. 18 - 29, 2020 • \$4,999
- Single Supplement • \$500

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. *Best practice is to include a copy of the photo page of your passport.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

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Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

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

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed (1 bed) Twin Beds (2 beds)

Roommate name: _____ OR Single supplement: Yes No

Travel Insurance

Insurance by Travel Guard insurance has been included in the price of the tour.

Deposit Payment Information *(please check one)*

Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit. **Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**

Please charge \$ _____ deposit 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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