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A Pilgrimage To **Grand Italy**

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Rome
- Florence
- Assisi
- Padua
- Venice

Under the Spiritual Direction
of Fr. Anthony Hangholt

JUNE 17 - JUNE 28, 2024

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Day by Day Itinerary

Monday June 17 Day 1: Depart USA: Flights to Rome: Today we board our overnight flights to Rome with snacks and beverages served aloft.

Tuesday June 18 Day 2: Arrive Rome: Upon arrival we are greeted by our Terra Sancta Travel Center Representative who will accompany us throughout our tour. We will transfer to San Paul Outside the Walls, one of the four major basilicas in Rome, where we will celebrate Mass and visit the tombs of St. Paul. After Mass we will retire to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Rome (Dinner)

Wednesday June 19 Day 3: Rome: Papal Audience & Major Basilicas: After breakfast, the group will attend one of the highlights of the trip, the Papal Audience. In the afternoon, we visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the oldest basilica of the Western World. We then visit the Holy Stairs, believed to be those that led to the praetorium of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem, and the Basilica of St. Mary Major, one of the oldest and most important shrines in the world dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

Thursday June 20 Day 4: -- Rome, San Philip Neri - Navona Square – Trevi Fountain - Colosseum: The day starts with Mass at the church of Santa Maria in Vallicella where San Philip Neri is buried. We will then visit the “camerette” the rooms where the saint used to live, where several personal items are preserved. Next we walk to Navona Square, to see the Bernini’s fountain of the four rivers, continue our walk passing by the Pantheon to reach the Trevi Fountain. Break for lunch. Then we will , enjoy a guide tour through the monument of the Imperial Rome. The ancient Romans referred to Rome as Caput Mundi – the head of the world. As the center of the Roman Republic and then the Empire, Rome witnessed 1,000 years of one of the greatest civilizations in the world before becoming the seat of what is now the Catholic Church. In the morning we have already seen the Evidence of the glory of the Italian Renaissance, walking throughout the historical center. In the afternoon we explore the Roman Forum, the administrative capital of the Empire and the site of some of the most famous speeches in history by the likes of Julius Caesar, Mark Anthony and Cicero The tour will end at the famous Colosseum – the largest ancient amphitheater in the world and the site of countless gladiator games. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

Friday June 21 Day 5: Vatican Museums - Sistine Chapel & St. Peter’s Basilica--: We will begin the day with Mass at San Peter’s Basilica - which we will then visit with our guide. St. Peter’s Basilica, Is the largest Catholic Basilica ever built. It’s soaring dome was engineered by Michelangelo and the artist’s famous Pieta sculpture and countless other artistic wonders make St. Peter’s church one of the most awe-inspiring buildings in the world. Enjoy some time at leisure for an Italian breakfast, with Cappuccino and croissant. Next, we walk to visit the Vatican Museums. One of the most extensive museum collections in the world, the museum is also home to the Sistine Chapel, where the legendary Michelangelo created one of his most famous masterpieces on the ceiling. After the museums we will have more time left, probably we can return to the hotel to relax or enjoy some shopping.

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

Saturday June 22 Day 6: Cascia & Assisi: We depart Rome and drive to Assisi via Cascia. Here, we will visit the monastery where St. Rita lived as a nun and died. We will also visit the Basilica where her incorrupt body is preserved. Time for lunch at a local restaurant before we proceed to Assisi and settle into our hotel for dinner and overnight. Time for lunch at a local restaurant before we proceed to Assisi Upon arrival we stop in the valley of Assisi to visit will see the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli. Crowned by the magnificent dome designed by Alessi, this great Basilica was built in 1569. It enclosed the shrine of the "Porziuncola" or the Little Portion Chapel around which the first Franciscan community was centered, the place where Clare received the habit from Francis, and the Capella Del Transito, which marks the spot where the Saint died.

Then we settle into our hotel for dinner and overnight.
Overnight: Assisi (Breakfast, Dinner)

Sunday June 23 Day 7: Assisi: Basilica of St. Francis: In Assisi, we will start at to the Basilica of St. Claire. the foundress of the Poor Clare Sisters. This Saint followed the teachings of St. Francis very closely by also living a life of poverty and humility. By walk we reach the Santuario Della Spogliazione where Blessed Carlo Acutis’ tomb is placed. Carlo is the first millennial to be declared Blessed who loved the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. From there, we will continue to St. Francis Basilica. In the upper basilica, we will marvel at the site of the great frescoes from Giotto, which describes the life of St Francis, in the lower basilica we visit the tomb of St. Francis. After lunch, we will transfer to the Convent of San Damiano, where St. Francis received his call to rebuild the Church and where St. Clare lived and died. Here we celebrate Mass before returning to Assisi.

Overnight: Assisi (Breakfast, Dinner)

Monday June 24 Day 8: Siena/Florence: Tuscany, Piazza del Campo: This morning we depart to visit the medieval town of Siena in Tuscany. We visit the Basilica of San Domenico, where the incorrupt head and finger of St. Catherine lies, and to explore the center and the Piazza del Campo on our own. In the afternoon we continue to enjoy a wine tasting and tour at Foresteria Villa Cerna, where we can taste Chianti wines. In the evening we arrival in Florence . In the heart of the Tuscany region.

Overnight Florence (Breakfast, Dinner)

Tuesday June 25 Day 9: Florence: Today we have a full-day tour of the Renaissance city of Florence, starting from the Academy Gallery, home to Michelangelo’s “David”. Free time during lunch to explore the famous San Lorenzo market. In the afternoon, we will explore the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, with its great representation of Tuscan Gothic Architecture, like the giant dome of the church, designed by Brunelleschi. We will see Giotto’s Bell Tower, a 14th century masterpiece that rises to a height of 292 feet and the Baptistry of San Giovanni, withs East Door which is called the Gates of Paradise. The doors took artist Ghiberti 27 years to complete. Then we will visit Michelangelo’s parish church, Santa Croce, where Dante is buried. Here we celebrate Mass before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Florence (Breakfast, Dinner)

Wednesday June 26 Day 10: Padua, Cathedral of St. Anthony: Depart Florence to Padua, where we will visit the famous Cathedral of St. Anthony, guarded by Donatello’s “Gattamelata”. We will also visit the Basilica of Saint Giustina, the second most important pilgrimage site in Padua after St. Anthony’s. Here, the tomb of Luke the Evangelist is housed. We continue to our hotel in Venice by boat for our dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Mestre (Breakfast, Dinner)

Thursday June 27 Day 11: Venice: St. Mark’s Square, Free Afternoon: After Breakfast, we take our private boat to San Marc’s Square and explore Venice, nicknamed “la Serenissima”. We begin with a guided walking tour of St. Mark’s Square, one of the largest open spaces in Venice. We visit two of its landmark buildings, the Basilica of San Marco and the Bridge of Sighs. We enjoy a free afternoon to explore on our own, sightsee, shop or take a gondola ride with music on one of Venice’s scenic canals. Dinner will be at leisure tonight.

Overnight: Mestre (Breakfast)

Friday June 28 Day 12: Return Home: Today we board our return flights home with memories and keepsakes that will last a lifetime.

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BASE PRICE PER PERSON

\$4799*

Double occupancy with base airfare

*Discount cash/check price

OPTIONS

- For a single room*: add \$950

*Subject to availability

- Travel Insurance: We have different plans. Please check our website for how to file for insurance at:

<https://terrastc.com/travel-protection/>



*Available only for travelers with primary residence in USA or Canada

FIRST PAYMENT	\$500.00	DUE: NOW
SECOND PAYMENT	\$1250.00	DUE: JAN 08, 2024
THIRD PAYMENT	\$1000.00	DUE: FEB. 19, 2024
FINAL PAYMENT	REMAINING	DUE: APR. 22, 2024

BASE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare from Newark (EWR)
- Excursions per itinerary
- 10 Night accommodation
- Meals per Itinerary
- Tour guides /escorts
- Spiritual director
- Whisper set for the whole tour
- Transportation from church to airport and back.

BASE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Porterage at the airports
- Lunches
- Gratuities for drivers, local guides, Tour escorts and hotels ' staff

Why Travel with Us?

The Terra Sancta Travel Center is a family-run business providing pilgrims with an unmatched religious group travel experience. Operated by the Qumseya family, one of the oldest Christian families from the Bethlehem suburb Beit Sahour; the center offers a unique opportunity to be fully immersed in the Christian community of the Holy Land.

The tours are professionally organized to ensure that pilgrims receive the highest quality in travel and lodging. But we pride ourselves most on offering a personalized experience. From the first day you are treated like family, welcomed into the local Christian homes, offered stories of faith by residents, and unfettered access to holy sites.

Terms and Conditions

By making any payments (cash, credit card or otherwise) towards any tour constitutes your unconditional acceptance of all the terms and conditions stated in this brochure. Terra Sancta Travel Center shall be referred to as TSTC within this document.

DOCUMENTS: US citizens require a valid passport. Other nationalities please inquire with the appropriate embassies. Passports must be valid for six months after the date of departure.

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT: **Non-refundable** deposit of \$500 per person is required upon registration along with a signed copy of the registration form. Registrations are processed in the order received by TSTC. A second payment of \$1250 is required on or before 01/08/2024. A third payment of \$1000 is due on or before 02/19/2024. Final payment is due 04/22/2024. Late payments are subject to \$50 late fee. TSTC reserves the right to cancel reservations that are not paid 30 days prior to departure and to apply applicable cancellation/penalties indicated below. No registrations can be made over the telephone.

INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION FEES & REFUNDS: Upon cancellation of participation of tour by you, the registrant, for any reason, and only after TSTC receives your signed cancellation, TSTC will then refund your payment for services not received by you, minus applicable cancellation fees per person, according to the following schedule:

In addition to any fees/penalties assessed by airlines or hotels, the following charges apply:

- 1) Minimum cancellation fee is \$350 from time of registration up to 120 days prior to the tour's departure date.
- 2) From 119 to 60 days prior to departure day, the cancellation fee is \$350 + 20% of total price.
- 3) From 59 days to 8 days prior to departure day, cancellation fee is \$350 + 50% of total price.
- 4) From 7 days prior to departure day onward, no refund is possible.

PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM (RECOMMENDED):

Travel insurance is recommended to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer travel protection. If you do not wish to purchase now, the plan can be purchased any time before your departure date. Coverage takes affect the day after purchase. If you choose to purchase outside of the time sensitive period outlined in the plan, you will not be eligible for time sensitive benefits. All plan premiums are non-refundable after the 21 day review period.

MEDICAL CONDITION: We endeavor to provide the highest level of service to all our travelers. Participants who require special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the participants' well-being. TSTC is not responsible for any medical conditions that occur prior, during, or after travel.

LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSFERS: By private deluxe motor coach (air-conditioned).

ACCOMMODATIONS: Tour prices are per person, based on two persons sharing double or twin-bedded rooms with private bathroom with tub or shower. In the event that one does not sign up with a roommate and is not able to be paired with another traveler, there will be a single supplement charge added to the invoice. Single rooms subject to availability and an additional cost of \$950.

MEALS: Breakfast and dinner daily in accordance with itinerary. Beverages with breakfast and dinner: water and 1 glass of wine. All other beverages are extra. Dinner on the day of arrival day and breakfast on the last day will be included pending final flight schedules and availability.

TIPPING: The price of the tour does not include tips and gratuities. Tipping is recommended to the Tour Guide and Motor Coach Driver approximately \$6 and \$4 per person, respectively, per day to each; Hotel tips are approximately \$2 per day per person. Tips may be precollected before pilgrimage for traveler convenience, but it will be decided as a group closer to departure.

Note: While no changes are anticipated, there may be unforeseen occasions when certain alterations become necessary, either due to changes to the airline schedule or any other reason. All Masses are subject to local church schedules and substitution with alternate Mass sites if churches mentioned are not available. Terra Sancta Travel Center reserves the right to change the itinerary due to such unforeseen circumstances or emergencies.

AIRLINE TICKETS AND ITINERARY LENGTH: Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class aboard carriers utilizing **non-refundable, non-amenable tickets** for groups flying together for the entire itinerary. Preliminary international flight schedules are available 60 days prior to departure and may change before they are finalized. Therefore, if you book the domestic flight on your own, you will be responsible for changing your domestic flights and incurring any change fees that would be generated by this adjustment. We are not responsible for changes and delays in airline schedules and do not reimburse passengers for expenses resulting from such occurrences. Travelers making their own flight arrangements should not purchase non-refundable, non-changeable tickets. We cannot guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. If flight schedules change, we reserve the right to lengthen or shorten the itinerary accordingly, and if changes or flight schedules necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged at normal hotel rates. Land Only packages do not include airport-hotel transfers.

SEAT ASSIGNMENT: THERE IS NO ADVANCE SEAT SELECTION FOR TOUR DEPARTURES. Note that "bulkhead" and "exit row" seats are assigned by the carrier at the airport. TSTC can not guarantee specific seats, which are at the discretion of the airline and are pending availability. Though not guaranteed, early check-in is recommended to secure seats with travel companion.

BAGGAGE: International flights to and from the USA allow the passenger to bring one (1) checked bag, which may have a maximum weight of 50 lbs., and maximum combined dimensions of 62 inches. Also, one (1) "carry-on" with maximum dimensions of 8"x12"x20" is permitted. Luggage on domestic flights will cost extra. Luggage is the passenger's responsibility and that of the airlines. For lost luggage, the passenger is responsible for notifying the airline directly. Check with your carrier regarding carry-on luggage rules and regulations.

PRICES: All prices are based on exchange rates and fares applicable at time of quotation and based on minimum number of paying passengers stated in the brochure, and are therefore subject to change if fares change (including fuel surcharges increase), if group does not reach minimum or if exchange rates fluctuate. Minimum number of paying passengers is 25.

NOT INCLUDED: Passport and Visas, meals not mentioned, beverages with meals, extra beyond standard menu, excess baggage, luggage on domestic flights, telephone calls, fuel surcharges increase, portorage at the airports, gratuities for drivers, local guides, tour escorts and hotels' staff.

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