

EARLY PREVIEW—Reduced Deposit—Limited Availability



CENTENNIAL PILGRIMAGE

ROME—ASSISI—FLORENCE—BOLSENA

JULY 23 TO AUGUST 1, 2024—10 DAYS

Accompanied by Rev. Richard Smith, St Francis of Assisi Parish, Norristown, PA

YOUR ESCORTED CUSTOM GROUP PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Fully Escorted 9 Night/10 Day Custom Group Itinerary
- Professional Tour Director Service throughout
- Fully air-conditioned Motorcoach transportation
- First Class Hotel Accommodations throughout
Rome—3 Nights, Assisi—2 Nights,
Florence—2 Nights, Rome—2 Nights
- Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 4 Dinners
- All sightseeing as outlined in Day-By-Day Itinerary
- Headset throughout Tour and Free WiFi on Motorcoach
- Four (4) Mass Celebrations
- Luggage Porterage—1 Piece per person

\$2985 Per Person (based on Double Occupancy*) *Limited

Triple and Single Pricing available on request

Optional AIRFARE is ADDITIONAL

Approx \$1500-\$2200* Roundtrip
(Philadelphia or Newark Departure)

**Subject to Change - Group Air Rate to be offered 10 months prior to departure*

FLIGHT DATES: Roundtrip Rome—July 22 to August 1, 2024

DEPOSIT: \$250 per person non-refundable by 6/30/23 (Early Offer)

ADDL DEPOSIT: \$750 per person non-refundable by 9/30/23

FINAL PAYMENT: Due no later than 4/15/24

Note: Minimum group participation is required for group pricing shown. Falling below minimum group size could increase price if necessary

See Day by Day Itinerary and details of Tour Features on reverse

Optional Trip Protection Coverage is available to all tour participants and highly recommended
Cost of coverage is based on the cost of your trip: \$289 per person (up to \$3000) / \$359 per person (above \$3000)
Trip Coverage to be purchased at the time of initial deposit.

—FOR RESERVATION REQUESTS—

Contact Terry Vaughan of Curran Travel, Inc, by email at TerryV@CurranTravelinc.com with the following Info:

- NAME: Names of all travelers rooming together: (Full Legal names **Exactly** as they appear on your Passports)
- CONTACT INFORMATION: Address — Phone— Email Address — Dates of Birth for all travelers
- Optional TRIP PROTECTION COVERAGE: Yes or No
- And please advise if you will be interested in the GROUP AIR FLIGHTS & PRICING when they become available

Once your request is received, you will be contacted for Credit Card information for your deposit payment.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE: Airport taxes (if applicable), excess baggage, meals not included in tour itinerary, all items of a personal nature such as laundry, cleaning, telephone, internet, or fax expenses, beverages including tea and coffee (except at breakfast and at hotel dinners), wines, liquors, soft drinks. Gratuities to the Tour Director, coach driver and local guides are not included and at your discretion.

CENTENNIAL PILGRIMAGE - JULY 23 TO AUGUST 1, 2024 - 9 NIGHTS/10 DAYS

Day 1 – July 23 (TUE) – ARRIVE ROME, ITALY—Welcome To Rome where you will spend your first 3 nights. Meet your Tour Director and this afternoon, enjoy an unforgettable drive through some of the "Eternal City's" more exclusive streets. Marvel at the impressive piazzas, fountains, and ancient buildings in all their majesty. Visit St. John Lateran Basilica and the Holy Stairs, brought from Jerusalem to Rome around 326AD by St. Helena, mother of Constantine the Great. Officially, pilgrims may only ascend these 28 white marble steps on their knees. Welcome dinner this evening at your hotel (Dinner)

Day 2—July 24 (WED) - ROME—Today includes your Papal Audience at the Vatican/St Peter's Square. (*Subject to Pope schedule.*) Afterward, we visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside The Walls, then explore the mysterious ancient Catacombs that run under the city. • The balance of your day is at your leisure. (Breakfast)

Day 3—July 25 (THU) - ROME— Your guided sightseeing of the "Eternal City" starts with a visit to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, followed by a visit to monumental St. Peter's Basilica to admire Michelangelo's Pietà. Then we CELEBRATE A PRIVATE MASS AT ST PETER'S. After lunch near St Peter's Square, enjoy a walking tour past bustling piazzas; the incredible Pantheon, the best-preserved Roman temple; lively Navona Square, the heart of Rome's social life; and the beautiful Trevi Fountain, where legend says tossing a coin will ensure your return to Rome! Your tour ends at the Spanish Steps, which consists of twelve flights which descend to the scenic Franciscan Church of Trinita dei Monti. Balance of day is at your leisure. (Breakfast,Lunch)

Day 4—July 26 (FRI) - ROME—GRECCIO—ASSISI—Today, after Breakfast, we depart Rome for Assisi. On the way, we stop in Greccio to visit Santuario Franciscano Del Presepe, the church and monastery where the first nativity scene was created. We continue on to hilltop Assisi, home of St. Francis and St. Clare, where you spend the next 2 Nights. We conclude our tour day with a visit to St Mary of The Angels Basilica with a local guide. (Breakfast)

Day 5—July 27 (SAT) - ASSISI—On our tour today, we visit the Basilicas of St. Francis and St. Clare, where we will CELEBRATE MASS, and see the crucifix that spoke to St. Francis, who abandoned a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after the voice of God commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. Then on to the Carceri Hermitage, a peaceful oasis in the woods of Mount Subasio where St. Francis came to pray. Finally, we visit the Monastery of St. Damian, a Franciscan shrine built on the spot where St. Francis heard the voice of Christ, and where he wrote the Canticle of the Creatures. The convent founded by St. Clare, where she died in 1253, is still intact. We return to Assisi for the remainder of your day at your leisure. Then assembler for a lovely group dinner at a local restaurant. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 6—July 28 (SUN) - ASSISI-SIENA-FLORENCE— After breakfast we depart for Siena on our way to Florence. Our guided walking tour includes sights of the Duomo and Piazza del Campo. Perched within Italy's stunning Tuscany region, the medieval city of Siena is a treasure trove of medieval architecture. The 13th-century Piazza del Campo remains the heart of Siena, where locals stroll and socialize as they have done for centuries. The Duomo di Siena stands majestically with its black and white marble façade amid the serenity of Siena's streets and squares. We continue on to Florence for our next 2 Nights. Balance of the day is at leisure. (Breakfast)

Day 7—July 29 (MON) - FLORENCE—In Florence enjoy guided sightseeing which includes David, Michelangelo's masterpiece, at the Academy of Fine Arts, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistry's heavy bronze "Gates of Paradise," and Signoria Square. We CELEBRATE MASS today. And tonite a lovely dinner in the Tuscan countryside awaits you on an unforgettable excursion. Arrive at an ancient farmhouse where wine and olive oil are produced, and experience traditional Tuscan hospitality. Depending on weather, we either dine in the warm and cozy dining room or bask in the sunshine surrounded by trees and cool shelter as you enjoy an al fresco meal in this magical outdoor setting. Sample delicious Tuscan specialties, local wines, Italian liqueur, and more—the perfect evening! (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 8—July 30 (TUE) - FLORENCE—ORVIETO—BOLSENA—ROME—Today we journey to charming Orvieto in the Umbria region, to visit the magnificent black basalt and travertine striped Orvieto Cathedral that houses the Corporal of the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena. We then continue on to St. Christina's Church in Bolsena where the miracle occurred. We enter the Chapel of the Miracle where the stains on the paved floor are said to have been made by the blood from the miraculous Host. The altar of the miracle, which is surmounted by a 9th- century canopy, is now situated in the grotto of St. Christina. A reclining statue of the saint is nearby. We CELEBRATE MASS here, and continue on to Rome for your final two nights. (Breakfast)

Day 9—July 31 (WED) - ROME—This morning we enjoy a thrilling guided tour of the Colosseum of Rome, including the Arena Floor and Underground areas as well as the Roman Forum. Our afternoon is at leisure. As you conclude your time in Rome, enjoy a final unforgettable evening of 'la dolce vita'! We begin at a traditional Roman restaurant, where you will savor a delizioso farewell dinner of Italian specialties with wine. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 10—August 1 (THU) - DEPART ROME—After breakfast, we bid farewell to Italy and head home to the USA (Breakfast)

PASSPORTS & VISAS: You must have a Valid Passport to travel on this Itinerary. Passports must comply with immigration regulations. Regulations may include, but are not limited to the following: must have at least 2 blank pages when entering a country and must have no less than 6 months before expiring. It is the responsibility of the traveler to check visa requirements and obtain visa(s). US Passport holders do not need a Visa to enter Italy, however, passports of other nationalities may. This agency and Globus family of brands preferred visa provider is GenVisa. Contact GenVisa at 800.845.8968 or info@genvisa.com

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