



Join Father Damian

# Italy Pilgrimage

September 18-27, 2023



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#### MESSAGE FROM YOUR HOST

## Father Damian

Join me for a trip of a life time. An uplifting experience of faith, fellowship and companionship, delivered with joy.



# ITINERARY

## September 18 – Departure

Make your way to your hometown airport, where you will board your overnight flight(s) to Europe. Dinner and breakfast will be served on board.

## September 19 – Rome

Arrive in Rome and meet your Italian tour manager. Transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight. (D)

## September 20 – Rome

This morning, celebrate Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, followed by a tour. Then tour the Vatican Museums, ending with a visit to the Sistine Chapel, where you will view some of the most inspiring works of art, including Michelangelo's magnificent fresco of the Last Judgment. Afternoon is at your leisure. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

## September 21 – Rome/Tivoli/Rome

After breakfast, enjoy a day away from the hustle of the city. Enjoy a day trip out of Rome to discover the wonderful Hadrian's Villa and Villa d'Este. Both sights are UNESCO heritage sites. Hadrian's Villa was built as a retreat out of Rome for Roman Emperor Hadrian during the second and third decades of the 2nd century AD. With the help of your guide, you will step back in time and explore the archaeological ruins of Hadrian's Villa with its wide complex of temples, statues, theaters, thermal baths and much more. From Hadrian's Villa, you will continue your journey by coach to reach the surroundings of Villa d'Este. After your lunch break (on your own), learn the intriguing Renaissance history as you visit the romantic Villa d'Este, a former Benedictine convent. With the help of your guide, wander through the villa's stunning gardens, marvel before its impressive waterfalls, pools and fountains, such as the wonderful Fountain of Neptune. Return to Rome for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

## September 22 – Rome/Assisi

After breakfast, depart for Assisi, the hometown of St. Francis. Upon arriving, celebrate Mass at St. Francis Basilica, see the crypt where he is buried followed by time for prayer and a tour. Take a walking city tour to see the art and architecture of this Umbrian town. Visit the Church of St. Clare to see her tomb and the San Damiano Cross, and church of San Rufino, where St. Francis and St. Clare were baptized. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

## September 23 – Assisi/Florence

After breakfast, depart for Florence, the Cradle of Renaissance. Stop in Santa Maria degli Angeli upon arrival to see the Porziuncola of St. Francis. Continue to Florence. Balance of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

## September 24 – Florence/Lucca/Florence

Following our breakfast, we depart on a morning excursion to Lucca, a city whose Roman origins are still evident today through the dynamic grid pattern of its streets. Our guided tour of the city highlights the eleventh-century Duomo, the church of San Michele in Foro, Piazza del Mercato, & the Torre dei Guinigi. Return to Florence for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

## September 25 – Florence/Siena/Florence

After breakfast, depart for the Tuscan city of Siena. This medieval city is the birthplace of St. Catherine "Doctor of the Church," and the Apostle of Italy, St. Bernardine. Visit the Basilica of St. Catherine (which is also known as the Basilica of St. Domenico). St. Catherine passed a large part of her life inside the walls of this Basilica. It is here you will also view

the incorrupt head of St. Catherine. After, visit the Shrine of St. Catherine, which occupies the site of her family home. Enjoy your walking tour through the Siena, including a visit to its Cathedral (Duomo di Siena). Conclude at one of Italy's finest squares, the Piazza Del Campo, where you will be given free time to spend at your own leisure. There are a number of restaurants surrounding the square to have lunch as well as shops for gifts and souvenirs. Return to Florence for dinner and overnight. (B, D).

### September 26 – Florence/Orvieto/Rome

After breakfast, we will make our way to Orvieto, a city situated on a cliff in the Umbria region. Arrive in Orvieto, a city known for its Duomo and considered one of the most architecturally important in Europe, for its Etruscan roots, and for the museums where one finds collections and displays that range over 2,500 years of history. During this tour, you will walk through Orvieto's charming, narrow alleys, and small squares. Continue to Rome for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

### September 27 – Departure

After breakfast, we are transferred to the airport for our departure flight back to the U.S.A. (B)

*B=Breakfast / D = Dinner*



## Optional EXTENSION



### Amalfi Coast

Starting at \$1,998\*

**September 27 - October 1, 2023**

**September 27** – 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.

**September 28** – 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.

**September 29** – 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 it's beauty and be captivated with the fabulous views and elegant shops.

**September 30** – You will visit the spectacular ruins in Pompeii, which were covered by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD. The city remained buried and undiscovered for almost 1,500 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.

**October 1** – Return to the USA with wonderful memories to share!

STARTING AT  
**\$4,298\***  
NEWARK, NJ

#### YOUR ALL INCLUSIVE PRICE INCLUDES:

Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing

Round-trip International Airfare

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

Meals as listed in the itinerary, Deluxe Motorcoaches

First Class Hotels & much more!

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

TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

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PROGRAM CONDITIONS

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 • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

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

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: \$798 during the basic tour; \$298 for Amalfi Coast Extension.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Table with 3 columns: Deposit, Payment Amount, Due Date. Rows include Registration Deposit (\$300), Final Payment (Full payment), and Travel Protection Premium Amount.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after June 05, 2023:

We welcome registrations after 06/05/23. Registrations received between 06/06/23 - 06/20/23 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 06/21/23 - 07/05/23 will incur a \$200 per person fee.

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 cancellation fee plus any airline fees.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

We do not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour.

ABILITY 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:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 06/05/23. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel.

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.

AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, we do not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, 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.

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 do 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.

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.

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.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While we will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 05/16/22. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION:

Payment of deposit indicates permission for us or our agents 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 or our agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies us in writing prior to departure.

Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Passenger Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation.

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. The passenger agrees that we assume no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, 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.

Departure City: NEWARK, NJ Departure Date: 09/18/23 (J)

First, Middle & Last Name must be submitted as it appears on your passport:

Guest 1: First Name: (Preferred Name)

Middle Name: Last Name: Title:

Street Address: P.O. Box:

City: State: Zip Code:

Phone: Alt. Phone:

Email: Send me emails about my trip

Birth Date: State of Birth: Sex: M F

Emergency Contact: Phone:

Tour Selection: Basic Program Only Add Amalfi Extension

Guest 2: First Name: (Preferred Name)

Middle Name: Last Name: Title:

Street Address: P.O. Box:

City: State: Zip Code:

Phone: Alt. Phone:

Email: Send me emails about my trip

Birth Date: State of Birth: Sex: M F

Emergency Contact: Phone:

Tour Selection: Basic Program Only Add Amalfi Extension

Roommate(s):

If No Roommate: Try to Match Me Single Room (availability limited)

Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan:

- 1 Travel Protection coverage cannot be added after you have paid in full.
2 Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable.
3 Coverage begins when your premium payment is refunded (separate from deposit & clearly designated as your travel protection premium).
4 Premium must be paid in full 06/05/23 to be in full effect.

\$300 DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED

FINAL PAYMENT DUE 06/05/23

Payment: \$

via check: #

via credit card (circle): VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX

Card Number: Exp. Date: /

Name on Card: CVN:

PASSENGER AGREEMENT

By signing and submitting the registration form, I/we certify that I/we have read Passenger Agreement, Program Conditions, and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure, understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the Program Conditions and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Guest 1 Signature:

Guest 2 Signature:

Tour: X123 Date: 091823 Code: J ID: 29506 v. 004 11/16/21

Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates

For a full description of the plan, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF427E

Table with 6 columns: Trip Cost, Plan Cost, Trip Cost, Plan Cost, Trip Cost, Plan Cost, Trip Cost, Plan Cost. Shows premium rates for various trip cost ranges.

Schedule of Coverages

Table with 2 columns: Schedule of Coverages, Maximum Benefit. Lists various coverages like Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Medical Expense, etc.

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. Your Trip or 105 days before departure date, whichever occurs first.

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.)