



CATHOLIC
FAITH
JOURNEYS

Christmastide & New Year in Italy

with Rev. Adam Hertzfeld

December 26, 2022- January 3, 2023

Day 1 Dec 26 – Depart USA from Detroit for your overnight flight to Rome.

D2 – Dec 27 – Rome/Assisi

Upon arrival in Rome airport you will be met by your Italian tour escort. We will depart for Assisi, the town of St Francis & St Clare. Stop en route in Santa Maria degli Angeli to visit St. Mary of the Angels Basilica. This Basilica is where St. Francis spent most of life, and is made up of two structures; both of which you will visit. The Porziuncola is where St. Francis founded his order of the Friar Minor (Franciscans), and the Capella del Transito, which is the place of St. Francis' death. During this visit, your group will have the opportunity to visit the beautiful Rose Garden where St. Francis and other friars lived, as well as the cave where the Saint retired to pray. After visiting this beautiful Basilica, transfer to your hotel for dinner and overnight. (D)

D3 – Dec 28 - Assisi

This morning, after breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of the hometown of St. Francis. St. Francis is the "Patron Saint of Animals and the Environment." Additionally, he is responsible for founding the Franciscan Order, and the inspiration for our Holy Father, Pope Francis. He chose his name in admiration of the Saint of Nature, and Servant to the Poor. Known for being a humble man himself, Pope Francis spent most of his life denying the luxuries of life. He preferred to live in simplicity and humility, while giving up all other worldly possessions, just as St. Francis did. As your group visits the birthplace of St. Francis, you will become captivated as the atmosphere has not changed since St. Francis began his ministry, in the early 13th century. During the tour, your group will have the opportunity to visit the tomb of St. Francis at his Basilica. Also, at the Basilica of St. Francis, you will have the opportunity to view a series of frescoes depicting his life, as well as, view a few of the saint's possessions. Additionally, we will enjoy a walking tour of town, including the Church of San Rufino (with St. Francis' baptismal font), and the Basilica of St. Clare (where her incorrupt body lies in repose). Afternoon at your leisure. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

D4 Dec 29 – Assisi/Siena

After breakfast, we will depart for an excursion to Siena, Tuscany where we will enjoy a walking tour of the medieval walled city, visiting the Piazza del Campo, St. Catherine of Siena's Sanctuary birthplace, and the magnificent cathedral. Time permitting, and pending availability, we may walk to the Basilica of St. Francesco to view the Eucharistic Miracle. We will return to Assisi for dinner and overnight (B, D).

D5 – Dec 30 – Assisi/Orvieto/Rome

Today we travel to Orvieto, the town that sits on a 1,000-foot high rock formation, poetically crowned by Italy's most renowned Gothic cathedral. Because of its strategic location, Orvieto for centuries served as a refuge for the popes in troubled times. We visit the famous Cathedral housing the corporale of the Miracle of the Eucharist in Bolsena. Continues on to Rome for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

D6 – Dec 31 – Rome

After breakfast tour of the vast collections in the Vatican Museums including a visit to the Sistine Chapel where you will see Michelangelo's famous frescoed ceiling and "Last Judgment". In the afternoon explore Ancient Rome with a tour that includes a visit inside the Coliseum, Capitol Hill, the Vittorio Emmanuel Monument, the Roman Forum and the Circus Maximus. Dinner/ overnight. (B, D)

D7 – Jan 01 – Rome

After breakfast, take a Christian Rome Tour, including St. Mary Major and John in Lateran, which is the Cathedral of Rome. Then see the Holy Steps climbed by Christ in Jerusalem, and the Basilica of the Holy Cross where some of Christianity's most important relics are housed, including a piece of the True Cross, thorn and nails. Afternoon at your leisure. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

D8 Jan 02 – Rome

Full day at your leisure for last minute souvenir shopping before our farewell dinner this evening. Overnight. (B, D)

D9 - Jan 03 - Rome/USA

Transfer to Rome Fiumicino airport. (B)

NOTE: While no changes are anticipated, there may be occasions when certain alterations become necessary to this itinerary due to changes beyond our control. All Masses are subject to final confirmation.



\$3,959.00 per person, **Cash/Check discount**, based on 30 participants, & double occupancy.

Included

- Round trip airfare out of DTW
- 7 Nights accommodations
- 7 Breakfasts & 7 Dinners
Dinners to be at hotel or a restaurant within walking distant, glass of wine Included with dinners
- English speaking tour escort/ guide throughout
- Private motor coach throughout
- Transfers from international airport, for those on group air.
- Entrance fees as noted in itinerary
- Tips for Tour escort/guides & driver
- Private Mass arrangements
- Taxes and fuel surcharge
(subject to increase 30 days prior to departure)

Not Included

- Optional Travel insurance:
(strongly recommended)
 - Lunches & beverages w/meals other than those listed in "included"
- NOTE:** *Some countries may require travel insurance. (At this printing Italy is not requiring insurance. This could change by the time the group travels)*
- Any/all Covid-19, or other test(s), that may be required by airlines, departing /arriving country and transfer country.
 - Transportation to/from Domestic Airport
 - Items of personal nature
 - Any items not specifically mentioned
 - **Limited Single rooms add: \$ 995.00**

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*You must be physically fit and capable of walking on uneven terrain and being on your feet all day.
Foreign countries do not have the “American Disabilities Act”.
You are responsible for handling your own luggage.*

*To register for this pilgrimage please read, complete and sign the registration form, and the Covid-19 release form and return with your deposit.
I understand that countries may implement or change health requirements at anytime and I will abide by the requirements of the country I am in visiting and transferring through.*

In todays uncertain times all prices are subject to change prior to departure due to major currency fluctuations, changes in fuel prices and/or unforeseen economic circumstances beyond our control