



CATHOLIC
FAITH
JOURNEYS

Rome, Assisi & Florence

with Rev. Eric Mueller

November 8 - 17, 2017



Day 1 - Wednesday Nov. 8: Depart USA for overnight flight to Rome.

Day 2 - Thursday Nov. 9: Rome / Assisi - Arrive Rome and transfer to our motor coach for our drive through the Umbria countryside to Assisi. Balance of day is free to freshen up from our travels or venture out on your own. Dinner and overnight in Assisi. (D)

Day 3 - Friday Nov. 10: Assisi - This morning, after Mass at the tomb of St. Francis, we enjoy an orientation tour of Assisi, including the Basilica of St. Francis, Santa Maria degli Angeli and the Convent of St. Clare. Remainder of day is free to explore on your own. You may want to visit San Damiano where St Francis heard the cross speak to him or San Rufino where St. Francis and St Clare were Baptized. Enjoy a gelato or do some shopping. Dinner & overnight in Assisi. (B, D)

Day 4 - Saturday Nov. 11: Assisi / Norcia - After breakfast we make our way to Norcia, a beautiful Medieval village and the birthplace of St. Benedict and his twin sister St. Scholastica. We will participate in the beautiful Chanted Mass with the Monks of Norcia. Enjoy a tour of the Basilica and crypt where St. Benedict and St. Scholastica were born. Enjoy the product of the Monks labor *Birra Nursia*. Time for lunch and strolling the quaint streets of this walled town. Return to Assisi for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 5 - Sunday Nov. 12: Assisi / Florence - Today we depart Assisi and make our way to Florence. This Afternoon we will take part in a tour of the massive Duomo (Basilica) which dominates the skyline, the Baptistery with its famous bronze doors (Gates of Paradise), Campanile di Giotto, and Santa Croce Church where Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci are buried. Pending confirmation we will also visit San Marco Convent to view the famous "Fra Angelico" paintings. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 6 - Monday Nov. 13: Florence / Rome After breakfast we will go to the Academia to view Michelangelo's famous statue of David. Afterward we make our way to Rome with a stop in the breathtaking city of Orvieto to view the Eucharistic miracle. (B, D)

Day 7 - Tuesday Nov. 14: Rome: After breakfast your day begins with a guided tour of Christian Rome. We will visit the three major basilicas in Rome including St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran, and Scala Sanctus. This afternoon we make our way to one of the Catacombs along the Appian Way, as well as St. Paul Outside the Walls, built over the Saint's burial place. Return to your hotel for a rest or venture out to see some of the many sites of Rome. Possibly the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain or the Pantheon. (B, D)

Day 8 - Wednesday Nov. 15: Rome - The first half of the day will be spent in St. Peter's Square for the Papal Audience, (pending the Holy Father's schedule). In the afternoon we will visit the Basilica of San Clemente, including the famous excavations. The remainder of the afternoon is free. (B, D)

Day 9 - Thursday Nov. 16: Rome - This morning we head to St Peter's to celebrate Mass, pending confirmation. After the Mass we head to the Vatican Museums/Sistine Chapel. After the tour the remainder of your day is free. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner and overnight in Rome. (B, D)

Day 10 - Friday Nov. 17: Rome / USA - This morning depart for the Rome airport for our return flight home. (B)

A Scavi Tour will be requested, if confirmed group will be notified and free time will be effected.

Private Mass celebrated daily, locations subject to final confirmation.

NOTE: While no changes are anticipated, there may be occasions when certain alterations become necessary to this itinerary due to pending schedule confirmations, and/or, due to changes beyond our control.

\$3,699.00 per person, **Cash/Check discount**, based on **25** participants, & double occupancy. **Full price for 25 paying with credit card: \$ 3,846.00.** (If group falls below 25 but at least 20 price is \$3,899.00 per person, double occupancy based on payment with Cash/check)

Included

- Airfare out of Detroit
- 8 Nights accommodations
- 8 Breakfasts, 8 Dinners (glass of wine with dinner)
- English speaking tour escort/guide throughout
- Transportation to/from DTW Metro.
- Private motor coach throughout
- Transfers from international airport, for those on group air.
- Entrance fees as noted in itinerary
- Private Mass arrangements
- Taxes and fuel surcharge

(subject to increase 30 days prior to departure)

Not Included

- Optional Travel insurance: *(strongly recommended)*
- Lunches & extra beverages w/meals not mentioned.
- All tips to tour escorts/guides/drivers Items of personal nature
- Any items not specifically mentioned
- **Limited Single rooms add: \$ 675.00**

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