

Day 1: Sunday, April 19, 2015, USA / ROME

Tour members are welcomed at Chicago O'Hare airport for our overnight flight to Rome via wide body aircraft arriving the next day. Meals served on board.

Day 2: Monday April 20, ROME



Upon our arrival in Rome, we board our motor coach and meet our full-time tour escort. We begin with Mass at the **Basilica of St. John's Lateran Church** (subject to confirmation), the Cathedral church of the Pope. This church was originally built by Constantine when he ended the Christian persecutions. We tour the basilica and see the Altar that holds the relics of Sts. Peter and Paul. Next to the Basilica is the Baptistery and across the street we see the Sancta Scala - **Holy Stairs**, which were transported from Pilate's palace in Jerusalem and on which

the Savior climbed before His crucifixion. Those who wish to pray each step on their knees may do so. The option to take the side stairs on foot is also available. Then, we check in at the hotel for a welcome dinner and overnight. [D]

Day 3: Tuesday April 21, ROME

Our first stop today will be a **guided tour of St Peter's Basilica**. The Basilica is very impressive with its imposing architecture, rich ornamentation, and marvelous works of art. We view one of Rome's most recognized works of art, Michelangelo's Pietà. We celebrate Mass at the basilica (subject to confirmation). From there, we visit the **Vatican Museum and Gallery**, and the **Sistine Chapel** where Michelangelo's restored masterpieces adorn the ceilings and walls. Then, we proceed to the **Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls**, which houses the remains of St. Paul under the main altar. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 4: Wednesday April 22, ROME (PAPAL AUDIENCE)

This morning we attend the **Papal Audience** at St. Peter's (provided our Holy Father is home). We listen to the words of His Holiness Pope Francis and receive his blessing. After the audience, we visit **St. Praxedes** to celebrate Mass (subject to confirmation). The remainder of the day is free to explore on your own. Suggestions include:

- Visit one the oldest Christian sites in Rome—the Church of Santa Susanna (the American National Church in Rome).
- Spend time at the ancient Basilica church of Santi Giovanni e Paolo (referred to as Sts John and Paul). The Basilica was built in 398 over the home of two Roman soldiers, John and Paul, who were martyred 36 years earlier. Beneath the altar are the remains of the two martyrs.
- Visit the Gothic church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva. The church was built in the 13th century over the ruins of what was thought to be the Temple of Minerva. The church contains the tombs of Pope Leo X and his cousin Clement VII and St. Catherine of Siena, etc.

- Nearby St. Mary Major is the church of St. Alphonsus. The church was built and named in honor of the founder of the Redemptorist Congregation, St. Alphonsus Liguori. The church contains the original Picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.
- Stroll through the ancient streets of Trastevere.

This evening, join friends or enjoy a private sampling of authentic Italian cuisine at a trattoria (local diner) or restaurant of your choice as **dinner is on your own**. Overnight in Rome. [B]

Day 5: Thursday April 23 ROME / ASSISI

Holy Mass will be celebrated this morning at **St. Peter in Chains** (subject to confirmation), known locally as San Pietro in Vincoli. After Mass, we have time to explore the church, see the chains that bound Peter and also Michelangelo's magnificent marble sculpture of Moses. Nearby is the church of **San Clemente** so we will visit there before we tour one of Rome's most well-known icons, the **Colosseum** and **view the Roman Forum**. This afternoon, we bid farewell to Rome and travel through the Umbrian countryside to the hills of Assisi. We stop at **Villa Pieve** in the Umbrian countryside for a late lunch/early dinner. Then, we check in at our hotel for the night. [B,D]



Day 6: Friday April 24, ASSISI

Good morning, beautiful Assisi. We begin at one of Christianity's most revered shrines, the **Basilica of St Francis**. We celebrate Mass there (subject to confirmation). Then, we enjoy a **3-hour tour of Assisi** led by Milwaukee native, Italian resident Anne Robichard. We visit the **church of St Damiano** and the **Basilica of St Clare**. After the tour, we board our motorcoach and proceed to **Ristorante Da Giovannino** for an authentic meal with wine that is typical in rural Umbria. A mini-cooking demonstration will follow dinner. Then, we return to Assisi where the remainder of the day is free to explore on your own. Suggestions include:

- Revisit the sites to which you feel the most drawn.
- Visit Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, the "underground" ruins of Assisi, the fortress of Roco Maggioni, the Cathedral (Duomo) and its museum, and/or Carceri (St Francis' retreat - an arduous hike up a steep hill - taxis available).
- Stroll through the city. Relax and observe the culture and its people.
- Spend some time browsing through gift shops, having gelato or vino in a piazza.

Dinner is on your own this evening. Overnight in Assisi. [B,L]

Day 7: Saturday April 25, ASSISI / SPELLO / ASSISI

On our way out of town for a daytrip, we stop in the lower plains of Assisi to visit the **Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels**, built in 1569 to protect the Portiuncula. The Portiuncula is the church that St Francis and his brothers were given shortly after Pope Innocent III approved of their rule. We also



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see the statue of St. Francis with the live white doves, the thornless rose bushes and the cave where St. Francis prayed in solitude. We celebrate Mass there (subject to confirmation). Then, we continue 6 miles south of Assisi to **Spello**, an ancient town enclosed in medieval stone walls and home to a couple dozen small, medieval

churches. The antiquity of the town is evident as its Arch of Augustus dates back to the 1st century BC-1st century AD. Remains of Roman structures and its medieval characteristics make this one of Umbria's most picturesque towns. In Spello, we will enjoy lunch with wine and olive oil tastings. Then, we return to Assisi where the remainder of the day is free to stroll through town, shop, or revisit sites. **Dinner is on your own**. Overnight in Assisi. [B,L]

Day 8: Sunday April 26, ASSISI / LAVERNA / RAVENNA

We bid farewell to Assisi this morning and travel to Laverna to visit the **chapel and monastery** built in 1263 over the site where St. Francis of Assisi miraculously received the Stigmata, wounds of Christ's Passion. We break for lunch (independently) and then re-board our coach for the continuation of our journey north to Ravenna. We visit the **Basilica of St Vitalis** and the **Basilica of St Appollinaris**, and the **Mausoleum of Galla Placidia**. These places, though different in function and style, have one thing in common: beautiful mosaics. Many believe that Ravenna's collection of mosaics is unrivaled and some of the most important in all of Christendom. We check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight in Ravenna. [B,D]



Day 9: Monday April 27, RAVENNA / VENICE

This morning, we depart Ravenna and travel north to beautiful Venice, a city built on 118 tiny islands and linked by 400 footbridges. Upon our arrival, we enjoy a **tour** of the city. We visit **St. Mark's Square** and the **Basilica di San Marco** which was built to house the remains of St. Mark the Evangelist and St. Isidore, patron saint of farmers. We visit the fascinating and opulent Gothic **Palazzo Ducale**, or Doge's Palace (a doge was an elected official or ruler in the former republic of Venice). We see the covered **Bridge of Sighs**, which dates back to the 16th century and was used to lead convicts between prison and the Doges's Palace for trial or execution. The bridge's name stems from the sighs made by convicts as they got their last views of the city as they passed by the bridge windows to their prison cells. It is one of the most famous bridges in all of Venice. This evening we check in at our Venice hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 10: Tuesday April 28, VENICE

After Mass, the day is free to explore independently. Suggestions include:

- Enjoy observing the culture of the Venetians. Do a photo shoot and capture all the natural beauty and the "scenes" of the city.



• Venture to the three islands of the Venetian Lagoon (Murano, Burano, and Torcello). The boat ride to **Murano** is short but the island has plenty to see for a daytrip. Murano, the "Glass Island" is known for the magic of its glass blowers. You can see these skilled craftsmen in action or purchase a piece or two of their work. Another of the three islands is **Burano**. This island is also easily accessible so you may want to consider doing a little island hopping. Burano is known for its lacework. While lacemakers will be busy creating, bear in mind that not all lacework being sold there will be handmade. Always check that items are handmade before you purchase anything. Besides lace, Burano's 15th-century leaning bell tower, part of San Martino Church, attracts tourists as well. If you are looking for souvenirs, restaurants, pastry shops, or stores you will want to spend some time on Via Galuppi, the island's main street. Wander about to see the natural beauty and tranquility. The colorful hues on homes and the canal are a popular focus of local and visiting artists. The third island, **Torcello**, continually draws tourists to see the incredible mosaics within the 7th-century Cathedral of Santa Maria Dell'Assunta. One of the most impressive of the Byzantine mosaics is a depiction of the Last Judgment. This island is unique as it is primarily a nature reserve, accessible only by walk paths. Enjoy exploring this ancient island.



- Experience a gondola ride and weave through the canals. Note: standard ride is 40 minutes. Fares are higher at night. Gondolas will hold six people so standard fares can be divided. Most gondoliers speak some English. Different views of Venice can be seen on quiet, back canals where you won't be bumper to bumper. If you opt for a back canal, walk a few blocks off the main street (away from San Marco). If you are more interested in the tourist route, you will want to be on the Grand Canal.
- Venice is home to the world-famous opera house, Teatro La Fenice, one of the most renowned landmarks in Italian theatre. Daily tours of Teatro La Fenice are available.
- Art enthusiasts may want to visit the Guggenheim, a modern art museum, located on the Grand Canal in Venice.

We re-group this evening for a farewell dinner and wine at a local restaurant. We return to our hotel to prepare our bags for our morning departure. Overnight in Venice. [B,D]

Day 11: Wednesday April 29, 2015 VENICE / USA

This morning we transfer from our hotel to the airport, where we bid farewell to Italy and begin our journey home, inspired by the holiness of the saints and firm in our resolution to emulate their love for God. [B]

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS / TOUR CONTRACT

TOUR PRICE: Based on tariffs and currency exchange rates in effect on 11/5/2014 and subject to change without notice should there be a revision in rates prior to departure of tour. The tour price is based on a minimum of 36 passengers. Should there be fewer, there could be a surcharge.

ACCOMMODATIONS: In first class hotels or better, based on double or triple occupancy with private facilities. Single-room supplement is \$69 per night and based on availability. Requests for a roommate are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and are not guaranteed. The single-room supplement will be assessed if a roommate is not available when the group is finalized.

MEALS: Nine full hot breakfasts, two lunches, and six dinners throughout the basic tour (continental breakfasts in hotels only where full breakfasts are not available). Extra charge for beverage not included in the menu of the day.

TIPS AND TAXES: Those normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as "service" are included. Airport fees, departure taxes, and fuel surcharges are estimated on the original invoice and adjusted at the time of ticketing.

SIGHTSEEING: By modern motorcoach, including services of English-speaking guides and entrance fees to places included in the itinerary. Masses at churches indicated are subject to availability.

NOT INCLUDED: 1: Airport fees, departure taxes and fuel surcharges (est. - \$699); 2: tips to guides and drivers, meal servers and luggage handlers (est. - \$13 per day); and 3: optional travel insurance. **An amount to cover these items will be added to your original invoice.** Also not included: domestic baggage fees, passport and visa fees, laundry, wines, liquors, meals not included in the itinerary, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned and items of a personal nature. Note: Due to limited storage space on motor coaches, Pentecost Tours entitles each passenger to one checked bag and one carry-on bag that meets airline "size/weight" allowances. Domestic baggage fees, overweight baggage charges, and fees for additional bags fall under the responsibility of the passenger. Be aware, while you may agree to pay fees for additional luggage, there may not be room on the motor coach.

ASSISTANCE: Travelers who require personal assistance must be accompanied by a paying passenger who will provide that assistance.

DEPOSIT AND CANCELLATION: A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure reservations, which sum will be applied to the price of the tour, with the **balance to be paid in full no later than 1/18/2015.** Payment of remaining balance received after 1/18/2015 will incur a \$50 penalty. Reservations made within 91 days of departure may be subject to a late charge. In the event of cancellation, refund will be made up to 12/20/2014 with a \$100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties. From 12/20/2014 to 1/18/2015 the cancellation penalty is \$500 plus any airline cancellation penalties. If cancellation is received after 1/18/2015, refund will be subject to a minimum 40% cancellation fee plus any airline cancellation penalties, or an amount equal to expenses to the tour operator, whichever is greater. There will be no refund for cancellations within 14 days of departure. Cancellation must be in writing and the effective date will be the date that Pentecost Tours, Inc. receives it. In the event 15 passengers do not book the tour within 120 days of departure, the agent reserves the right to cancel the tour. If the entire tour is cancelled by Pentecost Tours, Inc., you are entitled to a full refund.

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