



# Our Lady of the Mountains Church Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy with Deacon Doug Vlcek November 4-16, 2019



### Proposed Itinerary

#### Day 1 – Depart Jackson, WY for Italy

Depart Jackson Hole on your connecting flights to Europe. Breakfast and dinner are served aboard the transatlantic flight.

#### Day 2 - Arrive Rome

Upon arrival your Catholic Journeys escort will warmly welcome you to Italy. Board your private motorcoach and enjoy a Panoramic Tour enroute to the hotel, including stops at the Colosseum and the Roman Forum, and at the Basilica of St Paul Outside The Walls, which houses the remains of St Paul under its main altar where you will have Mass before continuing on to your hotel. Welcome Dinner and overnight in Rome. (D)

#### Day 3 - Papal Audience - Major Basilicas

This morning you will go to Vatican City to attend the weekly Papal Audience and Blessing given by His Holiness, Pope Francis. Afterward you will visit other Major Basilicas of Rome, beginning with Santa Croce in Gerusalemme, which contains relics of the True Cross upon which Christ was crucified. Here you will also see a full-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin, and the shrine of a young girl who is being considered for sainthood. Continue on to St. John Lateran, which is the Cathedral of Rome and the former residence of the popes. Across the street you will have opportunity to climb the Holy Stairs upon which Jesus walked when condemned to death at the Palace of Pontius Pilate. From here you will visit the Basilica of St Mary Major, one of the oldest shrines dedicated to the Blessed Virgin that also contains a relic from the manger of the infant Jesus. Dinner and overnight in Rome. (B,D)

#### Day 4 - Rome - Vatican Museum & Walking Tour visiting the Pantheon, the Trevi Fountain and Spanish Steps

This morning you will visit the Vatican Museums where you will see awe-inspiring relics and works of art donated throughout centuries as tributes of faith. You will visit the Tapestry Gallery, the Raphael Rooms and the Sistine Chapel, which contains Michelangelo's Masterpiece, the Last Judgment. This afternoon you will have a walking tour which will include stops at the Pantheon, the Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps. Dinner and overnight in Rome. (B, D)

#### Day 5 - Rome - San Giovanni Rotondo

This morning you will leave the Eternal City and head south, cross through the Roman countryside with its villas and vineyards, stopping at the Abbey of Montecassino, a beautiful town founded by St. Benedict in 529. Continue through the countryside heading east to Padre Pio's town of San Giovanni Rotondo, in time for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

#### Day 6 - San Giovanni Rotondo - Monte Sant'Angel

After celebrating Mass at the tomb of Padre Pio, tour the sanctuary, see the old church and the crucifix from which he received the stigmata in 1918. You will see the confessional where Padre Pio spent innumerable hours with a multitude of pilgrims, directing them on their journey toward God. Enjoy a breathtaking view of the Cargano Peninsula and a visit to the Grotto of Michael the Archangel where six different popes, St. Francis and at least four other saints have knelt in prayer seeking his protection. This celebrated shrine of early Christianity was consecrated by St. Michael himself in 490. Return to San Giovanni for Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

#### Day 7 - Lanciano - Manoppello - Assisi

Travel to Lanciano to see the eighth-century Eucharistic Miracle in the little Church of Lagontial. After expressing doubts about Christ's true presence in the consecrated host, a monk found himself holding a host that had changed into flesh and wine that had changed into blood. Next you travel to Manoppello where you will celebrate Mass at the church containing the miraculous image of Christ's face on a veil, the "veronica" (true icon) in the Santuario del Volto Santo. There will be time for lunch before continuing on to the quaint hilltop town of Assisi. Dinner and overnight in Assisi. (B, D)

#### Day 8 - Assisi

Begin with Mass and a visit to the tomb of St. Francis located within the huge 13th-century Basilica where you will see many of the saint's possessions and a series of frescoes depicting his life. You may kneel before the crucifix from which Jesus spoke to St. Francis, asking him to rebuild His church. Visit St. Mary of the Angels Basilica where St. Francis spent most of his life, and see the Portiuncola, the rose bush, and the cave where the saint retired for prayer. Visit the Church of St. Clare, foundress of the Order of Poor Clares to see

her incorrupt body and enjoy some time to explore the medieval streets of the compact little town. Dinner and overnight in Assisi. (B, D)

#### Day 9 - Siena - Florence

Today you will embark to the beautiful town of Siena, the birthplace of Saints Catherine and Bernardine and one of Italy's loveliest medieval cities. Here you will stroll the Piazza Del Campo, one of Italy's finest squares and visit the Cathedral and the Basilica of St. Francis, containing the miraculous consecrated hosts that remained intact since 1730. You will have Mass and view the incorrupt head of St. Catherine at the Basilica of St. Dominic. Afterward you will travel through the lovely Tuscan countryside to the Castle of Verrazzano. Located in the heart of Chianti, you will have an opportunity to enjoy a guided tour of the cellars and to sample some of the wines. Continue on to Florence, the cradle of the Renaissance. Dinner and overnight in Florence. (B, D)

#### Day 10 - Florence

Begin with Mass in the magnificent Church of Santa Croce This is the burial place of nobles, among which is Michelangelo, Galileo and Machiavelli. Enjoy a walking tour through Piazza Signoria, pass by Palazzo Vecchio, Uffizi and Ponte Vecchio. Continue through Republic Square to the Santa Maria del Fiore 13th century cathedral. Visit the Academia, home to the world famous "David," by Michelangelo. Dinner and overnight in Florence. (B, D)

#### Day 11 - Florence - Padua

This morning you will travel to Padua, where you will begin with a visit to the Scrovegni Chapel, an artistic masterpiece adorned with Giotto frescos. Afterward you will visit the Basilica of St. Anthony, patron saint of lost things. Here you will have Mass, see the saint's incorrupt tongue, and pray at his tomb before checking in to your hotel for dinner and overnight in Padua. (B, D)

#### Day 12 - Venice

Today you will enjoy a full day excursion to Venice. Taking the Vaporetto (waterbus) to meet your local guide in St. Mark's Square, your tour will begin at the Basilica of St. Mark, where you will have Mass and time to pray at the tomb of St. Mark, the Evangelist. You will also see the Bridge of Sighs, the Campanile, the Clock Tower and the outside of the Doge's Palace. Enjoy a Special Farewell Dinner and overnight in Padua.

#### Day 13 - Return to USA

After an early breakfast, transfer to the Venice airport for your return flights to the USA.

### Tour Features

- \* Roundtrip airfare from Jackson Hole, WY (including ALL airport taxes and fuel surcharges)
- \* 11 nights accommodations in First Class Hotels
- \* Breakfast and Dinner (or Lunch) Daily
- \* Transfers between airports and lodgings by Private Motorcoach
- \* Professional English Speaking Guides and Tour Escorts
- \* All Entrance fees where required
- \* Welcome Packet / Document Portfolio
- \* Daily Mass and all spiritual activities coordinated

Tour # **RI19 1104-DV**

**November 4-16, 2019**

Tour Price: **\$5,199\*** from **Jackson Hole**

*\*based on double occupancy.*

*Single Rooms & Optional Travel Insurance Available*

**SAVE \$200 per person (\$400 per couple)**

**When you register & Pay-in-Full by March 1, 2019!**

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**TERMS OF PARTICIPATION**

**INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE:**

Round-trip international air fare; Transfers from airports, hotels, and piers; Portage of one suitcase; Air-conditioned motorcoach transportation; Hotel accommodations (first class, deluxe, or superior tourist) based on double occupancy; Breakfast and dinner daily unless designated otherwise; Admission to all sites and sightseeing as outlined in the tour itinerary; Services of a CatholicJourneys.com representative at each destination; Services of licensed English-speaking tour guides and drivers.

**NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE:**

- (1) Optional Travel Insurance Protection Plan (Information will be sent separately).
- (2) Any Fees for Checked-Baggage or Pre-assigned Seat reservations imposed by airlines and/or other suppliers.
- (3) Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers, passports, laundry, meal beverages, excess baggage, and other items of personal nature.
- (4) Appreciation offerings to tour guides and drivers.
- (5) Visa fees if necessary and if not included in tour price.

**AIRLINE TICKETS AND FLIGHT TIMES:**

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**PAYMENT:**

- (1) A Non-refundable deposit of \$500 is due at the time of registration.
- (2) Balance of fees are due no later than 90 days prior to departure. Anyone not paid in full 90 days prior to departure will be subject to a \$150 late payment fee. Late registration (within 90 days of departure) may be accepted with payment in full, subject to space availability, air fare and a \$150 late fee.

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Price is based on double occupancy. Single rooms will be arranged, if available, for an additional supplement. Single rooms are normally smaller than doubles. CatholicJourneys.com will endeavor to match roommates but will not guarantee this. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged an additional supplement. Meals for extra overnights are not included.

**MINIMUM NUMBER OF PASSENGERS:**

Price is based on a minimum of 25 passengers traveling together in Italy. Price is subject to increase if the total number of passengers falls below a minimum of 25 passengers.

**DEVIATIONS:**

Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to a \$150.00 per person assessment fee. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:**

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**CANCELLATION FEES:**

**100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Insurance Protection Plan provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is insurable. Those who do not take insurance should be aware of the following cancellation fees:**

- \$500.00 Day of Registration to 91 Days prior to departure
- 50 % of total tour cost 90- 46 Days prior to departure
- 100% of total tour cost 45 - 0 Days prior to departure

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**Our Lady of the Mountains Church - Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy — Participant Application**

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male:  Female:  Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Smoker? or Non-Smoker?

Rooming with: \_\_\_\_\_ Tour#: **RI19 - 1104 - DV** Departure Airport: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a US Citizen with a **valid US Passport?** Yes  No  Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



**My signature indicates that I have read the Terms of Participation and will abide by its contents, and that I am physically and emotionally capable of group travel.**

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