



A Pilgrimage to Assisi & Rome 2021

In the Footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi

May 6 • October 7



ITINERARY



Day 1 – Depart USA

Our Italian adventure begins as you depart the USA on your international flight.

Day 2 – Rome, Orvieto, Assisi

On arrival at Rome airport you will be met and transferred north by coach through the stunning countryside. Pope Nicholas IV laid the cornerstone for the Cathedral of Orvieto in 1290, dedicating it to the Assumption of the Virgin. Orvieto served as a Papal residence through the Middle Ages, Pope Clement VII being one of the last to stay in Orvieto in 1527. Here the Feast of Corpus Christi is celebrated, marching from the Duomo. Celebrate Mass at the Cathedral here. Finish your day by checking in to your Assisi Hotel for dinner and overnight. (D)

Day 3 – Assisi

This morning wake up to the atmospheric sounds of chapel bells, cobblestone footsteps and a tangible spirit of St. Francis preserved within the walls of this holy town. In the morning you will visit the lower city. The Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels stands at the foot of the hill of Assisi over the Porziuncola - Saint Francis' Church given to him by the Benedictine monks. The Church and Convent of St. Damiano is where in 1205, St. Francis received his calling to "Rebuild My Church." St. Claire would later lead her Order of the Poor Ladies from here until her death in 1253. Celebrate Mass at one of these sanctuaries. You will have time for private devotion and leisure before returning to your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Day 4 – Assisi

After breakfast you'll walk to the Papal Basilica of St. Francis, the mother church of the Franciscan Order and burial place of St. Francis. This Basilica, which was begun in 1228, is built on the side of a hill and comprises an upper and lower church. These are decorated with numerous frescoes by late medieval painters including Giotto. Celebrate Mass here. Continue on your guided pilgrimage of the town's highlights featuring the Basilica of St. Clare, where you can kneel before the famous crucifix from which Jesus spoke to St. Francis. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Assisi before returning to your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Day 5 – Greccio & Rome

After breakfast you'll begin your journey to Rome. En route, stop in Greccio to visit the Sanctuary. Set within the rock like an eagle's nest, the Greccio hermitage is an extraordinary fusion of architecture and nature. The Sanctuary is famous because St. Francis of Assisi chose it as the backdrop to one of the highest and most lyrical moments in his life: the first recreation of the Bethlehem Nativity in Christianity on Christmas Eve, 1223. Celebrate Mass here. Upon your arrival to Rome, enjoy a visit to the Forum and the Colosseum, once the heart of ancient Rome and a place of martyrdom for the early saints. You'll explore the romance of Rome as you stop at the famous Trevi Fountain. Legend says those who toss a coin into the fountain will one day return to Rome to toss another into the waters of Trevi. Check in to your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Day 6 – Vatican

Enjoy a guided tour of the Vatican's Museums and Sistine Chapel. Built by connecting portions of the old Papal residence with newer structures, the museum houses a world renowned collection of art and antiquities. Michelangelo painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel between 1508 and 1512, and later painted *The Last Judgment* between 1535 and 1541 for Popes Clement VII and Paul III. The primary function of the chapel is the Papal Conclave, providing the place where the College of Cardinals of the church gather to select a new Pope. Then walk through St. Peter's Basilica and celebrate Mass here. The present structure completed in 1590 was built over the Byzantine and Middle Ages structures that marked

B = Breakfast D = Dinner

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the tomb of St. Peter. There are more than 100 tombs within the basilica, including most recently St. John Paul II. Finish the day at the Pantheon, built by Marcus Agrippa during the reign of Augustus (27 BC to 14 AD). Emperor Hadrian rebuilt it around 126 AD. The building was given to Pope Boniface IV who converted it into a church - St. Mary and the Martyrs (Santa Maria Rotunda). Mass continues to be celebrated here. (B,D)

Day 7 – Rome

After breakfast, enjoy the opportunity to join in prayer with Pope Francis and receive his greeting, blessing and prayers. Begin your afternoon with a visit to the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran. Six Popes are entombed here. Next door is the Holy Staircase (Scala Santa), brought from Pilate's Palace in Jerusalem by St. Helena in the 4th Century. Climbing the stairs on your knees is a devotion that many pilgrims perform, and a plenary indulgence is granted for completing this feat. Next is the Basilica of St. Lawrence Outside the Walls (San Lorenzo). St. Lawrence was one of the first seven deacons of Rome, martyred in 258. The church is built next to catacombs that lead down to his grave. The relics of Saints Justin Martyr and Stephen are also enshrined here. Continue on your pilgrim journey to the Basilica of St. Mary Major (Maria Maggiore). This is the largest Marian church in Rome. Its construction began after the Council of Ephesus in 431 proclaimed that Mary was the Mother of God. St. Jerome, translator of the Bible into the Latin Vulgate, is buried here. Celebrate Mass in one of the churches here. (B,D)

Day 8 – Pilgrimage in Rome

This morning, begin your final day of pilgrimage at the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls. The present structure stands over the place where Constantine built the first church over Saint Paul's grave. The church features a portrait of every Pope that has served the church, with the face of Pope Francis illuminated as the present pontiff. Step beneath the surface into the Catacombs of Callixtus, built along the Appian Way. Here, 16 Popes from the 2nd through 4th Centuries were interred, though they have been removed to various churches over the centuries. San Sebastian Outside the Walls is another of the seven Pilgrimage churches, built over the Catacombs of St. Sebastian. The remains of Peter and Paul were temporarily protected here during the Valerian Persecution of 258. Our seventh and final pilgrimage stop is the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem. St. Helena brought Passion relics here, and the floor was covered with soil from Jerusalem. Relics here include the index finger of Thomas that touched the wounds of Christ after His resurrection, and a piece of the Good Thief's Cross. Those who want to complete the seven church pilgrimage as declared by St. John Paul II in 2000 can continue on to one more stop at Shrine of Our Lady of Divine Love. Here a pilgrim pursued by dogs appealed to Our Lady and she intervened for his safety. Pilgrims began to frequent the site and a chapel was built here in 1745. Celebrate mass in one of the churches. Transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B,D)

Day 9 - Return to USA or enjoy an extension on the Amalfi Coast.



Amalfi Coast Extension

May 14-18, 2021 • October 15-19, 2021

Starting at \$1,398

Day 9 - Castel Gandolfo, Sorrento

Travel to Castel Gandolfo, the Pope's summer residence. The Romans also preferred this area in the summer to get out of the heat. Enjoy the incredible beauty of this region as your bus travels to Sorrento. You will be in awe of the dramatic cliff top drive that leads to your hotel. During your three night stay, you'll have time to discover the colorful ambiance of this delightful town and enjoy the view of Mt. Vesuvius.

Day 10 - Amalfi Coast, Positano

The Amalfi Coast is considered to be one of Italy's finest. You will be enchanted by the rich hues of the blue green sea, the tiny mystical islands and the pastel colored cottages gathered around tiny harbors. Have your camera ready to capture one breathtaking view after another! Snap a photo of the famous village of Positano which has graced a thousand postcards and charmed at least three generations of travelers. Visit the town of Amalfi, a must for every visitor. A glorious maritime republic from the 9th to 12th centuries, the town is also famous as the place where the compass was invented and boasts a splendid Duomo in Arab-Norman style. Time permitting, you'll stop at the village of Vietri Sul Mar, home of Amalfi Coast ceramic factories which produce the colorful tiles that decorate every church tower in the area.

Day 11 - Isle of Capri

Enjoy a boat ride to the lovely Isle of Capri which has enticed visitors for thousands of years. Today you will have the opportunity to savor its beauty and be captivated with the fabulous views and elegant shops.

Day 12 - Pompeii, Rome

You will visit the spectacular ruins in Pompeii which were covered by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 A.D. The city remained buried and undiscovered for almost 1500 years until excavation began in 1748. These excavations continue today and provide insight into life during the Roman Empire. Continue to the Rome area for dinner and overnight.

Day 13 - Return to the USA with wonderful memories to share!

Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.

STARTING AT
\$3,648

Select Your Departure Date

All inclusive prices based out of New York

May 6 \$3,648

October 7 \$3,648

YOUR ALL INCLUSIVE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing**
- Round-trip International Airfare from New York**
Additional baggage & optional fees may apply; see fine print for details
- Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes**
Subject to change
- Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees, Hotel Gratuities & Program Fees**
- Daily Breakfast & Dinner, Deluxe Motorcoaches**
- First Class Hotels & much more!**



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Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates For All Tours

For a full description of the plan, go to: www.tripmate.com/wp/427E

| Trip Cost | Plan Cost | Trip Cost | Plan Cost | Trip Cost | Plan Cost | Trip Cost | Plan Cost |
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| \$ 0 to \$1000 | \$ 99 | \$2501 to \$3000 | \$299 | \$4501 to \$5000 | \$499 | \$6501 to \$7000 | \$699 |
| \$1001 to \$1500 | \$149 | \$3001 to \$3500 | \$349 | \$5001 to \$5500 | \$549 | \$7001 to \$8000 | \$799 |
| \$1501 to \$2000 | \$199 | \$3501 to \$4000 | \$399 | \$5501 to \$6000 | \$599 | \$8001 to \$9000 | \$899 |
| \$2001 to \$2500 | \$249 | \$4001 to \$4500 | \$449 | \$6001 to \$6500 | \$649 | \$9001 to \$10,000 | \$999 |

Schedule of Coverages

Maximum Benefit

| Part A * | Maximum Benefit |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Trip Cancellation | Trip Cost |
| Part B | |
| Accidental Death & Dismemberment | \$25,000 |
| Medical Expense / Emergency Assistance | \$50,000 |
| Trip Interruption | Trip Cost |
| Travel Delay (Up to \$100 Per Day) | \$.500 |
| Missed Connection | \$.500 |
| Baggage and Personal Effects | \$1,000 |
| Baggage Delay | \$.100 |

Additional Cancellation Protection

When You purchase this Travel Protection Plan at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip, you also receive the Educational Travel Services Pre-Departure Cancellation Waiver Benefit that allows you to cancel your Educational Travel Services travel arrangements up to the day of departure for any reason (excludes no shows and those not permitted boarding). With this Educational Travel Services Cancellation Waiver, your non-refundable land cancellation penalties will be refunded in Educational Travel Services travel certificates. Certain travel programs are not eligible for this benefit, such as cruise and land programs listed and detailed on the Educational Travel Services website (www.etstours.com). **Premiums must be paid in addition to initial or second deposit prior to the final payment for coverage to be in effect.**

Part A - Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Educational Travel Services. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Co. For New York Residents Only. Part A Benefits are travel arrangement benefits underwritten by United States Insurance Company.

Conditions and Limitations

This is a brief description of the plan available for all Travel Protection sales for Trips departing January 1, 2013 and after. Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Certificate of Coverage. For example, coverage does not apply to: any Sickness or condition of you, a Traveling Companion or a Family Member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverages (The PreExisting Condition Exclusion is waived if payment for this plan is received by Educational Travel Services at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip or 105 days before departure date, whichever occurs first), suicide, normal pregnancy, war or any act of war. Other Covered Reasons, as defined, include the following events or their consequences: Cancellation or Interruption of your Trip due to: Inclement Weather, unannounced Strike, mechanical breakdown that causes complete cessation of services of Your Common Carrier for at least 12 consecutive hours; a documented traffic accident while en route to departure; being hijacked or quarantined; jury duty; destruction of your home or destination by fire, flood, burglary or natural disaster; being called to the emergency service of government to provide aid or relief in the event of a natural disaster; a documented theft of passports or visas; a transfer of employment of 250 miles or more; or Revocation of military leave. For further information ask for the Certificate of Coverage which fully details the coverages, provisions, limitations and exclusions of the plan offered and is available to you, upon request, at any time prior to your purchase of the plan. This plan is underwritten by: United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ. Benefits are administered by: Trip Mate, Inc., 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO, 64114, 1-800-888-7282 (in CA, dia Trip Mate Insurance Agency).

THE FINE PRINT

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing
- Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast & dinner daily • Hotel gratuities
- Program fees • Fuel surcharges • Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Extensions and Taxes & Tips on extensions
- Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure
- Miscellaneous fees i.e. individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages at meals & baggage fees
- Tips for guide (\$6/day) & driver (\$3/day): will be collected by your bus captain on tour
- Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule)
- Visas for non-US citizens
- Visas and Transfers for all ground only passengers

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While we will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$498 during the basic tour; \$398 for the Amalfi Extension.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

| Deposit | Payment Amount | Due Date |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Registration deposit | \$300 | |
| Final Payment | Full Payment | 105 days prior to departure |

If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.

Travel Protection Premium Amount No later than 105 days prior to be in full effect.
Travel protection premiums must be paid in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED less than 105 days prior to departure:

We welcome registrations after 105 days prior to departure. Registrations received between 104-90 days prior will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 89-75 days prior will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received after 74 days prior or less will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program, provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable administrative fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. In addition, cancellation fees for Nile Cruise are: 59-31 days = 25% of extension cost; 30-0 days = 100%. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged, those needing oxygen, wheelchairs, or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting to their experiences.

PASSPORT INFORMATION, CONFIRMATION OF ITINERARY & CHECK IN PROCESS:

Photo copies of the passport must be submitted to our office no later than 105 days prior to your trip. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date will result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information or failure to check in for your tour may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date.

PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES AND TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, we do not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once "printed", airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or travelling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact your travel agent for further details.

FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. We are not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines. You will receive your flight information 60-30 days prior to departure. Final documents are sent approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well.

DEVIATIONS AND AIR UPGRADE REQUESTS:

Deviation and Air Upgrade requests must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees. Deviations and Air Upgrades are not always possible given the group schedule and time of ticketing. Passengers who are ticketed with air deviations and/or upgrades will likely not fly with the group and will therefore need to provide their own transfers.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 07/24/20. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date

RELEASE INFORMATION

Payment of deposit indicates Wpermission for us to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which we deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies us in writing prior to departure. Except where otherwise stated, we act only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall we be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. We assume no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service. We do not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold us harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party.