

Tour 31009



**Fr. J. Marcel Portelli** invites you to join him on an unforgettable **12-day** pilgrimage to explore the saints and shrines of Central and Southern Italy

# Italy

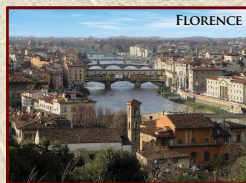
October 9-20, 2023



ROME



AMALFI COAST



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**\$3,699 + \$599\*** per person from Detroit  
Early registration price if deposit is paid by 7-1-23  
Base price **\$3,799 + \$599\*** after 7-1-23

\*Estimated Airline Taxes & Fuel Surcharges subject to increase/decrease at ticketing

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS / TOUR CONTRACT

**TOUR PRICE:** Based on tariffs and currency exchange rates in effect on 1/5/2023 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 \$89 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:** Ten 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. - \$599); ②: tips to guides, drivers and meal servers (est. - \$172.75); and ③: optional travel protection. A travel protection flyer will be provided with more information. Also not included: airline baggage fees, luggage handlers, 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 7/9/2023**. Payment of remaining balance received after 7/9/2023 will incur a \$50 penalty and/or a delay in your final travel documents. Reservations made within 92 days of departure may be subject to a late charge.

▶[PENALTY PHASE ONE] In the event of cancellation, refund will be made up to 6/11/2023 with a \$100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties.

▶[PENALTY PHASE TWO] From 6/11/2023 to 7/9/2023 the cancellation penalty is \$500 plus any airline cancellation penalties.

▶[PENALTY PHASE THREE] If cancellation is received after 7/9/2023 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 65 days of departure.

**Credit card processing fees are non-refundable.** 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.

**NOTE:** Any change request/alterations to the group flight itinerary, requests for airline deviations and/or added domestic flights,

automatically advances into the next 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 Detroit/Florence and Rome/Detroit on economy class jet via Lufthansa 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 air/tour cancellation is effected by passenger after 7/9/2023, 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 suggest that all participants purchase a plan to help protect you and your trip investment. Plans can provide benefits such as Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical and Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation, Trip Delay, Baggage Delay and more. You will be mailed a travel protection flyer along with an enrollment and waiver form. Full terms and details of a travel insurance plan, including limitations and exclusions can be found in the travel insurance plan policy or description for coverage. 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. Lufthansa 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.

**TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS:** In response to world health initiatives, many countries and airlines are implementing travel requirements that can include, but are not limited to: masks, testing, vaccines, specific documentations, etc. These requirements are the responsibility of each passenger. Passengers must have a valid, working email.

**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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MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED DAILY

**Day 1: Monday, October 9, 2023, USA / FLORENCE**

Today we depart the USA for our overnight flight to Florence via jumbo jet, arriving the next day. Meals are served on board.

**Day 2: Tuesday 10/10, FLORENCE**

Upon our arrival in Florence, we meet our escort and driver who will provide us with an **orientation tour** of beautiful Florence. We proceed to our hotel to check in for a welcome dinner and overnight. [D]



**Day 3: Wednesday 10/11, FLORENCE / ASSISI**

Today will be spent in Florence. We begin with a visit to the **Duomo (the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore)**, view of the Campanile (bell tower), and view of the Baptistery with its golden doors by Ghiberti. From there, we proceed to the **Accademia** to see the original "David" before stopping at the **Piazza della Signoria**. Today it 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. There are many statues found in the vicinity - some are originals and some are copies, like David (the original is housed in the Academy of Fine Arts). Then, we end our guided sightseeing tour in front of the **Ponte Vecchio**. We will make our way to **Santa Croce area** where we will break for lunch, Holy Mass and have **free time** to explore on our own. Then, the bus will transport us to Assisi where we check in at our hotel for dinner Overnight in Assisi. [B,D]

**Day 4: Thursday 10/12, ASSISI**

Exploring Assisi today will include being **escorted by cars to the church of San Damiano** and 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. There will be free time to explore independently. Suggestions include:

- 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)*.
- Spend some time shopping for special mementoes.

We gather at the hotel this evening for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

**Day 5: Friday 10/13, ASSISI / LANCIANO / MONTE SANT' ANGELO**

As we depart Assisi, our journey today takes us to **Lanciano**, 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 10/14, MONTE SANT'ANGELO / SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO / MONTE SANT'ANGELO**

Not far from Monte Sant' Angelo is the beautiful **San Giovanni Rotondo**, the former home of St. Padre Pio, a Capuchin friar and stigmatist with a reputation for miracles. 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 10/15, MONTE SANT'ANGELO / SORRENTO**

This morning, we visit 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 Catholic Church not consecrated by humans; it was consecrated by St. Michael himself. Then, we travel west to Sorrento where we enjoy a visit at the **Cathedral of Sorrento**, dedicated to St. Philip the Apostle and St. James the Just. The cathedral was built in the eleventh 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. We check in at our hotel. Then, there will be **free time** to enjoy the sites. Suggestion:

- *There definitely isn't a shortage of shopping in Sorrento! Spend some time wandering through the shops on both sides of Corso Italia, the main street. Be sure to*

*find Cuomo's Lucky Store on Piazza Antiche, where both levels of the store are treasure troves of beautiful wooden creations. It's worth stopping in just to see the amazing talent of their craftsmen. The lower level also has an interesting demonstration of the process used in their work.*



This evening, we can choose a trattoria (local diner) or restaurant for dinner Italy-style! **Dinner is on our own.** Overnight in Sorrento. [B]

**Day 8: Monday 10/16, SORRENTO / CAPRI / AMALFI or RAVELLO / SORRENTO**

This morning we board a minibus from Sorrento's Main Square (Piazza Tasso) to the pier. We travel by **hydrofoil/jetfoil (weather permitting) to Capri**, the island of dreams, where we visit the mysterious, breathtaking **Grotta Azzurra (Blue Grotto) by boat (again weather permitting)**. We visit **Anacapri with a montesoloro (chairlift included)**, and **entrance to Villa San Michele** before returning by hydrofoil/jetfoil to Sorrento's Mina Square pier. Then, we **take a drive through neighboring Positano**, a charming city etched in a hillside beside the sea. Our drive continues as we enjoy the breathtaking grandeur of God's landscape along the **Amalfi coast**, which affirms its ranking as "most beautiful stretch of scenery in the Mediterranean." We stop in Amalfi (or Ravello) to spend a little time. **NOTE: The Italian Government has strict, temporary parking restrictions which will determine which city we can visit.**

We conclude our day with dinner and overnight at our hotel in Sorrento. [B,D]

**Day 9: Tuesday 10/17, SORRENTO / CASSINO / ROME**

Today we depart Sorrento and head north toward Rome. En route, we stop in **Cassino to visit the Abbey of Montecassino**, where St. Benedict wrote his famous Rule. Based on prayer, study, and manual labor, this became the fundamental monastic code of Western Europe. 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. We continue to **Rome to visit St. Paul Outside the Walls**, a beautiful basilica which houses the remains of St. Paul under the main altar. We check in for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

**Day 10: Wednesday 10/18, ROME**

This morning we visit the **Basilica of St. Mary Major**. Inside the Basilica we are able to view relics of Jesus' manger from Bethlehem. The **remainder of the day is free** to enjoy as you choose. Suggestions include:

- *The Vatican Area:*
  - *Attend the Papal Audience at St. Peter's (provided our Holy Father is home). Listen to the words of His Holiness Pope Francis and receive his blessing with pilgrims from all over the world.*
  - *Just outside the basilica is the Vatican Post Office.*

- 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 and restaurants.

Tourist Favorites:

- Stop at Piazza Navona (where artists display and sell their craft), Trevi Fountain (according to legend, toss your coin in the famous fountain to assure your return to Rome); the Spanish Steps (side streets are lined with designer boutiques/upscale shopping); the Pantheon, etc.
- Visit 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 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.

Indulge in a pizza pie at local trattoria (diner) or enjoy a delicious Italian meal at the restaurant of your choice as **dinner is on your own**. Overnight in Rome. [B]



BASILICA OF ST PETER

**Day 11: Thursday 10/19, ROME**

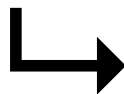
Our day begins at the **Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel**, where Michelangelo's restored masterpieces adorn the ceilings and walls. From there we enjoy a **guided tour of St. Peter's Basilica**. The Basilica is very impressive with its imposing architecture, rich ornamentation, and marvelous works of art. We view one of Rome's most recognized works of art, Michelangelo's Pietà. We then 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 we see **la Scala Santa** ("the Holy Stairs") from Pilate's Palace. This evening we gather for a **farewell dinner with wine at a local restaurant**. Overnight in Rome. [B,D]

**Day 12: Friday, October 20, 2023, ROME / USA**

Today, we board our overseas **flight** back to the U.S. Our travels offer the mind and soul a treasure trove of memories 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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**REGISTRATION FORM**

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

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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