

**Day 1: Saturday, October 17, 2015, USA / ROME**  
Pilgrims depart on an international flight for Italy. Meals and beverages on the plane are included.

**Day 2: Sunday 10/18, ROME / ORVIETO**  
Upon arrival in Rome, we meet our escort and driver and travel north to Orvieto. We will stop for Holy Mass at the **Cathedral of Orvieto** (subject to confirmation), location of the shrine where the Eucharistic Miracle is exhibited. We visit the **Chapel of the Miracles and the grotto of St. Christina**. Then, we have some free time before we check in at our hotel for a group welcome dinner. Overnight in Orvieto. [B,D]

**Day 3: Monday 10/19, ORVIETO / BOLSENA / ORVIETO**  
After breakfast, we head about 10 miles west to **Saint Christina's Church in Bolsena**, where in 1263 a pious German priest, Peter of Prague, stopped to celebrate Mass on his pilgrimage route to Rome. While a devout practicing-Catholic servant, Peter couldn't erase the skepticism he felt about Christ being present in the consecrated Host. As he uttered the words of Consecration at the altar above St. Christina's tomb, blood began seeping from the consecrated Host. Blood dribbled across his hands onto the altar and corporal leaving Fr. Peter quite stunned and confused. He interrupted Mass requesting to be taken immediately to the tiny neighboring city of Orvieto, where the Holy Father, Pope Urban IV, was residing. An investigation was launched and orders were given to retrieve and transport the Host and blood-stained linen to the Orvieto Cathedral where they still are today, reverently enshrined and exhibited. It was this miracle that prompted Pope Urban IV to commission St. Thomas Aquinas to write a special Mass for what was to become our annual Feast of Corpus Christi. We have a bit of free time to explore Bolsena before we return to Orvieto. This evening, enjoy a sampling of delicious Italian fare at the restaurant of your choice as **dinner is on your own**. Overnight in Orvieto. [B]

**Day 4: Tuesday 10/20, ORVIETO / ASSISI**

We depart Orvieto today and proceed to 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 see the statue of St. Francis with the live white doves, the thornless rose bushes and the cave where St. Francis prayed in solitude. Then, we make our way into Assisi to check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

**Day 5: Wednesday 10/21, ASSISI**  
Good morning, Assisi. We begin at the **Church of San Damiano**. From there, we visit the **Basilica of St. Clare**, which



St Francis



Basilica of St Francis

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 famous Giotto frescoes depicting events in the life of this gentle saint. The remainder of the afternoon is free to explore independently. Suggestions include:

- Revisit the site to which you feel the most drawn.
- Spend time in prayer at Chiesa Nuova (New Church), which is built on what is presumably the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi.
- On the main square is Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, a church constructed in the 9th century over a Roman temple to Minerva (goddess of wisdom). Remains of the temple (circa 63 BC-AD 14) can still be seen in the church today.
- Stop in at the San Rufino Cathedral (Duomo) and visit its impressive museum,
- The streets of Assisi are lined with shops. Spend some time shopping for special mementoes.
- Commit to the arduous hike uphill (taxis available) to visit St. Francis' retreat, Carceri.
- Stroll through the medieval town observing ancient buildings.
- The fortress of Roco Maggiori offers breathtaking vistas.
- Art enthusiasts should check out Pinacoteca Comunale, Assisi's premiere art gallery.
- Visitors are invited to explore Roman ruins at an archaeological dig in the center of Assisi.
- Enjoy some leisure time at a sidewalk cafe or do a bit of shopping.

We gather later today and return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

**Day 6: Thursday 10/22, ASSISI / LORETO / ASSISI**

Our day begins with a pleasant drive through the Italian countryside to Loreto, on the Adriatic coast where we visit the **Holy House of Nazareth** (traditional home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph), located inside the Basilica. According to popular legend, the house was miraculously transported by from Nazareth to Croatia in 1291. Three years later the home was moved again, this time to Loreto. We also see the most reproduced Madonna in the world: The Black Madonna of Loreto. After we spend some time in Loreto, we return to Assisi for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

**Day 7: Friday 10/23, ASSISI / CASCIA / ROME**

This morning we bid farewell to Assisi and venture to Cascia to see the **Eucharistic Miracle and the Sanctuary of St. Rita**, the patron saint of the impossible. A married woman, mother, widow, nun, mystic, and stigmatist, St. Rita played many roles in her life. We visit the Basilica where we see her incorrupt body and relics such as the crucifix from which she received the stigmata. We can also see the blood-stained pages of the breviary that cradled a miraculous host, which in 1330 left a perfect outline of Christ's face. We also visit **Roccaporeno**, the birthplace of St. Rita. Our journey continues as we make our way into Rome, where we check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

**Day 8: Saturday 10/24, ROME / SUBIACO / ROME**

Subiaco, east of Rome, is an important site in the life of St. Benedict. We begin there this morning at the **Abbey of San Benedetto**, which was built over the cave that St. Benedict inhabited when he lived as hermit before he received the calling to organize monastic communities. The Monastery of San Benedetto is still active today. We will celebrate **Holy Mass** here (subject to confirmation). Then, we **visit the second monastery** built by Benedict in Subiaco, named after his twin sister Santa Scolastica. We return to Rome to visit the **Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls** which houses the remains of St. Paul under the main altar and the **Catacombs**. From there, we visit the Cathedral church of the pope, **St. John Lateran**. Here we see the altar that holds the relics of Sts. Peter and Paul. Across the street is the **Sancta Scalia** - Holy Stairs transported here from Pilate's palace in Jerusalem 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. This evening, join friends or enjoy a private sampling of authentic Italian cuisine at the trattoria (local diner) or restaurant of your choice as **dinner is on your own**. Overnight in Rome. [B]

**Day 9: Sunday 10/25, ROME**

Our day begins at **St. Praxedes** to celebrate Mass (subject to confirmation) and venerate the Column of Christ's Flagellation. After Mass, we visit **Basilica of St. Mary Major** to view the relics of the wooden manger in which the infant Jesus was laid after his birth. Then, to be greeted from his **balcony window by Our Holy Father**, Pope Francis, we must be in St. Peter's Square. The **remainder of the day is free** to enjoy at your leisure. Suggestions include:

- Stop by the Trevi fountain and toss your coin in the fountain in hopes that it assures your return to Rome.
- Spend some time in Piazza Navona and see the work of local artisans who display and sell their creations.
- Spend time shopping for souvenirs.



Our Holy Father, Pope Francis

• Spend time at the Spanish Steps and the streets nearby that are lined with upscale shopping.

Restaurants are everywhere in Rome. This evening, enjoy **dinner on your own** at the location of your choice. Overnight in Rome. [B]



Basilica of St. Peter, Vatican

**Day 10: Monday 10/26, ROME**

The first portion of our day will be spent in Vatican City. We begin at the **Vatican Museum and Gallery and the Sistine Chapel** where Michelangelo's restored masterpieces adorn the ceilings and walls. Next, we enjoy a **guided tour of St. Peter's Basilica**, where we see the impressive architecture, rich ornamentation, and marvelous works of art. Inside St. Peter's, we view one of Rome's most recognized works of art, Michelangelo's Pieta. The **remainder of the day is free** to explore on your own. Suggestions include:

- Stop to pray at:
- one the oldest Christian sites in Rome—the Church of Santa Susanna (the American National Church in Rome).
- the ancient Basilica church of Santi Giovanni e Paolo (referred to as Sts John and Paul)
- 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.
- San Pietro in Vincoli (St Peter in Chains) where you would see the chains that bound Peter and also Michelangelo's Moses.
- There are endless options for visiting interesting churches. Besides those already visited and those mentioned in the suggestions above, others include: Basilica of San Chrysogono, church of Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Church of St. Alphonsus, and the Basilica of Santa Croce. There are too many to list.
- Take a tour of the Colosseum and/or Roman Forum.
- Indulge in a scoop of gelato!

This evening, we will be guests at **Ristorante da Benito** where we enjoy a farewell dinner and wine. Overnight in Rome. [B,D]

**Day 11: Tuesday, October 27, 2015, ROME / USA**  
Arrivederci Italia! We begin our journey back to the United States, mesmerized by the many beautiful holy sites visited, stronger in our faith, and blessed by God's many graces. [B]

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Enclosed is my/our \$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit of \$500 per person. Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s).

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- Single room only  
 I will need a roommate  
 My roommate will be \_\_\_\_\_

Tour 51017  
October 17, 2015

Fr McAlear / Italy

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS / TOUR CONTRACT

**TOUR PRICE:** Based on tariffs and currency exchange rates in effect on 1/9/2015 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 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. - \$649); 2: tips to guides and drivers, meal servers and luggage handlers (\$128); 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:** 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 7/19/2015.** Payment of remaining balance received after 7/19/2015 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 6/19/2015 with a \$100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties. From 6/19/2015 to 7/19/2015 the cancellation penalty is \$500 plus any airline cancellation penalties. If cancellation is received after 7/19/2015, 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 33 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 New York/Rome and Rome/New York on economy class jet via United, Delta, Alitalia 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 7/19/2015, 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.

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**MISCELLANEOUS FEES:** All changes must be in writing and may incur a per-person charge for each revision. Deposits received within 90 days of departure may incur a late registration fee.

**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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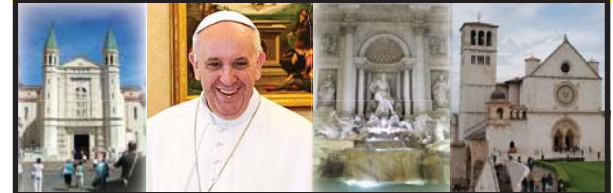


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NOTE: Changes have been made to the order of site-visits on the last three days of the pilgrimage.



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## Fr. Richard McAlear, OMI

invites you to join him

October 17-27, 2015

on an 11-day pilgrimage to

# Central Italy



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\$3,099 Early reg. price if deposit is paid by 7-9-15  
(Base price of \$3,199 is charged after 7-9-15)  
\$ 649\* ESTIMATED taxes  
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\$3,876 ESTIMATED TOTAL

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early registration price \$2,499 + \$128 tips = \$2,627 before 7-9-15