

Tour 81105

Explore

the traditions of our faith
in beautiful churches, chapels and shrines
on an 11-day pilgrimage

Italy

Nov. 5-15, 2018

With Spiritual Directors:
Fr. Robert Schaller and Fr. Kevin Louis



Early registration price
\$2,999 + \$459* per person from Minneapolis
if deposit is paid by 7-28-18

Base price \$3,099 + \$459* per person after 7-28-18

*Estimated Airline Taxes & Fuel Surcharges are subject to
increase/decrease at ticketing (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: Nine full hot breakfasts and eight 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. - \$459); 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 8/5/2018.**

▶ Payment of remaining balance received after 8/5/2018 [PENALTY PHASE ONE] will incur a \$50 penalty. Reservations made within 92 days of departure may be subject to a late charge. In the event of cancellation, refund will be made up to 7/8/2018 with a \$100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties.

▶ From 7/8/2018 to 8/5/2018 [PENALTY PHASE TWO] the cancellation penalty is \$500 plus any airline cancellation penalties.

▶ If cancellation is received after 8/5/2018 [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 Minneapolis/Rome and Rome/Minneapolis on economy class jet via United 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 8/5/2018, 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. United 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.

MISCELLANEOUS FEES: All changes must be in writing and may incur a per-person charge for each revision. Deposits received within 92 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.

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Day 1: Monday, November 5, 2018 - USA / ROME

Today we depart an international airport for our overnight flight to Rome. Meals are served on board.

Day 2: Tuesday 11/6, ROME / ORVIETO / ASSISI

Upon arrival in Rome we board our motor coach and travel to the tiny city of **Orvieto**. In 1263 a pious German priest, Peter of Prague, stopped in Bolsena 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 (just 10 miles away), 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 were, and 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 visit the **Cathedral of Orvieto** (location of the shrine) where the Eucharistic Miracle is exhibited. Then, we proceed to our hotel in Assisi to check in for dinner and overnight. [D]

Day 3: Wednesday 11/7, ASSISI

After breakfast, our day begins as we are escorted by cars to the **Church of St. Damiano**. 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).
- Stroll through the city. Relax and observe the culture and its people.
- Spend some time shopping for special mementoes.

We gather at the hotel this evening for dinner. Overnight in Assisi. [B,D]

Day 4: Thursday 11/8, ASSISI / SIENA / ASSISI

This morning we depart Assisi, stopping in 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. The beautiful walled-city of Siena is our next stop. We visit the **Basilica of St. Dominic**, where we have the opportunity of viewing the incorrupt head of St. Catherine. We visit the **Shrine of St. Catherine and her birthplace**. Then, we visit the **Duomo of Siena**, a remarkable example of Italian Gothic architecture. Inside we find a treasure of sculptures and paintings, the work of some of Italy's most celebrated artists.



Our last stop is at **Palio Square** where we enjoy free time to explore independently. Our day concludes as we return to our hotel in Assisi for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 5: Friday 11/9, ASSISI / LANCIANO / MONTE SANT'ANGELO

As we depart Assisi, our journey today takes us to Lancia, a coastal town on the Adriatic. There, we proceed to the little **Church of Lagontial**. It was here that the 8th-century "Miracle of the Eucharist Living Flesh of Jesus" took place. 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**. You have the opportunity to spend time in Eucharistic adoration before we board our motor coach and proceed to **Monte Sant'Angelo**, where we have a breathtaking view of the Gargano Peninsula. We check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 6: Saturday 11/10, MONTE SANT'ANGELO / SAN GIOVANNI / MONTE SANT'ANGELO

Today we begin at 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. Next, we board our coach for the brief trek to **San Giovanni Rotondo**, the former home of Padre Pio, a Capuchin monk and stigmatist with a reputation for holiness. We visit the **tomb and sanctuary of Padre Pio**, 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. We return to Monte Sant'Angelo for dinner and overnight. [B,D]



Day 7: Sunday 11/11, MONTE SANT'ANGELO / MONTECASSINO / ROME

After breakfast, we depart Monte Sant'Angelo and make our way to Cassino, to visit the **Abbey of Montecassino**. The Abbey was founded by St. Benedict around 529 AD. The present day Abbey is a replica of the previous 17th century structure; Allied bombs destroyed the complex during WWII attacks on the Germans. Our journey continues as we proceed to the Eternal City of **Roma**. We catch glimpses of the city as we travel to our hotel to check in for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 8: Monday 11/12, ROME

Our day begins as we explore the **Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel**. Then, we proceed to **St. Peter's Basilica** for a **guided tour** to see the impressive architecture, rich ornamentation, and marvelous works of art. We view one of Rome's most recognized works of art, Michelangelo's *Pieta*. We have **free time** to explore independently. Suggestions include:

- Just outside the basilica is the Vatican Post Office. Feel free to stop in and purchase postcards and stamps to send to family and friends (bring the addresses). Send one to yourself as a keepsake! Remember, although Vatican City is located within the city limits of Rome it is, in fact, its own state. With 110 acres and fewer than 900 residents, Vatican City State boasts the title of the smallest, international state that is recognized by the rest of the world. Therefore, the stamps will be quite unique. Interesting gifts can also be purchased inside the post office.
- The 312-step climb to the "cupola" Dome of St. Peter's Basilica is worth the effort and energy as views from the top are magnificent. An elevator/lift to the roof level is available but from the roof to the top is step by step. There is a nominal fee.
- Adjacent to the basilica are gift shops where you can purchase items you wish to have blessed at the Papal Audience.

Next, we proceed to the **Basilica of 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 Baptistry and across the street is the **Sancta Scala** - 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. Our journey today concludes as we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 9: Tuesday 11/13, ROME

St. Paul Outside the Walls, which houses the remains of St Paul under the main altar, is our first stop today. Then, we proceed to Catacombs. From there, we stop at the **Basilica of St. Mary Major**, a beautiful Marian church. Inside the Basilica we view relics of Jesus' manger from Bethlehem. The **remainder of the day is free** to enjoy as you choose. Suggestions include:

- Visit the tourist favorites: the Pantheon, Piazza Navona (where artists display and sell their craft), Trevi Fountain (to toss your coin to assure your return to Rome), the Spanish Steps (upscale shopping area), etc.
- Stop to pray at one the oldest Christian sites in Rome—the Church of Santa Susanna (the American National Church in Rome). Or, check out any of the many churches of Rome: Church of Sts. Cosmas and Damian, San Pietro in Vincoli, San Clemente, St. Alphonsus, etc.
- Spend time in Trastevere. From alleyways and cobblestone streets to magnificent churches and interesting piazzas, this neighborhood is considered one of the most charming and popular. Options: Santa Maria or Santa Cecilia Church; Villa Farnesina (a Renaissance villa) or the Palazza Corsini (Baroque-style palace across the street); Garden lovers will delight in the botanical garden, Orto Botanico, behind Palazzo Corsini; Or, take the 20-minute hike up to Gianicolo (the eighth hill of Rome) is well worth it when they catch the best views of the city that few tourists take the time to enjoy. Choose something that piques your individual interests.

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 10: Wednesday 11/14, 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. After the audience, we make a **photo stop at the well-known Colosseum** and then visit "**Gesu Church**" which was founded by St Ignatius of Loyola. Among the 800 or so churches in Rome, this hidden gem is gaining popularity as a stop for pilgrims. This evening, we enjoy a **farewell dinner at Ristorante de Benito**. Overnight in Rome. [B,D]

Day 11: Thursday, November 15, 2018 - ROME / USA

Today, we transfer to the **airport** to begin our journey back to the United States, inspired by the holiness of the saints and firm in our resolution to emulate their love for God. [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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Notes: ❶ Passports can take 3 months or more to process (from application to delivery). ❷ Ave. temps 47-62°F



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