

Pilgrimage to Italy with Father Chris Hartshorn

Florence ✚ Assisi
Basilica of St. Francis ✚ Orvieto ✚ The Vatican
Crypt Mass in the Basilica of St. Peter ✚ St. Paul Outside the Wall
The Colosseum ✚ Rome ✚ Papal Audience
Basilica of St. Peter ✚ Sistine Chapel

October 14 - 24, 2024



B = breakfast L = Lunch D = dinner

Monday, October 14 - Depart U.S., for overnight flight to Florence. Dinner and breakfast served aboard.



Tuesday, October 15 - A short distance east of the Florence Airport is the center of the city. Here we are given some time for a light lunch on our own. Soon after, we have an orientation tour of Florence. After our long day, we check into our hotel in the heart of Florence, have dinner together in the hotel & ready ourselves for a well deserved night's rest.

D Florence

Wednesday, October 16 - After Breakfast we walk to Celebrate **Holy Mass in Santa Maria Novella** church just steps from our hotel. **The Basilica of Santa Maria Novella** is one of the most important monastic complexes in Italy. The church was built in the 14th century, but most of the decorations inside are later additions. It is one of the most important Gothic churches in Tuscany and holds extraordinary works of art, including **Masaccio's Trinity**, **Giotto's crucifix** and a **fresco of Ghirlandaio**. The stunning marble exterior, which is the work of Fra Jacopo Talenti and Leon Battista Alberti, is the oldest façade of all the churches in Florence. After, our guided city tour of **Florence**, Art Capital of the world, includes a visit to the **Academy of Fine Arts** which houses **Michelangelo's sculpture of David**. After lunch on our own, we then have tours of the **Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore** and its masterfully done bronze Baptistry doors worthy to be called by Michelangelo the "**Gates of Paradise**." We also visit the **Piazza della Signoria** and its **Loggia**, **Santa Croce** filled with the tombs of the famous. Onward we enjoy a breathtaking view of Florence from **Piazzale Michelangelo**. The rest of the afternoon you have time on your own for exploration. Later, we gather for dinner at a typical Florentine restaurant, then overnight.

B & D Florence

Thursday, October 17 - This morning after breakfast, we head southwest to **Siena**, a delightful medieval town, but important because of the connection with **St. Catherine, Doctor of the Church** and reformer of the **Papacy**. Our first stop is **Basilica di San Domenico**, one of the churches in **Siena, Tuscany**, which holds extreme significance for its people. It is often referred to as **Basilica Cateriniana**. **St. Catherine of Siena** used to live in a nearby house. Many relics of **St. Catherine** are included in the church. These must be viewed to get a true sense of that era. Here, we **Celebrate Mass** and have an opportunity to venerate this Great Saints Relics. After our guided tour in the Basilica, our walking tour takes us to the **Piazza del Campo** and to the **Gothic Cathedral** of dark and light marble. After, we board our motor coach & continue on East to **Montepulciano**, another pearl of Southern Siena where the Sangiovese expresses itself in full-bodied and friendly reds. The remainder of the day will be dedicated to this beautiful area including some of Tuscany's best wines and to the cheese that matches so well with the wines. We will stop by one of Montepulciano's most well-regarded wineries. The winery is a family owned and run, completely hands-on, and dedicated to sustainable agriculture. We will tour the facilities, from vineyards to wine cellar to get a full understanding of the viticulture in Montepulciano. And then it will be time for a wine tasting of all the different wines produced paired with lunch. Then we will stop for a half hour in **Montepulciano** so you can get a feel for this very steep hill town. Soon after we go Southwest to **Assisi**, the city sanctified by the life of "il Poverello," **St. Francis of Assisi**. In the plains below Assisi, we first go inside **St. Mary of the Angels Basilica**. There, we visit the **Porziuncola**, the little chapel where Francis gathered his followers. After Check into our Hotel, we re-gather for dinner inside the hotel.

B, L & D Assisi



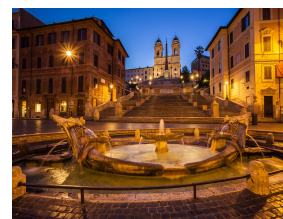
Friday, October 18 - After breakfast, we celebrate **Holy Mass in the Basilica of St. Francis at the Saint's Tomb**. Our walking tour will show us first the magnificent frescoes by Giotto in the Basilica that depict the life of the saint. As we walk up to the main piazza, we are struck by the fact that all the buildings are of sandstone with a slight rose hue. We reach the **Basilica of St. Clare**, Foundress of the Poor Clare nuns, and see her tomb. In the upper chapel we venerate the Crucifix that was originally located in San Damiano church. Our Lord from that crucifix spoke to Francis the command to "Rebuild My Church." Today, we have time to explore this beautiful town on our own. This evening we have dinner outside the Hotel. **B, L & D Assisi**



Saturday, October 19 - After breakfast, we motor to the South and reach the beautiful hill town of **Orvieto**. It is here that in 1263 Pope Urban IV proclaimed the authenticity of a Eucharistic miracle, that the Sacred Host had bled during a Mass celebrated in nearby Bolsena. We can still see the Corporal associated with the miracle enshrined within the **Cathedral of Orvieto**. From this event the Church instituted the **Feast of Corpus Christi**. The Cathedral's façade is adorned with a splendid and world famous mosaic. Mid morning we will **celebrate the Eucharist** in its Chapel of the Corporal. After a light lunch on our own, we continue traveling south to **Rome, the Eternal City**, and arrive to check into our hotel. We have dinner together this evening at our hotel. **B & D Rome**



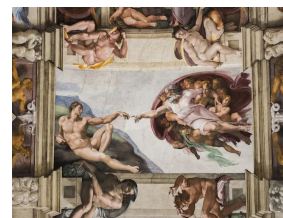
Sunday, October 20 - This morning we go to **Santa Croce in Gerusalemme**. Consecrated in 325 AD, previously this served as the **Palace for St. Helena, Mother of Constantine**. She visited Jerusalem to re-establish the Christian holy places in 326, and by tradition there found the relics of Christ's Passion including the True Cross. The latter she left in Jerusalem, where it was venerated for centuries, but splinters from it and other items she brought back to Rome and put on display at the palace. This was the motivation for the foundation of the church. **Here we celebrate Holy Mass**. After our visit, we venture to the **St. Ignatius Church**. Here, the Frescoes are beautiful with three side Altars that are dedicated to and host Saints such as **Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Saint Robert Bellarmino and Saint Joachim**. After lunch, nearby we have a **guided tour of the Colosseum as well as Ancient Rome - The Arch of Constantine, Roman Forum, Palatine Hill and Circus Maximus**. Our afternoon is free. Much can be seen by walking through **Old Rome: The Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps** and countless churches where tombs of saints and great masterpieces can be discovered. Later, we come back to our hotel and get ready for dinner outside the hotel (**Typical Roman Restaurant**) and then overnight. **B & D Rome**



Monday, October 21 - After breakfast this morning, we go for a tour within the **Catacombs of St. Callixtus**. Our visit through these hallowed burial grounds of the early Christians calls to mind the fundamentals of our Faith, depicted in part on the very walls of these underground chambers. Here, we will **Celebrate Holy Mass**. We then drive to the outskirts of Rome to visit **St. Paul Outside the Walls**, a beautiful Basilica dedicated to the Apostle of the Gentiles. We also visit the nearby Basilica of **St. John Lateran**, the Cathedral Church of Rome, and see its richly adorned interior that inspires much devotion. After, we have lunch and the rest of the day of exploration on our own. Tonight, dinner will be on your own. **B Rome**



Tuesday, October 22 - This morning, we will **Celebrate Holy Mass in the Crypts of the magnificent Basilica of St. Peter** in Vatican City. As we walk through and pray, our thoughts are flooded with events that have taken place here and the people who have worshiped in this great center of our Church. After Mass we will be guided through the **Vatican Museum**, seeing especially the **Sistine Chapel** with its awesome frescoes by Michelangelo. The tour concludes with an inside visit of the Basilica. **Afternoon:** Close by, we **dine together with light Italian fare that this city is so famous for**. This afternoon we can continue our own exploration of the Eternal City. Nearby the Vatican are religious articles shops where we can find items that we



may want to carry to the Papal Audience tomorrow for blessing. Maybe an ascent to the top of St. Peter's dome will be our quest. The reward is a fantastic view of Vatican City and Rome. This evening we are free to dine on our own and explore.

B & L Rome

Wednesday, October 23 - This morning we will experience a highlight of our Roman stay, attendance at a **PAPAL AUDIENCE** at St. Peter's, depending, of course, on the presence in Rome of our **Holy Father, Pope Francis**. After the Papal Audience and a break for lunch, we will drive to the most illustrious church dedicated to Our Lady, the **Basilica of St. Mary Major**. The world's most illustrious church dedicated to **Our Blessed Mother**. Here, we celebrate **Holy Mass**. In the Confessio beneath the high altar we can venerate the relics of the Crib that held the Infant Jesus. We see an ornate ceiling composed of gold from the new world as well as a striking mosaic apse. Our bus carries us back to the hotel. Tonight we go out for a farewell dinner at **Trattoria Da Luigi** to end our Pilgrimage.

B & D Rome

Thursday, October 24 - We check out of our hotel and transfer to the Rome airport for our return flights to the U.S., arriving this same day in our home city.



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