

BEST OF ITALY

WITH FR. TOM BETZ



**PADUA • VENICE • FLORENCE •
SIENA • ASSISI • LORETO •
ORVIETO • ROME • VATICAN CITY**



APRIL 4-15, 2027

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ITINERARY

DAY 1: SUNDAY, APRIL 4

DEPART USA TO ITALY

We depart on an overnight flight from Philadelphia to Venice. Dinner and breakfast are served on the plane. Quotes for add-on flights from different airports, as well as for optional Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades, are available upon request, starting 120 days before departure. Group air restrictions (for ten passengers traveling together) do not permit specific seating requests on flights. If seat confirmation is important to you, we recommend purchasing your own airline tickets and booking the Land Only trip package. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact your trip Account Manager, who will be happy to assist you.

DAY 2: MONDAY, APRIL 5

WELCOME TO ITALY - PADUA

Upon arrival in Venice, we are greeted by our tour guide and escorted to our motorcoach, which takes us to Padua. We arrive in Padua in the mid-afternoon and settle into our hotel. We walk over to the Shrine of St. Anthony for a tour of the Basilica and Mass. We visit the magnificent Scrovegni Chapel, dedicated to St. Mary of the Charity, before settling into our hotel for dinner and a good night's rest. Overnight in Padua. **(Welcome dinner)**

DAY 3: TUESDAY, APRIL 6

PADUA - VENICE

After breakfast, we are transferred to Venice, the city of mystery and fantasy. We have a walking tour of Venice, including the Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's Square and Basilica, and the Doge's Palace (outside view). We visit St. Ambrose Church, where we celebrate Mass. Marvel at the play of light on the city's canals and the feeling of romance that permeates the air. In the afternoon, we attend the Murano glass-blowing demonstration. Dinner and overnight in Padua. **(B.D)**

DAY 4: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

PADUA - FLORENCE

In the early morning, we drive to Florence. Our bus will stop at Piazzale Michelangelo, from where we will enjoy a stunning view over the city. Walking down for approximately 20 minutes, we reach the city center. We will visit Santa Croce Church, where we celebrate Mass. After lunch at leisure, we have a walking tour of Florence that takes us to see Ponte Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria, the Duomo (outside view) and the Baptistery next door (outside view). In the late afternoon, we visit the Accademia Gallery (TBC). Dinner and overnight in Florence. **(B.D)**

DAY 5: THURSDAY, APRIL 8

FLORENCE- SIENA - ASSISI

This morning, we depart for Assisi, the city of birds and silence. En route, we celebrate Mass in Siena and visit the Church of San Domenico to see the relics of St. Catherine. Following Mass, we enjoy exploring the city of Siena, famous for its horse races, which take place in the center. We continue to Assisi for dinner and an overnight. **(B.D)**

DAY 6: FRIDAY, APRIL 9

ASSISI

This morning, we visit the Basilica of St. Francis, featuring the upper Basilica, which houses Giotto's frescoes depicting the life of St. Francis. We then proceed to the lower Basilica and the Tomb of St. Francis. Mass will be celebrated at one of the chapels in the Basilica. We proceed to the Basilica of St. Clare and the Chapel of San Damiano, where St. Francis received his call to rebuild the Church and where St. Clare lived and died. We visit St. Carlo Acutis, the first millennial to be beatified in the Catholic Church, dressed in jeans and tennis shoes, through a viewing glass on his tomb. Dinner and overnight in Assisi. **(B.D)**

DAY 7: SATURDAY, APRIL 10

ASSISI - LORETO - ASSISI

This morning, we see Santa Maria of the Angels Church before we depart for Loreto to see the Holy House of Nazareth, transported here from the Holy Land, as tradition tells us. In it, we view the most reproduced Madonna in the world: the Black Madonna of Loreto. We celebrate Mass in Loreto. After a break for lunch on our own, we head back to Assisi for the afternoon at leisure. Dinner and overnight in Assisi. **(B.D)**



DAY 8: SUNDAY, APRIL 11

ORVIETO - ROME

We stop at the hilltop town of Orvieto to celebrate Mass and visit the Cathedral, which houses the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena. After visiting the town, we continue to a beautiful local winery and enjoy a wine tasting and a delicious lunch in the Italian countryside. In the afternoon, arrive in Rome and settle into our hotel. Dinner and overnight in Rome. **(B.Special lunch and wine tasting.D)**

DAY 9: MONDAY, APRIL 12

VATICAN TREASURES

We start the day with Mass at St. Peter's Basilica (TBC). Then enjoy a tour of the Basilica and the Vatican Museums, including the Raphael Rooms and the Sistine Chapel (TBC). In the afternoon, we explore the Scavi Tunnels (TBC) underneath St. Peter's. Dinner is at leisure. Overnight in Rome. **(B)**

DAY 10: TUESDAY, APRIL 13

CHRISTIAN ROME

This morning, we visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, where we celebrate Mass, and the nearby Tre Fontane Convent, where St. Paul was beheaded. Our visit continues with the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, and the Holy Stairs. Overnight in Rome with dinner at leisure. **(B)**

DAY 11: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

PAPAL AUDIENCE

We depart early this morning for St. Peter's Square to attend the Papal Audience, where the Holy Father blesses us. Mass will be celebrated. We have time at leisure to explore Rome on our own. Later this afternoon, we gather to enjoy an early farewell dinner with wine at a local restaurant. After dinner, we enjoy a walk through Piazza Navona to view the magnificent Four Rivers Fountain by Bernini. On this route, we also visit Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, the only true Gothic church in Rome, the Spanish Steps, the Gesù Church, and the Trevi Fountain. Overnight in Rome. **(B.Farewell dinner)**

DAY 12: THURSDAY, APRIL 15

RETURN TO USA

Today marks the end of our pilgrimage. We say farewell to a country and a trip that will last in our memories forever, as we are transferred to the Rome airport for our return flights. **(B)**



COST BREAKDOWN

LAND & AIR
\$5,295.00

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YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- Round-trip airfare from Philadelphia to Venice, Rome to Philadelphia
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- Accommodations in first-class hotels for ten nights
- Service charges and hotel taxes
- Buffet breakfast daily
- 6 Hotel dinners (standard 3-course menu; beverages may be purchased at an additional cost)
- Welcome dinner at the hotel with wine
- Farewell dinner in a restaurant, accompanied by half a bottle of wine
- Visit to a winery in Orvieto with lunch and wine tasting
- All transfers with a private A/C motor coach as per the itinerary
- Professional English-speaking Christian tour guide throughout
- Entrance fees are included for sites specifically listed (outside view means no entrance fee is included)
- Round-trip ferry to Venice

- Prices are per person
- *Land Only - Option to purchase air on your own and meet the group at the airport on April 5, 2027
- **Additional Cost
- Group Air Price based on a minimum of 10 passengers
- Prices are valid only if the deposit is received no later than December 25, 2026
- Final payment is due February 3, 2027

- Luggage handling at hotels (one piece per person in / out)
- Select International Tours Travel Portfolio
- Confirmation of daily private Mass
- Whisper sets

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Personal expenses
- Trip Protection and Medical Insurance (highly recommended)
- Tipping/Gratuities for the guide(s), driver, and wait staff (please refer to the suggestions we will provide for you with your final documents)
- Any items not explicitly mentioned in the list of inclusions
- Beverages at meals, unless otherwise noted
- Church donations recommended at \$ 3.00 - \$ 5.00 per person per Mass
- Airport transfers for land-only passengers unless the travelers are at the airport at the same time as the group
- Airline seat assignment and flight pre-check-in
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- Please use the QR code on the front of this brochure to enroll.
- A deposit of \$500.00 per person should accompany your registration by December 25, 2026.
- Final payment is due by February 3, 2027*
- Your passport must be valid through October 16, 2027.

All prices are based on payment via check. A convenience fee of 4% will be charged for credit card payments. We also take payment via Zelle.

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PILGRIMAGE PRICES: Trip price is based on a minimum of 30 passengers. Prices may be adjusted for fewer travelers, changes in currency conversion rates, or amendments in local government taxes and/or fuel surcharges. Prices for this trip are in US dollars. For European travel, an exchange rate of US \$1.20 per Euro is assumed. *A late payment fee of \$100.00 per person will be charged for all payments received after the final payment due date.

SOLO TRAVEL: A limited number of single rooms are available. Prices are based on two people per room. We do not guarantee roommates, but will do our best to connect you with someone willing to share.

LAND-ONLY OPTION: Land-only services start and end at the hotels and do not include any airfare. You are welcome to transfer from the airport with the group if you arrive at the same time; otherwise, transfers are not included.

TOUR CANCELLATION POLICY: Individual deposits are refundable except for a \$350.00 per person handling fee for cancellations made 91 days or more before departure. A \$500.00 non-refundable fee will be assessed if the reservation is canceled between 90 and 60 days prior to departure. Within 60 days of departure, all payments are non-refundable regardless of the reason for cancellation. All airline tickets are non-refundable once issued. All cancellations must be in writing. Unused portions of the trip are not refundable. If a roommate cancels, the cost of a solo supplement will be added to your invoice. You may be eligible for a refund through your travel protection provider.

TRIP CANCELLATION PROTECTION: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation/travel accident insurance for every passenger to protect their investment (all payments are non-refundable 90 days before departure). PLEASE NOTE that in most cases travel protection must be purchased within 14 days. Additionally, some options are not available to residents of NY. Please see <https://selectinternationaltours.com/travel-protection-plans/> or call Trawick International at 1-888-681-6272 for complete details, restrictions, and deadlines.

AIRLINE, SEATING AND CHANGES: To best accommodate our pilgrims, we utilize Group Air Reservations. This affords more predictable space and pricing. However, the airline (not Select International Tours) assigns seats when the group tickets are issued. If you require very specific seats, we suggest you take advantage of the "Land Only" option and book your own airfare. Airline ticket name changes due to missing, incorrect, or incomplete information provided during registration will result in fees of at least \$350 per traveler. Switching reservations from Air and Land to Land Only within 100 days of departure will incur a minimum fee of \$250.00 per person. Quotes for Business class and Premium Coach seats are available upon written request, as are add-ons from your hometown airport. We are unable to honor upgrade requests within 100 days of departure.

SPECIAL NEEDS AND REQUESTS: All special needs and requests due to medical or dietary restrictions must be received in writing at least 60 days before departure. People needing a wheelchair should bring their own and travel with a companion who can provide care for them.

WALKING: Our trips require daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, steps, and uneven terrain. We recommend preparing by walking before the trip. A qualified and physically able travel companion must accompany anyone needing assistance. We are not responsible for any medical condition that occurs before, during, or after the trip.

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SHIPPING & HANDLING: \$15.00 per person—not included in the package price—will be added to each invoice. Your invoice will confirm the trip registration.