

Tour 80507

ITALY

May 7-18, 2018

Explore the traditions of our faith in beautiful churches, chapels and shrines throughout Italy

A 12-day pilgrimage with Fr. Richard McAlear



Estimated Airline Taxes & Fuel Surcharges are subject to increase/decrease at ticketing (30 days prior)

\$ 3,799.00 Early reg. price per person from JFK if deposit is paid by 1-27-18
(Base price \$3,899 after 1-27-18)

+ \$ 399.00 Estimated taxes
+ \$ 134.50 Actual tips

\$4,332.50 Estimated TOTAL



TERMS AND CONDITIONS / TOUR CONTRACT

TOUR PRICE: Based on tariffs and currency exchange rates in effect on 5/11/2017 and subject to change without notice should there be a revision in rates prior to departure of tour. The tour price is based on a minimum of 36 passengers. Should there be fewer, there could be a surcharge.

ACCOMMODATIONS: In first class hotels or better, based on double or triple occupancy with private facilities. Single-room supplement is \$79 per night and based on availability. Requests for a roommate are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and are not guaranteed. The single-room supplement will be assessed if a roommate is not available when the group is finalized.

MEALS: Ten full hot breakfasts and seven dinners throughout the basic tour (continental breakfasts in hotels only where full breakfasts are not available). Extra charge for beverage not included in the menu of the day.

TIPS AND TAXES: Those normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as "service" are included. **Airport fees, departure taxes, and fuel surcharges are estimated on the original invoice and adjusted at the time of ticketing.**

SIGHTSEEING: By modern motorcoach, including services of English-speaking guides and entrance fees to places included in the itinerary. Masses at churches indicated are subject to availability.

NOT INCLUDED: **1:** Airport fees, departure taxes and fuel surcharges (est. - \$399); **2:** tips to guides and drivers, meal servers and luggage handlers (actual \$134.50); and **3:** optional travel protection. **An amount to cover these items will be added to your original invoice.** Also not included: domestic baggage fees, passport and visa fees, laundry, wines, liquors, meals not included in the itinerary, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned and items of a personal nature. **Note:** Due to limited storage space on motor coaches, Pentecost Tours entitles each passenger to one checked bag and one carry-on bag that meets airline "size/weight" allowances. Domestic baggage fees, overweight baggage charges, and fees for additional bags fall under the responsibility of the passenger. Be aware, while you may agree to pay fees for additional luggage, there may not be room on the motor coach.

ASSISTANCE: Pilgrims who require personal assistance must be accompanied by a paying passenger who will provide that assistance.

DEPOSIT AND CANCELLATION: A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure reservations, which sum will be applied to the price of the tour, with the **balance to be paid in full no later than 2/4/2018.** ▶ Payment of remaining balance received after 2/4/2018 [PENALTY PHASE ONE] will incur a \$50 penalty. Reservations made within 92 days of departure may be subject to a late charge. In the event of cancellation, refund will be made up to 1/7/2018 with a \$100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties. ▶ From 1/7/2018 to 2/4/2018 [PENALTY PHASE TWO] the cancellation penalty is \$500 plus any airline cancellation penalties. ▶ If cancellation is received after 2/4/2018 [PENALTY PHASE THREE], refund will be subject to a minimum 40% cancellation fee plus any airline cancellation penalties, or an amount equal to expenses to the tour operator, whichever is greater. There will be no refund for cancellations within 33 days of departure. Cancellation must be in writing and the effective date will be the date that Pentecost Tours, Inc. receives it. In the event 15 passengers do not book the tour within 120 days of departure, the agent reserves the right to cancel the tour.

NOTE: Any change request/alterations to the group flight itinerary, requests for airline deviations and/or added domestic flights, automatically accelerates to a minimum PHASE TWO penalty level or the current level whichever is greater. Once the change request/alteration is made, those arrangements are

final and can NOT be changed back to the group arrangement. If the entire tour is cancelled by Pentecost Tours, Inc., you are entitled to a full refund.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round trip JFK/Venice and Rome/JFK on economy class jet via Delta or any other IATA member. Based on 6-day minimum/21-day maximum advanced purchase fare, subject to participation of ten persons on entire flight itinerary. If cancellation is effected by passenger after 2/4/2018, or after air tickets are written, whichever comes first, 100% of airfare will be forfeited by passenger in addition to the penalties mentioned above. All airfares are subject to government approval and change without notice.

TRAVEL PROTECTION: Travel Protection is NOT included in the tour price. We highly suggest that all participants purchase a plan to help protect your trip and your investment. Plans offer benefits for trip cancellation/interruption, accident & sickness medical expense, emergency evacuation & repatriation, and more. You will be mailed a travel protection brochure along with a waiver form, in the event that you choose to decline coverage. The Plan Document will be provided, upon purchase. Read through this document carefully as it contains full plan and benefit details and exclusions & limitations. Please note that Medicare does not provide coverage outside of the United States. Check with your own insurance provider to determine whether or not you are covered outside of the U.S.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY: Land arrangements including surface transportation: Pentecost Tours, Inc., and the participating Tour Operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sightseeing contractors and others that provide the actual land arrangements and are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss, damage or nonperformance occurring in connection with these land arrangements. Delta and other IATA carriers, steamship lines and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passage.

MISCELLANEOUS FEES: All changes must be in writing and may incur a per-person charge for each revision. Deposits received within 92 days of departure may incur a late registration fee.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS: The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary because of emergencies or extenuating circumstances beyond our control.

ERRORS: The Pentecost Tours staff does its best to provide you with accurate billing, brochures, etc. However, in the event of computer error, verbal or written human errors, we reserve the right to invoice, re-invoice, or forward corrected materials.

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MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED DAILY

Day 1: Monday, May 7, 2018, USA / VENICE

Today we depart the United States for our overnight flight to Venice. Meals are served on board.

Day 2: Tuesday 5/8, VENICE

Upon our arrival in Venice, we have an **orientation tour** of the charming city. Venice is built on 118 tiny islands, criss-crossed by 160 canals, and linked by 400 footbridges. We will **tour the Basilica di San Marco**, where we have time to pray and **browse St. Mark's Square**. We proceed to our hotel for check in for a welcome dinner and overnight. [D]



Day 3: Wednesday 5/9, VENICE

Today is free to explore independently. Suggestions include:

- Take a water taxi to and between the three islands in the Venetian lagoon.

1. The island of **Murano** is known throughout Italy for its glassworks. Since 1291, Murano has been a prominent supplier of beautiful glass. Demonstrations by master craftsmen can be observed and their creations can be purchased in island shops.
2. **Burano** is famous for its artisan lace, where treasures of the trade can be seen in the Lace Museum or purchased in lace boutiques. Burano's 15th-century leaning bell tower, part of San Martino Church, attracts tourists as well. Visit Via Galuppi, the island's main street, for souvenirs, restaurants, pastries, etc. If natural beauty and tranquility attracts you, wander about. The colorful hues on homes and the canal are a popular focus of local and visiting artists.
3. The third island, **Torcello**, continually draws tourists to see the incredible mosaics within the 7th-century Cathedral of Santa Maria Dell'Assunta. One of the most impressive of the Byzantine mosaics is a depiction of the Last Judgment. This ancient island is unique as it is primarily a nature reserve, accessible only by walk paths.

- Experience a gondola ride and weave through the canals. Note: standard ride is 40 minutes. Fares are higher at night. Gondolas will hold six people so standard fares can be divided. Most gondoliers speak some English. Different views of Venice can be seen on quiet, back canals where you won't be bumper to bumper. If you opt for a back canal, walk a few blocks off the main street (away from San Marco). If you are more interested in the tourist route, you will want to be on the Grand Canal.

- Venice is home to the world-famous opera house, Teatro La Fenice, one of the most renowned landmarks in Italian theatre. Daily tours of Teatro La Fenice are available.
- Art enthusiasts may want to visit the Guggenheim.

This evening, join new friends or enjoy a private sampling of authentic northern Italian cuisine as **dinner is on your own**. Overnight in Venice. [B]

Day 4: Thursday 5/10, VENICE / PADUA / FLORENCE

We depart Venice this morning and proceed to nearby

Padua to visit the **Basilica of Saint Anthony**, built to honor the patron saint of lost things. Associated with many miracles, St. Anthony was renowned for his passion for preaching. Displayed in the Basilica are St. Anthony's tongue and vocal chords. These organs have remained incorrupt, although the rest of his body disintegrated after death. From there, we **travel to beautiful Florence**. Upon our arrival, we check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 5: Friday 5/11, FLORENCE

This morning we begin at the **Academia** to see the original statue of "David". Then, we enjoy a panoramic view from the **Piazza Michelangelo** and an **orientation tour** of the city. Next, we proceed to visit to the **Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore** (Duomo), view the Baptistery and Campanile (bell tower). The Cathedral is the fourth largest church in Europe and the tallest building in present day Florence. Especially notable are the Baptistery's gilded bronze doors, which were done by Ghiberti in 1401. From there, we visit the historical and present day center of Florentine activity, the **Palazzo Vecchio** ("old palace") and the **Piazza della Signoria**. The Piazza is a popular area for people to stroll and gather; in the past it has served as a place of public meeting and even execution. There are many statues found in the vicinity - some are originals and some are copies, like David (the original is housed in the Academy of Fine Arts). Next, we visit **San Miniato al Monte**, known locally as St. Minias on the Hill. This church was constructed on the grave of the Saint Minias and is one of the most authentic Romanesque churches in all of Tuscany. We will make our way to **Santa Croce area** where the **remainder of the day is free** to explore on our own. Suggestions include:



For museum lovers and arts and crafts enthusiasts:

- Opera Del Duomo Museum, Bargello and the Uffizi Gallery are popular. Or, the Galilei Science Museum if science is your niche.
- Stop at the Santa Croce leather school and view a demonstration by their talented master craftsmen. The Church adjoins the school.

Other interests:

- Tour the Pitti Palace to view the Palatine Gallery and royal apartments.
- Visit San Lorenzo Church Santa Croce, or any one of the many churches of Florence.

This evening, grab a quick bite to eat and continue exploring or choose a fine restaurant to enjoy a relaxed sit-down meal. **Dinner is on your own** this evening. [B]

Day 6: Saturday 5/12, FLORENCE / SAN GIMIGNANO / FLORENCE

We take a **daytrip today to San Gimignano**, a well-preserved medieval city. The city is known for its skyline which is populated by thirteen towers erected in the 12th-13th century by two rivaling families of nobility. The towers were built in the hopes of increasing the town's prosperity by being a primary stop on a main pilgrimage route. In 1348, a plague devastated the city's economy as the pilgrimage route was forced to shift as a result of illness. The city's skyline remains virtually unchanged since the Middle Ages. We visit the **Collegiate Church** and view its many frescoes, sculptures, and statues. We also have an opportunity to **ascend the "Torre Grossa"**, the highest tower of the city, and

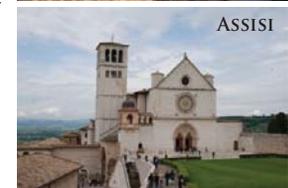
experience a **wonderful view of the city**. We have a **special dinner this evening at San Donato Fattoria**, a local farm and winery where nature, hard work and tradition yield high quality wines, olive oils and saffron. Then, we return to our hotel in Florence for the night. [B,D]

Day 7: Sunday 5/13, FLORENCE / SIENA / ASSISI

We bid farewell to Florence this morning and make our way to Siena to the **Basilica of St. Dominic**, where we have an opportunity to view the relics of St. Catherine, and the **Duomo** (cathedral) of Siena, a remarkable example of Italian Gothic architecture. Siena boasts one of the most charming town squares in all of Italy, the **Piazza del Campo**. The fan-shaped Piazza is home to the barebacked horse race, known as the Palio, and many other important events. Our journey continues to **Assisi** where we check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 8: Monday 5/14, ASSISI

Welcome to beautiful Assisi! This morning, we will be **escorted by cars to the church of St. Damiano**. Then, we are driven to the **Basilica of St. Clare**, which houses her incorrupt body in a crystal casket in the crypt. Off the main nave of the Basilica is the crucifix from which Christ spoke to St. Francis in San Damiano. St. Francis heard a voice say, "Go Francis, repair my church, which is in ruin." Thinking that God was telling him to rebuild San Damiano, Francis renounced worldly goods and began immediately to repair the building. Only later did the saint realize that God had been speaking of His living Church. Next, we visit one of Christianity's most revered shrines, the **Basilica of St. Francis**, and see the frescoes depicting events in the life of this gentle saint. The **remainder of the day is free** to explore independently. Suggestions include:



- Visit Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, the "underground" ruins of Assisi, the fortress of Roco Maggiori, the Cathedral and it's museum, and/or Carceri (St. Francis' retreat - an arduous hike up a steep hill - taxis available).
- Spend some time shopping for special mementoes.

We gather at the hotel for a group dinner. Overnight in Assisi. [B,D]

Day 9: Tuesday 5/15, ASSISI / ROME

After this morning's breakfast, we will descend to the lower plains of Assisi, taking time to explore the **Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels**, built in 1569 to protect the Portiuncula. The Portiuncula is the church that St. Francis and his brothers were given shortly after Pope Innocent III approved of their rule. We also see the statue of St. Francis with the live white doves, the thorn-less rose bush and the cave where St. Francis prayed in solitude. Then, we continue to Rome, where we enjoy an **orientation tour** of the city, including landmarks for which Rome is most noted, such as the Colosseum. Our next stop is the beautiful **Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls** which houses the remains of St. Paul under the main altar. We visit the **catacombs** and then check in at our hotel in Rome for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 10: Wednesday 5/16, ROME (Papal Audience)

Good morning, Roma! We attend the **Papal Audience** at St. Peter's today (provided our Holy Father is home). We lis

ten to the words of His Holiness Pope Francis and receive his blessing with pilgrims from all over the world. After the audience, we proceed to the **Basilica of St. Mary Major**. Inside the Basilica we view relics of Jesus' manger from Bethlehem. The **afternoon is free** to explore independently. Suggestions include:

- Stop at the Pantheon, Colosseum/Roman Forum, or Trevi Fountain. The Piazza Navona area is populated with local artisans displaying and selling their creations.
- Retail/souvenir shops are everywhere, but for upscale shopping you will want to go to the Spanish Steps area where the side streets are lined with designer boutiques.

This evening, join friends for a sampling of authentic Roman cuisine at the restaurant of your choice as **dinner is on your own**. Enjoy the city lights and Rome at dusk. Overnight in Rome. [B]

Day 11: Thursday 5/17, ROME

A tour of the beautiful, pristine **Vatican Gardens**, followed by a **guided tour of St. Peter's Basilica** will be the focus of the first part of our day. The Basilica is very impressive with its imposing architecture, rich ornamentation, and marvelous works of art. We view one of Rome's most recognized works of art, Michelangelo's Pietà. **We enjoy free time** to explore the Vatican area. Suggestions include:

- Just outside the basilica is the Vatican Post Office. Stop in and purchase postcards and stamps to send to family and friends (bring addresses). Send one to yourself as a keepsake! Remember, although Vatican City is located within the city limits of Rome it is, its own state. With 110 acres and fewer than 900 residents, Vatican City State boasts the title of the smallest, international state that is recognized by the rest of the world. Therefore, the stamps are unique. Interesting gifts can also be purchased inside the post office.
- The 312-step climb to the "cupola" Dome of St. Peter's Basilica is worth the effort and energy as views from the top are magnificent. An elevator/lift to the roof level is available but from the roof to the top is step by step. There is a nominal fee.
- Adjacent to the basilica are gift shops/places to eat.

Then, we proceed to the Cathedral Church of the pope, **St. John Lateran**. Constantine built the original church on this site when he ended the Christian persecutions. Here we see the Altar that holds the relics of Sts. Peter and Paul. Next to the Basilica is the Baptistry and across the street visit la **Sancta Scala** (Holy Stairs), which were transported from Pilate's palace in Jerusalem and on which our Savior climbed before His crucifixion. Those who wish to pray each step on their knees may do so. The option to take the side stairs on foot is also available.



ST. JOHN LATERAN

We gather this evening for a **farewell dinner at Ristorante de Benito**. Overnight in Rome. [B,D]

Day 12: Friday, May 18, 2018, ROME / USA

Today we travel back to the U.S. We arrive home inspired by the holiness of the saints, mesmerized by the grandeur of God's landscape and blessed by memories we made as we experienced holy places throughout Italy. [B]

To Register:

Complete the Registration Form and mail your deposit to Pentecost Tours



Or, call (800) 713-9800 or (812) 933-0730 to pay your deposit over the phone with a credit card.

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Notes: ❶ Passports can take 3 months or more to process (from application to delivery). ❷ Ave. temps 54-79°F



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Enclosed is my/our \$ _____ deposit of \$500 per person. Please reserve _____ seat(s).

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Fr. McAlear / Italy Tour 80507
May 7, 2018

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