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Father Sebastian Devasya Holy Year Italy Pilgrimage

September 2-11, 2025 - 10 Days

\$5,999 from Charlotte

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Tuesday, September 2 - DAY 1 –

DEPART USA – Today, we depart Charlotte International airport to connect with our overnight flight to Rome aboard a wide-bodied jet. We enjoy dinner and breakfast aloft.

**Wednesday, September 3 - DAY 2 -
ROME/TUSCANY/MONTECATINI**

– This morning, we arrive in Rome where we are met by our Unitours Tour Manager as we board our motorcoach for our ride to Tuscany. Following lunch on our own, we arrive in the delightful nearby spa town of Montecatini Terme. The balance of the day is at leisure to stroll through the inviting streets of this charming town. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Thursday, September 4 - DAY 3 -
FLORENCE** – Today, we drive to Florence where our first stop will be “Piazzale Michelangelo” for the best panoramic view of this spectacular city one could ask for. We proceed with a tour of the Academia Gallery, where we view one of Michelangelo’s most famous works, “David” (OR MEDICI). We continue with the celebration of Mass and a visit to the Duomo (also known as the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore), in the heart of the city and the fourth largest in the world! There we admire the cupola by Brunelleschi, completed in 1240, its campanile by Giotto. Once outside we view the Baptistery’s with its incomparable bronze doors by Ghiberti. We break for a leisurely lunch on our own at one of the many trattorias that dot the

riverfront area, along Florence’s Arno River. The rest of the day is free for personal shopping or browsing this fascinating city on our own. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Friday, September 5 - DAY 4 -
FLORENCE** - This morning, we return to Florence to spend more time in this beautiful city and visit the beautiful

Basilica of Santa Croce. Among the most famous Italians interred here, lie Galileo, Rossini, Michelangelo, and Machiavelli. We continue our tour of Florence with the Piazza della Signoria, dominated by the Palazzo Vecchio and its embattlement crowned tower. Across from the Palace, we visit the Loggia dei Lanzi with the statues of the Perseus by Cellini; Giambologna's the “Rape of the Sabines” and “Hercules.” Following a break for lunch on our own, we enjoy some free time for shopping or personal adventure in any of the many art museums or to have a walk along the Arno River admiring the enchanting Ponte Vecchio, This evening, our dinner location will be one of the restaurants of this enchanting city. After our included dinner we return at our hotel for overnight.

**Saturday, September 6 - DAY 5 -
MONTECATINI/SIENA/ASSISI** – Today, we journey through the Italian countryside arriving in the magnificent city of Siena, which invites us to stroll through its Gothic streets. After we celebrate Mass at the Dominican Church commemorating St. Catherine, to the famous Piazza del

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Campo. This shell shaped square is the dramatic setting for the annual Palio bareback horserace. The piazza's focal point is the Palazzo Pubblico, the public palace, which dates back to 1250. We continue uphill to visit the monumental Cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary. We enjoy free time for lunch and browsing. In the afternoon we continue south through Umbria to the hilltop village of Assisi, the home of Saint Francis, for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Sunday, September 7 - DAY 6 -

ASSISI - This morning, we begin at the Basilica of St. Francesco with Mass. After our visit of the Basilica and the tomb of St. Francis, we begin our walking tour of the village. Included, is a visit to the Church of St. Clare to view the crucifix that spoke to St. Francis. We pass by the famous Temple of Minerva in the Piazza del Comune. This afternoon, we can enjoy this picturesque hillside village on our own. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Monday, September 8 - Birth of Mary - DAY 7 - ASSISI/ROME -

Today, we depart Assisi, and our first stop is 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. We travel south to Rome where this afternoon we tour her sites, including a walking tour to the Roman Fora passing the Arch of Constantine and Flavian Amphitheater, more commonly known as "the Coliseum." Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Tuesday, September 9 - DAY 8 -

ROME/VATICAN CITY - Today, we visit Vatican City where we celebrate Mass below St. Peter's. Afterwards, we view the treasures of the Vatican Museum. We marvel at Michelangelo's restored frescoes in the Sistine Chapel and the wonders of St. Peter's, as well

as the famous Bernini altar columns, one Bernini engraved his own Rosary on and one rumored to contain the spear of St. Longinus, the roman centurion who pierced the side of our Savior and was healed by the blood and water that flowed from it! While here, we pass through the 1st of the "Holy Doors", during our Holy Year Pilgrimage. This afternoon, following a break for lunch on our own, we tour the Basilica of St. Mary Major, and pass through the "Holy Doors" there to mark our 2nd set of doors on our Holy Year pilgrimage before traveling to the Church of St. Peter in Chains to view Michelangelo's most celebrated sculpture, the "Moses." Dinner at local restaurant and overnight at our hotel.

Wednesday, September 10 - DAY 9 - ROME/VATICAN CITY -

This morning, we make our way to St. Peter's for an audience with Pope Francis, if he is in residence. This afternoon, following a stop for lunch on our own, we visit the Holy Stairs and Basilica of St. John Lateran. While there, we pass through the 3rd set of "Holy Doors" on our Holy Year pilgrimage. We continue to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls or the 4th and last set of "Holy Doors" to pass through. 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. We conclude our day at one of the Catacombs, burial place of early Christians. We celebrate Mass here and view the 2nd and 3rd century fresco paintings. We can explore the culinary delights of Rome tonight as dinner is on our own. Overnight at our hotel.

Thursday, September 11 - DAY 10 -

RETURN TO U.S. - This morning, we make our way home with memories of a lifetime.

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Enclosed please find deposit of \$500 per person (Payable to Unitours, Inc.)

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City, State & Zip

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TOTAL TOUR PRICE: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect October 21, 2024. 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 30 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. Passport MUST be valid until March 11, 2026, 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 United 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-TRANSFERABLE AND NON-REFUNDABLE. Any requests to change a ticket once issued will incur a reissue fee of \$200 plus any fare differential will apply. Cancellation of air seat within 90 days of departure will incur a \$200 penalty.

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 \$854 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 \$130 plus current fuel surcharges of \$370 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$100 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.

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