# ITALY & ASSISI

## EXPLORING FAITH & Music

## July 6 - 15, 2027

For information or to make a reservation, contact:

**Whitney Dowd | Nexion**

# ITINERARY

### July 6 - Depart the US
Depart on your overnight flight to Italy, beginning an unforgettable journey through the art, history, music, and spiritual heritage of this beautiful country.

### July 7 - Arrive in Milan
Welcome to Italy! Upon arrival at Milan International Airport, meet your ETS Tour Director and motorcoach driver. Enjoy a guided panoramic orientation tour of Milan, Italy's renowned center of fashion, finance, and culture. Along the way, view some of the city's most famous landmarks before transferring to your hotel. Enjoy dinner and overnight in Milan. (D)

### July 8 - Last Supper / Florence
This morning, enjoy time at leisure before visiting Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, The Last Supper (pending availability). Housed in the refectory of Santa Maria delle Grazie, this iconic fresco remains one of the most celebrated works of art in the world. Following free time for lunch, depart for Florence, the cradle of the Renaissance. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure to begin exploring this remarkable city. (B, D)

**Please note: Access to The Last Supper is extremely limited and subject to availability. Should tickets not be secured, alternate sightseeing will be arranged.*

### July 9 - Florence
Today, discover the timeless beauty of Florence during a guided walking tour. Stroll through historic piazzas and narrow medieval streets as you admire many of the city's architectural and artistic treasures, including the Duomo, Piazza della Signoria, and Ponte Vecchio. This afternoon, choir members will participate in rehearsal while the remainder of the group enjoys free time for personal exploration, shopping, or relaxation. This evening, gather for a special choir performance in an unforgettable setting. (B)

### July 10 - Pisa & Lucca
Travel into the heart of Tuscany today for a full-day excursion. Begin in Pisa, home to the famous Piazza dei Miracoli, where you will view the magnificent Cathedral, Baptistery, and the iconic Leaning Tower. Continue to the charming walled city of Lucca, birthplace of famed composer Giacomo Puccini. During your walking tour, stroll through picturesque streets and elegant piazzas while viewing highlights such as the Casa Natale di Giacomo Puccini and Teatro del Giglio. Return to Florence this evening. (B, D)

### July 11 - Assisi
Depart Florence and journey through the scenic Italian countryside to Assisi, the beloved hometown of St. Francis. This peaceful hilltop town is known for its medieval charm, spiritual significance, and breathtaking views of Umbria. Enjoy time to relax and explore the town at your own pace before choir members gather for rehearsal. This evening, experience another memorable choir performance together. (B, D)

### July 12 - Assisi and Rome
This morning, enjoy a guided tour of Assisi. Visit the Basilica of St. Francis, which houses remarkable frescoes and the tomb of St. Francis himself, and the Basilica of St. Clare. Following your visit, continue south to the Eternal City of Rome. Enjoy a walking tour in the center of Rome and explore the romance of Rome as you climb the graceful Spanish Steps and 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. Continue to your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**July 13 - Ancient Rome**
History is woven through the streets and neighborhoods of Rome as in no other city. Explore the many wonders of ancient Rome as you visit the magnificent Colosseum and see the Circus Maximus. From the most sacred hill of ancient Rome, Campidoglio, view the Forum. Complete your tour of ancient Rome with visits to the Pantheon and the Piazza Navona. Today, you will have your final choir performance. (B, D)

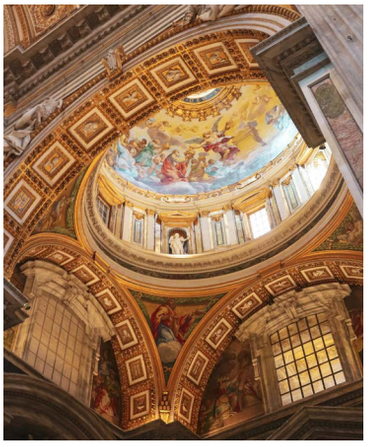
**July 14 - Christian Rome**
If schedules permit, attend the Papal Audience with Pope Leo XIV this morning in St. Peter's Square. Later, experience the glory of Christian Rome today as you visit the Vatican, home to one of the greatest museums in the world. And, of course, tour St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's frescoes, now restored to their full, colorful glory. Enjoy a free afternoon in Rome to explore more of the Eternal City. Dinner is on your own this evening. (B)

**July 15 - Return home.**
Transfer to the airport for your return flight home, taking with you treasured memories of Italy's rich artistic, cultural, and spiritual heritage. (B)

## Starting at
## $5,498* from New York or
## $5,598* from Dallas/ Ft. Worth

### 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, (B = Breakfast / L = Lunch / D = Dinner)
Deluxe Motorcoaches, First-Class Hotels & much more!



# TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

**Please send completed form with payment and passport copy to:**

**Whitney Dowd | whitney@whitneydowdtravel.com**
**CUMC 3101 Coit Rd., Plano, TX 75075**

**Departure City:** _____ **Departure Date:** 07/06/27 (D)

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

Guest 1: First Name: _____ (Name Tag:) _____
Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Title: _____
Street Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____
Email: _____
Birth Date: ____/____/ _____ State of Birth: _____ Sex: ❑ M ❑ F
Dietary Restrictions: _____
Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____
How did you learn about this tour? _____

Guest 2: First Name: _____ (Name Tag:) _____
Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Title: _____
Street Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____
Email: _____
Birth Date: ____/____/ _____ State of Birth: _____ Sex: ❑ M ❑ F
Dietary Restrictions: _____
Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____
How did you learn about this tour? _____

**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 received (separate from deposit & clearly designated as your travel protection premium).
4. Premium must be paid in full no later than 04/22/27.

**Guest 1:** ❑ I Accept ❑ I Decline
**Guest 2:** ❑ I Accept ❑ I Decline

## $300 DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION
## FINAL PAYMENT DUE 03/22/27

❑ 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: XI27 Date: 070627 Code: D ID: 37169** **V.004 08/19/26**

## Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates

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

| Trip Cost | Plan Cost | Trip Cost | Plan Cost | Trip Cost | Plan Cost | Trip Cost | Plan Cost |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $ 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** * | |
| Trip Cancellation | 100% of Trip Cost |
| **Part B** | |
| Trip Interruption | Up to 100% of the non-refundable Trip Cost |
| Missed Connection | $500 |
| Trip Delay | Up to $150 Per Day, to Maximum of $1,500 |
| **Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation** | |
| Accident & Sickness Medical Expense | $25,000 |
| Medical Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains | $50,000 |
| 24 Hour Accidental Death & Dismemberment | $25,000 |
| Baggage and Personal Effects | $1,000 |
| Baggage Delay | $200 |

**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 Non-Insurance Cancellation Waiver 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 reimbursed in cash or in travel vouchers (depending on your reason for cancellation). 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). **Plan costs must be paid in addition to initial or second deposit prior to the final payment for coverage to be in effect.**

**Part A** -Non-Insurance Cancellation Waiver is provided by Educational Travel Services. **Part B** - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Company and serviced by Trip Mate. *In MN and NY, a different cancellation waiver is available. Available for purchase separately in NY.

## Conditions and Limitations

The Travel Protection Plan is only available for citizens or residents of the United States of America. This advertisement contains highlights of the plans developed by Trip Mate, a Generali Global Assistance & Insurance Services brand, which include travel insurance coverages underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company, Principal Office located in Morristown, New Jersey, under form series T7000 et al, T210 et al and TP-401 et al, and non-insurance Travel Assistance Services provided by Generali Global Assistance and FootprintID and a non-insurance Cancellation Fee Waiver provided by Educational Travel Services, Inc (F427E Plan Only). The terms of insurance coverages in the plans may vary by jurisdiction and not all insurance coverages are available in all jurisdictions. **Insurance coverages in these plans are subject to terms, limitations and exclusions including an exclusion for pre-existing medical conditions**. In most states, your travel retailer is not a licensed insurance producer/agent, and is not qualified or authorized to answer technical questions about the terms, benefits, exclusions and conditions of the insurance offered or to evaluate the adequacy of your existing insurance coverage. Your travel retailer may be compensated for the purchase of a plan and may provide general information about the plans offered, including a description of the coverage and price. The purchase of travel insurance is not required in order to purchase any other product or service from your travel retailer. CA DOI toll free number is 800-927-4357. The cost of your plan is for the entire plan, which consists of both insurance and non-insurance components. Individuals looking to obtain additional information regarding the features and pricing of each travel plan component, please contact Trip Mate, a Generali Global Assistance & Insurance Services brand; P.O. Box 527, Hazelwood, MO 63042; 1-833-297-2255; assistancefees@tripmate.com. We are licensed in all states. While Trip Mate markets the travel insurance in these plans on behalf of USF, non-insurance components of the plans were added to the plans by Trip Mate, and Trip Mate does not receive compensation from USF for providing the non-insurance components of the plans.

## 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) • Meals as listed in the itinerary • 2 Glasses of Wine (Red/White) at Welcome & Farewell Dinners for each guest• Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges • Government Taxes $98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change) • Tips for guide ($6/day) & driver ($3/day)

**NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:**
• 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• Required Vaccinations • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel.

**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: **$1098 during the basic tour**.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

| Deposit | Payment Amount | Due Date |
|---|---|---|
| **Registration Deposit** | $300 | Due upon registration. Includes a minimum $100 non-refundable cancellation fee. See CANCELLATION FEES for details. |
| **Final Payment** | Full payment | 03/22/27 \| If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of $100 will be assessed. |
| **Travel Protection Premium Amount** | The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 03/22/27 to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to our deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect. | |

**REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after March 22, 2027:**
We welcome registrations after 03/22/27. Registrations received between 03/23/27-04/07/27 will incur a fee starting at $100 per person. Registrations received between 04/8/27-04/22/27 will incur a fee starting at $200 per person. Registrations received between 04/23/27-05/07/27 will incur a fee starting at $400 per person. Registrations received 05/08/27 or later 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 the premium has been paid and the reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From the day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the $100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline and land fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties, land penalties, and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = $400; 59-45 days = $600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to the day of departure = 100% of the total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after the day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

**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. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. We reserve the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by us, and we reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of us, we will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a $150 administration fee.

**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 and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. We reserve the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in our sole judgment, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please contact us for more details.**

**PASSPORT INFORMATION:**
Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 04/22/27. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger. 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 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. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling 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 advisor 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 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. 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. You may also incur optional fees i.e. food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.

**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 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. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour.

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 **02/19/27**. 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. Without limiting the foregoing, the passenger agrees to release Us and to hold Us harmless for any liability, loss or expense arising from 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, Pandemic, strikes, or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party. Florida law will be applicable to any dispute which arises out of/or concerns this brochure or your tour. Any and all litigation must be brought only in courts in Polk County, Florida to the exclusion of litigation anywhere else in the world.