

Tour 00920

# ITALY

Sept. 20-30, 2020

## Explore Northern Italy

Venice • Florence • Siena  
Assisi • Orvieto • Rome

on an 11-day pilgrimage  
with Fr. John Meyer



Early registration price per person  
\$3,699 + \$529\* from Cincinnati  
if deposit is paid by 6-12-20

Base price \$3,899+ \$529\* per person after 6-12-20

\*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 3/25/2020 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 \$79 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. - \$529); 2: tips to guides and drivers, meal servers and luggage handlers (\$137.90); 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. 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 6/12/2020.** Payment of remaining balance received after 6/12/2020 will incur a \$50 penalty. Reservations made within 100 days of departure may be subject to a late charge.

► **[PENALTY PHASE ONE]** In the event of cancellation, refund will be made up to 4/10/2020 with a \$200 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties.

► **[PENALTY PHASE TWO]** From 4/10/2020 to 6/12/2020 the cancellation penalty is \$500 plus any airline cancellation penalties.

► **[PENALTY PHASE THREE]** If cancellation is received after 6/12/2020, 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 163 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.

**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.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Round trip Cincinnati/Venice and Rome/Cincinnati on economy class jet via American 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 6/12/2020, 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. American 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 100 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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Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM E.S.T.

**Day 1: Sunday, September 20, 2020, USA / VENICE**

Today we depart the United States for our overnight flight to Venice. Meals are served on board.

**Day 2: Monday 9/21, VENICE**

Upon our arrival in Venice, we have an **orientation tour** of the charming city. Venice is built on 118 tiny islands, criss-crossed by 160 canals, and linked by 400 foot-bridges. We will **tour the Basilica di San Marco**. We proceed to our hotel for check in for a welcome dinner and overnight. [D]



BASILICA DI SAN MARCO

**Day 3: Tuesday 9/22, VENICE**

**Morning Mass will be celebrated at Chiesa di San Salvatore** (subject to confirmation). Then, the day is **free to explore independently**. Suggestions include:

- Spend time on the Merceria, the main shopping street, which is located by the Chiesa di San Salvatore.
- Take a water taxi to and between the three islands in the Venetian lagoon: Murano, Burano and Torcello.

*Murano is known for its beautiful glassworks. Demonstrations by master craftsmen can be observed and their creations can be purchased in island shops.*

*Burano is famous for its artisan lace. Treasures of the trade can be seen in the Lace Museum or purchased in lace boutiques. Besides lace, Burano's 15th-century leaning bell tower (part of San Martino Church) and Via Galuppi (souvenirs/restaurants/pastry shops) attract tourists as well. The colorful hues on homes and the canal are a popular focus of local and visiting artists.*

*Torcello draws tourists to see the incredible mosaics within the 7th-century Cathedral of Santa Maria Dell'Assunta. This island is primarily a nature reserve, accessible only by walking paths. Enjoy exploring this ancient island.*

- Experience a gondola ride and weave through the canals. **Notes:** ① Standard ride is 40 minutes. ② Fares are higher at night. ③ Gondolas will hold six people so standard fares can be divided. ④ Most gondoliers speak some English. ⑤ Different views of Venice can be seen on quiet, back canals where you won't be bumper to bumper. To do this, walk a few blocks off the main street (away from San Marco). If you want the tourist route, you will want to be on the Grand Canal.

• Venice is home to the world-famous opera house, Teatro La Fenice, one of the most renowned landmarks in Italian theatre. Daily tours of Teatro La Fenice are available.

• Art enthusiasts may want to visit the Guggenheim, a modern art museum, located on the Grand Canal.

This evening, join friends or enjoy a private sampling of authentic northern Italian cuisine as **dinner is on your own**. Overnight in Venice. [B]

**Day 4: Wednesday 9/23, VENICE / FLORENCE**

We depart Venice this morning and proceed to beautiful Florence. We enjoy a **panoramic view from the Piazza Michelangelo**. Then, we proceed to **visit the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and view the Baptistery and Campanile (bell tower)**. The Cathedral is the fourth largest church in Europe and the tallest building in present day Florence. Especially notable are the Baptistery's gilded bronze doors, which were done by Ghiberti in 1401. Next, we stop at the **Accademia** to see the original statue of "David". Our final stop today is at the historical and present day center of Florentine activity, the **Palazzo Vecchio ("old palace") and the Piazza della Signoria**. The Piazza is a popular area for people to stroll and gather; in the past it has served as a place of public meeting and even execution. Our day concludes as we check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]



CATHEDRAL OF SANTA MARIA DEL FIORE

**Day 5: Thursday 9/24, FLORENCE / SIENA / ASSISI**

Siena, home to one of the most charming town squares in all of Italy, the **Piazza del Campo**, is where we begin today. The fan shaped Piazza is home to the barebacked horse race, known as the Palio, and many other important events. We visit the **Basilica of St. Dominic**, where we have an opportunity to view the relics of St Catherine. We stop at the **Duomo (cathedral) of Siena**, a remarkable example of Italian Gothic architecture. Then, we complete the journey through the Umbrian hills to peaceful **Assisi**, where we check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

**Day 6: Friday 9/25, ASSISI**

This morning, we will be **escorted by cars to the church of St. Damiano**. Then, we are driven to the **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 explore independently**. Suggestions include:

- Visit Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, the "underground" ruins of Assisi, the fortress of Roco Maggiori, the Cathedral (Duomo) and it's museum, and/or Carceri (St Francis' retreat - an arduous hike up a steep hill - taxis available).
- Spend some time shopping for special mementoes.

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

**Day 7: Saturday 9/26, ASSISI / ORVIETO / ROME**

Our day begins as we visit the lower plains of Assisi, taking time to explore 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 bush and the cave where St Francis prayed in solitude. Then, we depart for 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. Our day concludes as we make the brief trek to the Eternal City, Roma. Upon our arrival, we check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]



ST. JOHN LATERAN

**Day 8: Sunday 9/27, ROME**

Today we proceed to 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 visit **la 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. Then, we proceed to **St. Peter's Square for prayers and a greeting by our Holy Father, Pope Francis** (provided Our Holy Father is home). This afternoon, we proceed to the beautiful **Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls** which houses the remains of St. Paul under the main altar. We also visit the **Catacombs** before we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]



ST PETER'S SQUARE

### Day 9: Monday 9/28, ROME

Our day begins with a **guided tour of St. Peter's Basilica**. The Basilica is very impressive with its imposing architecture, rich ornamentation, and marvelous works of art. We view one of Rome's most recognized works of art, Michelangelo's Pietá. From there, we visit the **Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel** (where Michelangelo's restored masterpieces adorn the ceilings and walls). The **remainder of the day is free** to explore independently. Other than the itinerary's scheduled visits, 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 with 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.

- Visit the Pantheon, Roman Forum, Colosseum, or Trevi Fountain.

- Retail and souvenir shops are everywhere. Those interested in upscale shopping will want to head to the Spanish Steps, where the streets are lined with designer boutiques.

This evening, join friends or enjoy a private sampling of authentic Italian cuisine at the restaurant or trattoria (local diner) of your choice as **dinner is on your own**. After dinner, you may want to capture the city lights of Roma at dusk. Overnight in Rome. [B]

### Day 10: Tuesday 9/29, ROME

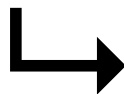
After breakfast, we visit the **Basilica of St. Mary Major**. Inside the Basilica we view relics of Jesus' manger from Bethlehem. Then, we enjoy **free time to explore the Trastevere Quarter**. From alleyways and cobblestone streets to magnificent churches and interesting piazzas, this neighborhood is considered one of the most charming and popular. Options: Santa Maria or Santa Cecilia Church; Villa Farnesina (a Renaissance villa) or the Palazzo 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. We gather this evening for a group dinner at **Ristorante la Carovana**. Overnight in Rome. [B,D]

### Day 11: Wednesday, September 30, 2020, ROME / USA

Today we begin our **journey back to the United States**. Our travels offer the mind and soul a new and treasured canvas of memories that is inspired by God's majestic landscape, the holiness of saints, and a world we explore one pilgrimage at a time. [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 61-81°F



## REGISTRATION FORM

Send to: **Pentecost Tours, Inc.**  
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Enclosed is my/our \$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit of \$500 per person. Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s).

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