

Day 1 - Monday, March 10, 2014 - USA / ROME

Tour members are welcomed at an international airport for our overnight flight to Rome via wide body aircraft arriving the next morning. Meals served on board.

Day 2 - Tuesday 3/11 ROME / ASSISI

Upon our morning arrival in Rome, we board our motor coach and travel to Assisi, a tranquil town tucked into the Tuscan hillside. We stop first in the lower plains to visit the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, which was built in 1569 to protect the Porziuncola (the church St. Francis restored in 1205 and the birthplace of the Franciscans). We also see the statue of St. Francis, the live white doves, the thornless rose bushes and the cave where St. Francis prayed in solitude. Mass will be celebrated in the Portiuncula (subject to confirmation). Then, we complete the journey to our hotel in Assisi, where we check in. You will have time to wander through the streets enjoying the scenery and browsing through shops. Dinner and overnight in Assisi.



St Mary of the Angels

Day 3 - Wednesday 3/12 ASSISI

We spend today in picturesque Assisi. Our day begins as we are escorted by cars to the church of St. Damiano. We celebrate Holy Mass there (subject to confirmation). Then, we are driven to Basilica of St. Clare, which houses her incorrupt body in a crystal casket in the crypt. Off the main nave of the Basilica is the crucifix from which Christ spoke to St. Francis in San Damiano. St. Francis heard a voice say, "Go Francis, repair my church, which is in ruin." Thinking that God was telling him to rebuild San Damiano, Francis renounced worldly goods and began immediately to repair the building. Only later did the saint realize that God had been speaking of His living Church. Next, we visit one of Christianity's most revered shrines, the Basilica of St. Francis, and see the frescoes depicting events in the life of this gentle saint. The remainder of the day is free to enjoy as you choose. Suggestions include:

- Revisit the sites to which you feel the most drawn.
- Spend time in prayer.
- Visit Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, the "underground" ruins of Assisi, the fortress of Roco Maggiori, the Cathedral (Duomo) and its museum, and/or Carceri (St. Francis' retreat - an arduous hike up a steep hill - taxis available).
- Relax and observe the culture and its people.
- Spend some time shopping for special mementoes.

We gather this evening at the hotel for a group dinner. Overnight in Assisi.

Day 4 - Thursday 3/13, ASSISI / LANCIANO / MONTE SANT'ANGELO

Today, we depart Assisi and head to Lanciano, the site of the famous 8th-century Eucharistic miracle. During Mass, a Basilian monk doubted that Christ was truly present in the

consecrated bread and wine. As he looked on, the host and wine visibly changed to flesh and blood. Scientific tests done in the latter half of the 20th century have concluded that the flesh and blood are human in origin, the flesh consisting of muscular tissue of the heart. We visit the Sanctuary of the Eucharistic Miracle before re-boarding the coach, heading south parallel to the Adriatic coast to Monte Sant'Angelo. Upon our arrival, we enjoy a breathtaking view of the Gargano Peninsula and a visit to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. Six different popes, St. Francis, and at least four other saints have knelt in prayer at this grotto where St. Michael appeared in the 4th century. This is the only building of worship in the Roman Catholic Church not consecrated by humans; it was consecrated by St. Michael himself. We will celebrate Mass (subject to confirmation) and then check in at our hotel for dinner and an overnight.

Day 5 - Friday 3/14, MONTE SANT'ANGELO / SAN GIOVANNI / SORRENTO

A very short distance from Monte Sant'Angelo is San Giovanni Rotondo, today's first stop. San Giovanni the former home of Padre Pio (or St. Pio of Pietrelcina). We visit the tomb and sanctuary of the modern day saint, tour the old church of Santa Maria delle Grazie (Our Lady of Grace), and see the crucifix from which Padre Pio received the stigmata in 1918. We are also able to view the confessional where he spent innumerable hours with a multitude of pilgrims, directing them on their journey toward God. Mass will be celebrated in San Giovanni (subject to confirmation). From there, our journey takes us west to Sorrento, a very popular town in Southern Italy. Upon our arrival, we check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight.



Padre Pio

Day 6 - Saturday 3/15, SORRENTO

Mass this morning will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Sorrento (subject to confirmation) which was built in the 11th century and reconstructed in the fifteenth. The interior of the church is in the shape of the Latin cross, and it houses works of Neapolitan art and has an adjoining bell tower. Then, you may explore beautiful Sorrento on foot. Be sure to take your camera (and extra batteries/film/camera cards) to capture the beauty of this southern Italian gem. The scenery promises to provide plenty of views that are picture-perfect. And, there are many, many shops to enjoy. This is a great place to find treasures to take home. Those willing to venture a little farther may want to:

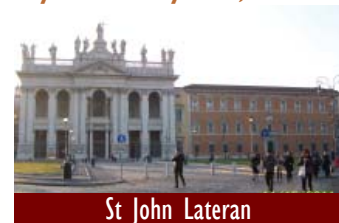
- Make your way to Amalfi, capturing the famous Amalfi coastline enroute, which affirms its ranking as "most beautiful stretch of scenery in the Mediterranean." You will pass through picturesque Positano, a charming city etched in a hillside beside the sea, and then arrive in spectacular Amalfi. While there, you may want to spend time at St. Andrew's Basilica, enjoy the coastal view, and spend time shopping in the quaint boutiques.
- Or, from Sorrento's Main Square (Piazza Tasso) you can head to the pier, travel by hydrofoil/jetfoil (weather permitting) to Capri, the island of dreams. While in Capri you could also visit Anacapri and take the Montesoloro (chairlift) to Villa San Michele. Return by hydrofoil/jetfoil to Sorrento's Mina Square pier.

This evening, join new friends or enjoy a private sampling of authentic Italian cuisine at the restaurant of your choice as dinner is on your own. Overnight in Sorrento.

Day 7 - Sunday 3/16, SORRENTO / ROME

After breakfast, we head north to Rome. Upon our arrival, we visit St. Paul Outside the Walls, a beautiful basilica that houses the remains of St. Paul under the main altar. We celebrate Mass there (subject to confirmation). Then, we continue on the Old Appian Way to the Catacombs of St. Callistus, passing Quo Vadis along the way. Our day concludes as we proceed to our hotel to check in for dinner and overnight.

Day 8 - Monday 3/17, ROME



St John Lateran

Today will be spent in Rome. We visit the Cathedral church of the pope, St. John Lateran. Constantine built the original church on this site when he ended the Christian persecutions. Here we see the Altar that holds the relics of

Sts. Peter and Paul. Next to the Basilica is the Baptistery, and across the street we visit la Scala Santa ("the Holy Stairs") from Pilate's Palace. We continue to the Basilica of St. Mary Major. Inside the Basilica, we view relics of Jesus' manger from Bethlehem and the painting known as the Salvation of the Roman People. Believed to be from the 5th century, this painting has always been popular among Romans in need. We celebrate Mass at St. Mary Major (subject to confirmation). Next, we stop at St. Alphonsus Church, located close to the Basilica of St. Mary Major. The church was built and named in honor of the founder of the Redemptorist Congregation, St. Alphonsus Liguori, but was dedicated to the Most Redeemer. The church contains the original Picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Then, we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 9 - Tuesday 3/18, ROME

We proceed to the Basilica of St. Peter for Holy Mass (subject to confirmation) followed by a guided tour of the Basilica. In St. Peter's we are able to view one of Rome's most recognized works of art, Michelangelo's "Pietà" and visit the tomb of our beloved Pope John Paul II. Next, we tour the Vatican Museum and Gallery, and the Sistine Chapel, where Michelangelo's restored masterpieces adorn the ceilings and walls. The remainder of the day is free to enjoy your way. Suggestions include:

- Stop to pray at 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.
- Stop at the Basilica of San Chrysogono to see the holy remains of Blessed Anna Maria Taigi. Anna Maria Taigi (1769-1837) worked as a domestic servant for a while and married a butler to a family in Rome. Once she was discharged from her duties, she began an ordinary

life as a wife and mother in poor and trying times. She raised seven children and attained a high degree of holiness. She had the gift of prophecy and could read thoughts. In time, people realized that Anna Maria was able to describe future events and that gift brought prominent figures to her doorstep. After suffering from many afflictions, she died at the age of 68. Numerous miracles began to occur through her intercession and in 1920 she was beatified. Visit the Chapel of the Madonna in the Basilica of San Chrysogono to venerate her holy remains.

- 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.
- Spend time at Santa Cecilia in Trastevere, a Basilica church built over the home of St. Cecilia who was martyred in the 3rd century. In 1599 her incorrupt body was discovered complete with the deep axe cuts in her neck. Beneath the altar is a statue of the popular Roman saint which depicts the way it was found.
- Visit the Basilica of Santa Croce, also known as the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem, which houses a number of relics from Christ's Passion and birth.
- Spend time at San Pietro in Vincoli (St Peter in Chains) where you would see the chains that bound Peter and also Michelangelo's Moses. Nearby are San Clemente and the Colosseum.
- Stop in at the church of Sts. Cosmas and Damian, erected in their honor by Pope Felix IV between 526 and 530. Cosmas and his twin brother Damian were physicians and faithful believers in charity. Neither ever accepted money for services rendered. Both were instrumental in bringing people into the Catholic Faith. For that, the brothers were arrested at the request of the Prefect. They were tortured intensely and continually and miraculously suffered no injury. As a result, Cosmas and Damian were beheaded. Today, they are the patron saints of physicians, surgeons, and pharmacists.

This evening, sample the culinary delights of Italy as dinner is on your own. Overnight in Rome.

Day 10 - Wednesday 3/19, ROME (PAPAL AUDIENCE)

Early this morning, we celebrate Holy Mass at the Sacred Heart Church (subject to confirmation). We make a quick visit to the Museum of the Souls of Purgatory, located in a small room beside the Church of the Sacred Heart of Sufferance. The museum exhibits objects and photos displaying traces of apparitions made by various souls residing in Purgatory. Then, 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 with pilgrims from all over the world. After the audience, we enjoy the famous sites: Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, and the Spanish Steps. This evening, we have a farewell dinner and overnight.



Pope Francis

Day 11 - Thursday, March 20, 2014 - ROME / USA

Amvederci Italia! We transfer to the airport to begin our journey back to the U.S., inspired by the holiness of the saints and firm in our resolution to emulate their love for God.

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Important Information You Need to Know:

Average temperatures this time of year are a high of 61 degrees and a low of 42 degrees. Layers are recommended (shorts and tank shirts can prohibit entry into holy sites).

Visit www.weather.com on the internet to get updated weather forecasts just before traveling.

Individuals who register will receive an important welcome letter and a *Know Before You Go* brochure. We highly recommend an **immediate** and **thorough** reading of both.

Please note that passports can take 3 months or more from the time you submit your paperwork.

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Archdiocese of Omaha / Italy **Tour 40310**
March 10, 2014

TERMS AND CONDITIONS / TOUR CONTRACT

TOUR PRICE: Based on tariffs and currency exchange rates in effect on 5/8/2013 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 \$59 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 and seven 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. - \$649); 2: tips to guides and drivers, meal servers and luggage handlers (\$119.50); 3: optional travel insurance and 4: hotel city taxes in Italy. **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: Pilgrims 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 12/10/2013.** Payment of remaining balance received after 12/10/2013 will incur a \$50 penalty. Reservations made within 90 days of departure may be subject to a late charge. In the event of cancellation, refund will be made up to 11/10/2013 with a \$100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties. From 11/10/2013 to 12/10/2013 the cancellation penalty is \$500 plus any airline cancellation penalties. If cancellation is received after 12/10/2013, 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 10 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.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round trip Omaha/Rome and Rome/Omaha on economy class jet via Delta or any other IATA member. Based on 6-day minimum/21-day maximum advanced purchase fare, subject to participation of ten

persons on entire flight itinerary. If cancellation is effected by passenger after 12/10/2013, or after air tickets are written, whichever comes first, 100% of airfare will be forfeited by passenger in addition to the penalties mentioned above. All airfares are subject to government approval and change without notice.

INSURANCE: Insurance is NOT included in the tour price. Because of the cost of medical care outside the United States, the fact that Medicare does not provide coverage outside the United States, the possibility that your own insurance provider may not cover you outside the United States, and due to the potentially high cost of escorted air evacuation, travel insurance is strongly recommended. Consequently, for the protection of our clients, you will be mailed a travel insurance brochure/policy along with an insurance waiver form in the event you choose to decline coverage. The effective date of coverage will be the date that the insurance premium is paid and not the date of the initial deposit.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY: Land arrangements including surface transportation: Pentecost Tours, Inc., and the participating Tour Operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sightseeing contractors and others that provide the actual land arrangements and are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss, damage or nonperformance occurring in connection with these land arrangements. Delta and other IATA carriers, steamship lines and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passage.

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LAND ARRANGEMENTS: The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary because of emergencies or extenuating circumstances beyond our control.

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