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Sept. 18-27, 2018 The French & Italian Riviera

Fr. Dindo Billote and Fr. Mario Quejadas

invite you to join them on a 10-day pilgrimage to Southeastern France and Northwestern Italy

France:

Nice, Cannes, Saint Tropez, Monaco

<u>Italy</u>: Genoa, Cinque Terre, Florence, Rome



Early registration price \$3,894 + \$489* per person from Chicago if deposit is paid by 6-10-18

Base price \$3,994 + \$489* per person after 6-10-18

*Estimated Airline Taxes & Fuel Surcharges subject to increase/decrease at 30 days prior

TERMS AND CONDITIONS / TOUR CONTRACT

TOUR PRICE: Based on tariffs and currency exchange rates in effect on 12/12/2017 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: Eight 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. - \$489); 2: tips to guides and drivers, meal servers and luggage handlers (est. - \$13 per day); and 3: optional travel protection. An amount to cover these items will be added to your original invoice. Also not included: airline 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 6/20/2018.

▶ Payment of remaining balance received after 6/20/2018 [PENALTY PHASE ONE] 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 5/21/2018 with a \$100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties.

From 5/21/2018 to 6/20/2018 [PENALTY PHASE TWO] the cancellation penalty is \$500 plus any airline cancellation penalties.

► If cancellation is received after 6/20/2018 [PENALTY PHASE THREE], 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 45 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. **NOTE**: Any change

request/alterations to the group flight itinerary, requests for airline deviations and/or added domestic flights, automatically accelerates to a minimum PHASE TWO penalty level or the current level whichever is greater. Once the change request/alteration is made, those arrangements are final and can NOT be changed back to the group arrangement. If the entire tour is cancelled by Pentecost Tours, Inc., you are entitled to a full refund.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round trip Chicago/Nice and Rome/Chicago 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 6/20/2018, 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.

TRAVEL PROTECTION: Travel Protection is NOT included in the tour price. We highly suggest that all participants purchase a plan to help protect your trip and your investment. Plans offer benefits for trip cancellation/interruption, accident & sickness medical expense, emergency evacuation & repatriation, and more. You will be mailed a travel protection brochure along with a waiver form, in the event that you choose to decline coverage. The Plan Document will be provided, upon purchase. Read through this document carefully as it contains full plan and benefit details and exclusions & limitations. Please note that Medicare does not provide coverage outside of the United States. Check with your own insurance provider to determine whether or not you are covered outside of the U.S.

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 no 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.

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.

ERRORS: The Pentecost Tours staff does its best to provide you with accurate billing, brochures, etc. However, in the event of computer error, verbal or written human errors, we reserve the right to invoice, re-invoice, or forward corrected materials.



Day 1: Tuesday, September 18, 2018, USA / NICE

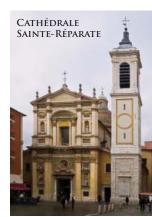
We meet this evening at an international airport for our overnight flight to Paris. Meals and beverages are served onboard.

Day 2: Wednesday 9/19, NICE

Upon arrival in Nice, France, we meet our full-time tour escort and board our motor coach. We catch glimps-es of the city as we proceed to the **Basilica of No**tre-Dame, the largest and most modern church in the city. From there, we check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [D]

Day 3: Thursday 9/20, NICE / CANNES / SAINT TROPEZ / NICE

Our first stop today is the largest sanctu-ary in Old Nice, the 16th-century Roman-in-spired _____ **Cathédrale** Sainte-Réparate. Then, we drive southwest along the French Riviera to beautiful Cannes, home of the world-renowned Film Festival that occurs every May. We stop to visit Notre Dame **de Bon Voyage** and then drive to top of Old Cannes to visit the popular church, Notre Dame **d'Esperance**. The pic-turesque French town of Saint Tropez on the



Cote D'Azur is our next stop. Once a simple fishing vil-lage, Saint Tropez is now an elite harbor town known for its beautiful beaches. We enjoy a **guided walking tour** and stop at Eglise de St. Tropez (provided the church is open). Our day concludes as we proceed to Nice to check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]



Day 4: Friday 9/21, NICE / MONACO-VILLE / GENOA Our next destination, Monaco, will be our last stop on

the French Riviera en route to Italy. We visit the Ro-man-Byzantine **Cathedral of Monaco**, which is the burial place of past royalty, such as Prince Rainier and Princess Grace. We view the Prince's Castle and Fort Antoine. We continue to Genoa, Italy on the Italian Riviera. Our first stop is at the city's cathedral, the black/ white striped Church of San Lorenzo. Among the side chapels inside, there is one (the largest) dedicated to St. John the Baptist who is the city's patron saint. His relics, brought from the Holy Land in 1098, are housed there.

We view Piazza Banchi, one of the most popular and picturesque squares in the city. One of the square's high-lights is **Saint Peter in Banchi Church**, which was built above the line of shops that paid for its construction. We visit the church before proceeding to our hotel to check in for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 5: Saturday 9/22, GENOA / LEVANTO TRAIN STATION / train to CINQUE TERRE (VERNAZZA AND CORNIGLIA) / train to LA SPEZIA / FLORENCE



We depart Genoa early this morning for the drive to Levanto's train station, where we travel by rail to Cinque Terre. We will visit two of the five towns of Cinque Terre. For our first stop, we disembark in Ver-nazza. You will have free time to explore on your own. Highlights of this town include:

- For amazing views of the town, visit the 16th-century . Belforte Tower.
- If defense structures interest you, visit the 11th-cen-tury Doria Castle. It's irregular shape and location make this one of the village's most scenic places to visit. NOTE: Steep and narrow steps to its location will require some effort. Those up to the challenge will be rewarded with breathtaking panoramas. There is a nominal entrance fee.
- The 14th-century church of Santa Margherita d'An-tiochia and the shrine at Nosta Signora Di Reggio also require some uphill hiking. The simplicity and serenity of the church's interior make it a great place to stop and prav.



We gather and **board the train for our second stop**, **Corniglia**, a quiet town nestled in vineyards at the top of a rocky promontory. Corniglia is the only one of the five Cinque Terre villages that doesn't have direct, easy access to the sea. For those traveling by train to the settlement, there are two ways to reach the village, by shuttle or the brick Lardarina staircase (a 22-flight, 377-step commitment). Again, there is free time to explore on your own. Highlights of this town include:

- The parish church of Saint Peter, located in the main square. There are many steps to climb but the beautiful frescoes inside the church and the great panoramic views outside the church are amazing.
- The chapel, Oratorio dei Disciplinati di Santa Caterina, is a perfect stop for those seeking a simple, quiet place to reflect and pray.

Again we gather to **board our train to the La Spezia** train station. We rejoin our driver and coach for the 80-mile trip to Florence. Upon our arrival, we enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before we check in at our hotel. Overnight in Florence. [B,D]



Day 6: Sunday 9/23, FLORENCE

Today will be spent in Florence. We begin with a visit to the **Academia** to see the original "David". Then, we stop at Piazza della Signoria. Today it is a popular area for people to stroll and gather; in the past it has served as tor people to stroll and gather; in the past it has served as a place of public meeting and even execution. There are many statues found in the vicinity - some are originals and some are copies, like David. We end our guided sightseeing tour in front of the Ponte Vecchio. We break for lunch (independently) and then visit the **Duomo** (the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore), view of the Campa-nile (bell tower), and view of the Baptistery with its gold-en doors by Ghiberti. We enjoy **free time to explore** independently before our coach transfer to **Lorenzo De** independently before our coach transfer to Lorenzo De Medici for dinner. Overnight in Florence. [B,D]

Day 7: Monday 9/24, FLORENCE / ROME We bid farewell to Florence and travel south to Rome. Upon our arrival, we catch glimpses of the Eternal City as we proceed to **St. Paul Outside the Walls**, a beautiful basilica which houses the remains of St. Paul under the main altar. Then, we follow the Old Appian Way to the Catacombs. We check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 8: Tuesday 9/25, ROME

Our day begins with a tour of the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel, where Michelangelo's restored masterpieces adorn the ceilings and walls. Then, we visit the Basilica of St. Peter, where we view one of Rome's most recognized works of art, Michelangelo's "Pietá", spend some time absorbing the overwhelming size and beauty of the basilica. From there, we stop at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, where we see the relics of the wooden manger in which the infant Jesus was laid after his birth. The remainder of the day is free to enjoy as you choose. A few suggestions include:

- Gaining popularity as a pilgrim stop, the "Gesu Church" was founded by St Ignatius of Loyola. Among the 800 or so churches in Rome, this church is said to be a hidden gem.
- Shop for mementoes or indulge in a scoop or two of gelato. Prices vary.

This evening, join friends or enjoy a private sampling of Rome's culinary treasures at the restaurant or trattoria (local diner) of your choice as <u>dinner is on your own</u>. **[B]**



Day 9: Wednesday 9/26, ROME (PAPAL AUDIENCE) We attend the Papal Audience at St Peter's today (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. Then, we visit St. John's Lateran Church, the Cathedral church of the Pope. This church was originally built by Constantine 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 visit la Sancta Scalia (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. This evening we enjoy a farewell dinner at Ristorante de Benito. Overnight in Rome. [B,D]

Day 10: Thursday, September 27, 2018, ROME / USA We proceed to the **airport** to begin our journey home, blessed by the graces of pilgrimage, inspired by the holiness of the saints, and filled with God's abundant love. **[B]** **To Register:**

Complete the Registration Form and mail your deposit to Pentecost Tours



Or, call (800) 713-9800 or (812) 933-0730 to pay your deposit over the phone with a credit card.

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