

Tour 40609

Italy



Northern & Central

Explore the traditions of our faith in beautiful churches, chapels and shrines throughout Northern and Central Italy on a 13-day pilgrimage with Fr. Vincent Lampert

June 9-21, 2024



\$4,599 + \$689* from Cincinnati

Early registration price per person if deposit is paid by 3-1-24

Base price \$4,699 + \$689* after 3-1-24

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

TERMS AND CONDITIONS / TOUR CONTRACT

TOUR PRICE: Based on tariffs and currency exchange rates in effect on 10/12/2023 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 \$119 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: Eleven full hot breakfasts and nine 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. - \$689); ②: tips to guides, drivers and meal servers (est. - \$15.00 per day); 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 3/9/2024.** Payment of remaining balance received after 3/9/2024 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 2/10/2024 with a \$100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties.

▶ **[PENALTY PHASE TWO]** From 2/10/2024 to 3/9/2024 the cancellation penalty is 500 plus any airline cancellation penalties.

▶ **[PENALTY PHASE THREE]** If cancellation is received after 3/9/2024 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 and always the responsibility of the passenger. 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 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 air/tour cancellation is effected by passenger after 3/9/2024, 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. 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.

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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Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM E.S.T.

Day 1: Sunday, June 9, 2024, USA / VENICE

Pilgrims depart from Cincinnati this evening for a transatlantic overnight flight to Venice. Meals are served on board.

Day 2: Monday 6/10, 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 footbridges. We make our way to the **Church of San Marco** where we have time to pray and browse **St. Mark's Square**. We proceed to Venice to check in at our hotel for a welcome dinner and overnight. [D]



ST MARK'S SQUARE

Day 3: Tuesday 6/11, VENICE

After Mass, today is **free to explore independently**. Suggestions include:

- *Take a water taxi to and between the three islands in the Venetian lagoon. 1 Murano, known for its beautiful glassworks, is the first island. Demonstrations by master craftsmen can be observed and their creations can be purchased in island shops. 2 Burano, famous for its artisan lace, exhibits and sells treasures of the trade in the Lace Museum and in boutiques. Burano's 15th-century leaning bell tower, part of San Martino Church, attracts tourists as does Via Galuppi, the island's main street. The colorful hues on homes and the canal are a popular focus for local and visiting artists. 3 The third island, Torcello, draws tourists to see the incredible mosaics within the 7th-century Cathedral of Santa Maria Dell'Assunta. This ancient island is unique as it is primarily a nature reserve, accessible only by walk paths.*
- *Experience a gondola ride and weave through the canals. Note: standard ride is 40 minutes. Fares are higher at night. Gondolas will hold six people so standard fares can be divided. Most gondoliers speak some English. Different views of Venice can be seen on quiet, back canals where you won't be bumper to bumper. If you opt for a back canal, walk a few blocks off the main street (away from San Marco). If you are more interested in 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 on the Grand Canal.*



MURANO



BURANO



TORCELLO

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

Day 4: Wednesday 6/12, VENICE / PADUA / RAVENNA

As we depart Venice, we travel just 30 miles to Padua to visit the **Basilica of Saint Anthony**, built to honor the patron saint of lost things. Associated with many miracles, St. Anthony was renowned for his passion for preaching. Displayed in the Basilica are St. Anthony's tongue and

vocal chords. These organs have remained incorrupt, although the rest of his body disintegrated after death. We stop at the magnificent Cappella degli Scrovegni, a beautiful and very unique chapel built in 1303. The interior is adorned entirely with Giotto frescoes depicting the life of Christ. Next, we travel to **Ravenna** where we have a **guided city tour and then enjoy free time** to explore independently. Then, we check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 5: Thursday 6/13, RAVENNA / LORETO / SAN BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO

En route to Loreto we stop for a **guided visit of the Basilica of Sant'Apollinare in Classe**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that has since been coined "the greatest basilica of the Early Christian period known today". The basilica was built over a late 2nd-century, early 3rd century cemetery with the purpose to house the remains of its patron St. Apollinaris. One of the most talked about features of the basilica are the incredible mosaics! We continue into **Loreto** on the Adriatic coast where we have a **guided visit of 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. Our day concludes as we **arrive in San Benedetto del Tronto** to check in for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 6: Friday 6/14, SAN BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO / ASSISI

Our day begins at the **Shrine of Rivotorto**. We **visit with one of the monks from the monastery and have time to pray**. Then, we proceed to the lower plains of Assisi 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 thorn-less rose bush and the cave where St Francis prayed in solitude. Next, we enjoy a **guided visit of the upper and lower level of the Basilica of St Francis**, one of Christianity's most revered shrines and where frescoes depict events in the life of this gentle saint. We check in at our hotel in Assisi for dinner and overnight. [B,D]



BASILICA OF ST. FRANCIS

Day 7: Saturday 6/15, ASSISI

Today we begin at 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. Then, we will be escorted by mini coaches to see the **church of St Damiano** before we enjoy a **guided city tour of Assisi**. We have **free time** to explore on our

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

Day 8: Sunday 6/16, ASSISI / NORCIA / CASCIA

Our day begins as we depart Assisi and travel to **Norcia** to see the city's rebirth after the devastating earthquake that rocked the city to rubble in 2016. On a guided tour of the city we **visit the rebuilt church and brewery**. Then, we travel 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. The blood-stained pages of Rita's breviary, that cradled a miraculous host that in 1330 left a perfect outline of Christ's face, can be viewed. We also visit **Roccaporeno, the birthplace of St. Rita**. Then, we check in at a hotel for pilgrims. Dinner and overnight in Cascia. [B,D]

Day 9: Monday 6/17, CASCIA / ORVIETO / ROME

Early this morning **before our 8:30am departure from Cascia, the Shrine will open for free time to pray**. Then, our journey continues to **Orvieto** where we stop to explore the tiny city. 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. To conclude our day, we travel into Rome to check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]



ORVIETO

Day 10: Tuesday 6/18, ROME

Today we proceed to the cathedral church of the pope, **St. John Lateran**. 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. Each step is prayed on your knees or the option to take the side stairs on foot is also available. Next, we visit **Basilica of Santa Croce**, also known as the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem which houses a number of relics from Christ's Passion and birth. Then, we proceed to **San Lorenzo Fuori le Mura** (St. Lawrence Outside of the Walls), a beautiful basilica built over the tomb of St. Lawrence. A large stained marble slab where the saint was laid after his execution is also housed in the basilica. From there, we stop at the

Basilica of St. Mary Major. Inside the Basilica we view relics of Jesus' manger from Bethlehem. Located nearby is **St. Alphonsus Church**, built and named in honor of the founder of the Redemptorist Congregation, St. Alphonsus Liguori, but was dedicated to the Most Redeemer. The church contains the original Picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. This evening, we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. **[B,D]**

Day 11: Wednesday 6/19, ROME

This morning we attend the **Papal Audience at St. Peter's**. We listen to the words of His Holiness Pope Francis and receive his blessing with pilgrims from all over the world. We stop for **Mass** and a opportunity to take **photos outside the Colosseum**. The remainder of the day is free to explore on your own. This evening, gather with new friends or enjoy a private sampling of authentic Roman cuisine at the restaurant or trattoria (local diner) of your choice as **dinner is on your own**. Overnight in Rome. **[B]**



COLOSSEUM

Day 12: Thursday 6/20, ROME

Our first stop today is at the **Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel** where Michelangelo's restored masterpieces adorn the ceilings and walls. We enjoy a **guided tour** and then proceed to the **Basilica of St. Peter**. Inside the basilica, we view one of Rome's most recognized works of art, Michelangelo's Pieta and we visit the tombs of our newest saints, Pope St. John Paul II and Pope St. John XXIII. From there, There will be **free time** to explore on your own.



BASILICA OF ST PETER

- *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. (Very crowded on day of Papal Audience)*
- *Adjacent to St. Peter's Square are shops and restaurants.*
- *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.*

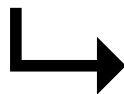
Next, we proceed to the **Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls**, an impressive church which houses the remains of St. Paul under the main altar. We visit the **catacombs** and then return to our hotel for a **farewell dinner with wine** and overnight. **[B,D]**

Day 13: Friday, June 21, 2024, ROME / USA

Today we bid farewell to Italy (Arrivederci Italia!) as we transfer to the airport for our **return flight to the United States**. Our pilgrimage offers the mind and soul a treasure trove of memories inspired by God's majestic landscape 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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Average high and low temperatures to expect: 63-85°F



REGISTRATION FORM

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

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Male Female US Citizen: Y N

Passport Expires: _____ MONTH _____ DAY _____ YEAR

I must apply for or renew passport

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