

Fr. Douglas Robertson and Fr. Jared Clements

invite you on an 8-day pilgrimage

April 8-15, 2024

to explore beautiful churches, chapels and shrines in Central Italy

Assisi Rome and Orvieto



Tour 40408

\$2,799 + \$549* from Chicago Early registration price per person if deposit is paid by 12-30-23

Base price \$2,899 + \$549* after 12-30-23

*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 10/9/2023 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 \$99 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: Six full hot breakfasts and five 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. - \$549); ②: tips to guides, drivers and meal servers (est. - \$105.75); 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 1/7/2024. Payment of remaining balance received after 1/7/2024 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 12/10/2023 with a \$100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties.

- ▶ [PENALTY PHASE TWO] From 12/10/2023 to 1/7/2024 the cancellation penalty is \$500 plus any airline cancellation penalties.
- ▶ [PENALTY PHASE THREE] If cancellation is received after 1/7/2024 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 Chicago/Rome and Rome/Chicago 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 1/7/2024, 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: Monday, April 8, 2024, USA / ROME Tour members are welcomed at the **Chicago** O'Hare International Airport for our overnight flight to Rome via wide body aircraft, arriving the next morning. Meals served on board.

Day 2: Tuesday 4/9, ROME / ORVIETO / ASSISI



CATHEDRAL OF ORVIETO

Upon our arrival in Rome, we travel to 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. From there, we travel through the Umbrian hills to Assisi to check in at our hotel for a welcome dinner and overnight. [D]

Day 3: Wednesday 4/10, ASSISI

Exploring Assisi today will include being escorted



BASILICA OF ST CLARE

by cars to the church of **Sán 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 Fran-

cis 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 BASILICA OF ST FRANCIS 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 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 for a group dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Assisi. [B,D]

Day 4: Thursday 4/11, ASSISI / ROME

As we depart Assisi, we stop in the lower plains 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 thorn-less rose bushes and the cave where St. Francis prayed in solitude. Then, we travel to Rome and proceed to the 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. Our day concludes as we check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 5: Friday 4/12, ROME

Our day begins at the Vatican Museum and Sistine



BASILICA OF ST PETER

Chapel, where Michelangelo's restored masterpieces adorn the ceilings and walls. From there we enjoy a quided 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. This afternoon, enjoy some free time in the Vatican area.

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 à 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.

There are shops and restaurants in the area for those wishing to browse or snack.

Next, we visit the impressive Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls which houses the remains of St. Paul under the main altar. We visit Catacombs before we return to the hotel for dinner and overnight in Rome. [B,D]

Day 6: Saturday 4/13, ROME

This morning we begin at the Basilica of St John's

Lateran, the Cathedral church of the Pope, is our first stop today. This church was originally built by Constantine when he 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 visit the Sancta Scalia -**Holy Stairs**, which



ended the Christian A BASILICA OF ST JOHN LATERAN ▼ BASILICA OF ST MARY MAJOR



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. Nearby is our next stop, the Basilica of St Mary Major, a beautiful Marian church housing relics of Jesus' manger from Bethlehem. We enjoy a photo stop at the Colosseum (exterior) to see the monument that has marked its place in history and in ancient Rome. Then, we enjoy an optional walking tour to see some of the city's tourist favorites, such as:

- The beautiful Trevi Fountain. Have a friend take your photograph as you toss your coin in the famous fountain, assuring your return to Rome (as legend has it anyway).
- The Piazza Navona where local artisans display and sell their craft.

This evening, join 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]



ST PETER'S SQUARE

Day 7: Sunday 4/14, ROME

San Lorenzo Fuori le Mura (St. Lawrence Outside of the Walls) is a beautiful basilica built over the tomb of St. Lawrence. Housed within the basilica we see the large stained marble slab where the saint was laid after his execution. From there, we proceed to St. Peter's square where we pray the Angeles with Our Holy Father, Pope Francis. The afternoon is free to enjoy as you choose. Suggestions include:

Visit more churches as there are so many from which to choose. Just a few are listed:

- The Church of Santa Susanna, one of the oldest Christian cites in the city, is the American National Church in Rome.
- If you wish to see the chains that bound Peter and also Michelangelo's Moses, then stop at San Pietro in Vincoli (St Peter in Chains) Church.
- Santa Maria del Popolo doesn't always make the pilgrimage route but a stop here will show a church far different from those in its time period. The ceilings are lower and bare in comparison but the chapels are exquisite.

Tourist favorites:

- Tour the world-renowned, historic ruins of the Colosseum and/or Roman Forum (located side by side). Note: both are near St. Peter in Chains.
- Visit the Pantheon
- Spend some time shopping. Souvenir shops are everywhere. Upscale shopping is by the Spanish Steps.

This evening, we gather for a group farewell dinner where we enjoy Roman favorites. Overnight in Rome. [B,D]

Day 8: Monday, April 15, 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 offered the mind and soul a treasure trove of memories inspired by the holiness of the 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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Average high and low temperatures to expect: 49-66°F



REGISTRATION FORM

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