

Catholic Italy Pilgrimage with a Priest Host

June 4 - 14, 2014 - 11 Days

\$3999 from Orlando

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Wednesday, June 4 - Day 1 - DEPART USA – Today we depart Orlando to connect in JFK for our overnight flight to Milan aboard a wide-bodied jet. We enjoy in-flight movies, dinner and breakfast aloft.

Thursday, June 5 - Day 2 - MILAN/PADUA - Upon arrival in Milan we board our motor coach to Padua and go to the Basilica of St. Anthony for Mass and then view the largest bronze work of Donatello. We tour the beautiful city of Padua and end the day at our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Friday, June 6 - Day 3 - VENICE - Venice, the *Queen of the Cities!* After breakfast we travel to Venice for Mass at the incredibly rich Byzantine Basilica of San Marco. Following Mass, time is spent this morning walking the sights of Venice. The glories that are Venice have attracted Byron, Goethe, Wagner, Shakespeare and now - you! We marvel at the intricate network of elegant squares lined with stately Renaissance villas and palaces. This afternoon we are free for shopping, personal adventure or an optional romantic gondola ride through the inner canals of Venice. Return to Padua for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Saturday, June 7 - Day 4 - PADUA/ASSISI – Today, we visit the Basilica of St. Anthony and tour the Treasury Chapel to view the relics of St. Anthony. Afterwards we journey through the beautiful countryside to Assisi and stop in the lower town for a visit to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, and the Portiuncula, Francis' Church of the Little Portion for Mass. After Mass, we proceed to the hilltop village of Assisi, the home of Saint Francis for dinner and overnight.

Sunday, June 8 - Day 5 – ASSISI - This morning we begin with a short walk to the Basilica of St. Francesco for Mass. After our visit of the Basilica and the tomb of St. Francis, we begin our walking tour of the village with a visit to the Church of St. Clare “the little plant of Blessed Francis” as she loved to call herself, where we view the San Damiano crucifix that spoke to St. Francis. Kneeling before it, Francis composed the following prayer, which is considered to be among the oldest of his writings: “All Highest, Glorious God, cast your light into the darkness of my heart. Give me right faith, firm hope, perfect charity, and profound humility, with wisdom and perception, O Lord, so that I may do what is truly your most holy will. Amen.” We then take a lovely walk through the olive fields and visit the convent of St. Clare. This afternoon, our taxis take us up to the Hermitage of the Carceri, where Francis and his Friars retreated from the world to pray and fast. Here the grotto of St. Francis can also be seen. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Monday, June 9 – Day 6 – ASSISI/LANCIANO/SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO – This morning we depart Assisi and travel south along the Adriatic Coast to Lanciano and visit the Church of St. Longinus where we will see the Eucharistic Miracle and celebrate Mass. We then continue to San Giovanni Rotondo for dinner and overnight.

Tuesday, June 10 - Day 7 – SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO/ROME – We visit the tomb of Padre Pio. After celebrating Mass at the tomb, we tour the sanctuary, and see the old church and the crucifix from which he received the stigmata in 1918. You will see the confessional where Padre Pio spent innumerable hours with a multitude of pilgrims, directing them on their journey toward God. We then travel to Rome and arrive for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Wednesday, June 11 - Day 8 – ROME - We start our morning with a visit to Vatican City and make our way to St. Peter's for an audience with Pope Francis if he is in residence. We then enjoy the magnificent

Vatican Museums, with its hundreds of galleries showcasing art and relics donated as tributes of faith throughout the centuries. This guided

tour will include the Tapestry Gallery, the Gallery of Maps, Raphael Rooms, Braccio Nuovo, and the breathtaking Sistine Chapel to see Michelangelo's masterpiece- a full wall fresco of The Last Judgment. The tour will culminate with entering St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site where St. Peter was martyred. Catholic pilgrims travel from around the world to visit St. Peter's Basilica and it is the most majestic of the world's churches. After we visit St. Peter's we visit the Basilica of St. Mary Major where we will have Mass. We conclude our day with dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Thursday, June 12 - Day 9 - ROME – Today we depart for a sightseeing tour of “Christian Rome”. We visit St. Peter in Chains and then go to the Basilica of St. John the Lateran, the Pope's cathedral church where relics of both Peter and Paul remain under the main altar. It was here that Pope Francis was formally installed as Bishop of Rome. Next we see the Holy Staircase which is believed to be a staircase from Pilate's palace in Jerusalem and brought to Rome by St. Helen in the 4th century. Time permitting we may climb the steps on our knees in memory of Christ's Passion. We continue to St. Paul's Beyond the Walls for our Mass. 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. Finally, along the Appian Way -- the oldest road from Roman times--plus the famous Domine Quo Vadis Chapel; see the ancient Baths of Caracalla, Arch of Drusus; Tomb of Celilia Metella, and the catacombs of St. Callixtus where the early Christians hid themselves to escape persecution. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Friday, June 13 – Day 10 - ROME – After breakfast at the hotel, we make our way back to St. Peter's for Mass at one of the crypt altars beneath the Basilica, visit the Tomb of Pope John Paul II, and then a spectacular SCAVI tour. The SCAVI tour is a special visit to the necropolis underneath the Basilica, where the tomb of St. Peter is located. After the SCAVI, everyone has a free afternoon. This is a perfect time to go back inside St. Peter's for touring and personal prayer. Also, free time for a leisure lunch and shopping for the holy articles to bring home for friends and family. We gather at the appointed time/place to meet the bus for dinner at the hotel. After dinner, we have a Rome by Night bus tour. We see the Coliseum, Roman Forum, go by Nero's Circus Maximus, where chariot races were once held, and then finish our tour by visiting the famous Trevi Fountain. Built in the 15th Century to mark the ending destination of the Aqua Virgo (a manmade channel erected in 19 B.C. to bring fresh water to Roman bathhouses.) The water comes from the Salone Springs, eight miles outside of the city. Legend has it, by tossing a coin into the fountain, it will guarantee a return trip to Rome. We conclude the day with overnight in the hotel. *NOTE: Per Vatican direction, SCAVI tours in small groups can only be arranged by pilgrimage organizers, not UNITOURS, and are subject to availability.*

Saturday, June 14 – Day 11 - TRAVEL HOME TO USA - Today we make our way home with memories of a lifetime.

“Have questions about this pilgrimage? Ask us!
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Reservation Form - Catholic Italy Pilgrimage DL0604BF

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Please reserve ___ seats on this Catholic Italy Pilgrimage - June 4 - 14, 2014

Enclosed please find deposit of \$300 per person (Payable to Unitours, Inc.)

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (Passport MUST be valid until **December 14, 2014** or later.)

Name(s) as appears on passport

My Roommate:

Address:

City, State & Zip

Telephone:

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 August 23, 2013. 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 45 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 **December 14, 2014** 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 Delta Airlines. No stopovers are permitted. Any changes after ticket is issued, carries a mandatory charge of \$200. Once the tickets are issued, they are NON REFUNDABLE. Additional non-recoverable airline penalties of up to \$200 may be assessed for cancellations received within 90 days of departure

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 \$567 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 \$116 plus current fuel surcharges of \$516 are included (subject to change). **TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$106 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 \$300 is required to secure reservations. Checks made out to Unitours Inc., Amex, Visa and MasterCard are accepted with signed reservation form. Any balance is to be paid in full no later than January 6, 2014. Final payments will automatically be applied to same credit card on January 6, 2014 (final payment due date). New reservations made after January 6, 2014 must include full payment. Any "new" reservation received at Unitours after 45 days before departure must include a \$25 processing fee. Cancellations made from time of reservation up to January 6, 2014 - \$100 processing charge. In the event of a cancellation after January 6, 2014, there can be no refund for cancellations unless a replacement is found by March 3, 2014. Airline tickets will be issued March 3, 2014,

after which there can be no replacements and no refunds. Pilgrimage organizers will assist in finding a replacement between January 6, 2014 and March 3, 2014; however, arrangements must be made and agreed on between both parties. All cancellations 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. Cost of travel insurance for this trip is \$199. 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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