



Join Fr. Damian McElroy
on a
Pilgrimage to Italy



- September 5 - 14, 2017 -
Venice, Pisa, Florence, San Gimignano,
Assisi, Rome, Vatican City & More!

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Sept. 5 - Depart USA

Your Italian adventure begins as you depart on your international flight.

Sept. 6 - Arrive in Milan

Our representatives will meet you at the airport in Milan. Begin your time in Italy with a stop overlooking Lake Garda, Italy's largest lake. Continue on to Verona, home to Roman ruins and a courtyard that is reminiscent of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, whose story was set in Verona. Finish the day at your hotel in Verona for dinner and overnight.

Sept. 7 - Venice

Travel by boat to the magical city of Venice. Rising between sea and sky, this fascinating city encompasses 118 islands separated by more than 150 canals. Stand in the Piazza San Marco, bordered on three sides by palatial arcades in two tiers and faced on the other by the Basilica of St. Mark. Tour the Basilica with its treasure of marble and gold-background mosaics. From the square, you can see the famous Bell Tower and the Clock Tower, as well as the charming pink and white Doges' Palace. After seeing the romantic Bridge of Sighs, enjoy free time to explore on your own. You can shop, stroll along the bridges and canals, or even indulge in a gondola ride along the Grand Canal. Dinner and overnight in Venice area.

Sept. 8 - Pisa and Lucca

Travel to Pisa and snap your photo in front of the famous Leaning Tower. Originally designed to stand straight, it began to lean during its construction in 1173 and corrective efforts have failed. Even without its tilt, the building is still one of the most remarkable bell towers in Europe and one of several renowned buildings in the center of Pisa. Wander the medieval walled city of Lucca, the birthplace of Puccini. Each of the walls is lined with a different species of tree. Together they encompass a town full of medieval churches. Check into your Montecatini area hotel for dinner and overnight.

Sept. 9 - Florence

The elegant city of Florence is nestled between a line of hills and the banks of the Arno River. During your stay, enjoy the beautiful gardens and a leisurely stroll through the open-air markets. Every street, square, and winding alley of Florence is a showcase for Romanesque, Gothic, and Renaissance grandeur. Among Florence's masterpieces, you'll see the Piazza della Signoria with its Neptune Fountain and Vecchio Palace, the Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral which houses Michelangelo's unfinished *Pietà*,

the Baptistery which features Ghiberti's famous *Gates of Paradise*, and the Academy where you can view some of Michelangelo's finished and unfinished work, including the awe-inspiring *David*. Overnight in Montecatini Terme.

Sept. 10 - San Gimignano and Siena

This morning, continue on to one of the most charming and picturesque of all the Tuscan hill towns, San Gimignano. Magical medieval towers dominate the town, once numbering more than 70, but only 14 towers remain today. Beautiful Siena is built across several hills and valleys. The focal point of the city is the shell-shaped town square which is both a meeting place and market place. It is also the venue for the town's famous horse race known as the "Palio." Overnight in Montecatini Terme.

Sept. 11 - Assisi

Your journey continues as you travel to Assisi, the charming medieval town once home to Saint Francis. Just two years after his death, the large Basilica was started in his memory. At one time, the land on which the church stands was an execution ground for condemned criminals. In his humility, Saint Francis asked to be buried there, and it became known as the *Hill of Paradise*. The church contains his tomb and many great works of art. Overnight in Rome area.

Sept. 12 - Ancient Rome

Explore the many wonders of ancient Rome as you visit the magnificent Colosseum and the Pantheon. From the most sacred hill of ancient Rome, Campidoglio, view the Forum. See the Circus Maximus, Arch of Titus, famous Baths of Caracalla, and Arch of Constantine, as well as, the Victor Emanuel Monument and the Monti Region. In the afternoon, discover why Rome is also known as the "City of Love." 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. Overnight in Rome area.



Sept. 13 - Vatican City and Christian Rome

Christianity came late in Rome's long history, conquering and changing the city in a way few other invaders have. Experience the glory of Christian Rome today as you visit the Vatican, home to one of the greatest museums in the world. Tour St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's frescoes, now restored to their full, colorful glory. Overnight in Rome area.

Sept. 14 - Return to the USA or enjoy the Amalfi Coast Extension.



Amalfi Coast Extension

5-Day Post-Tour \$1,498

Sept. 14 - Castel Gandolfo, Sorrento

Journey to Castel Gandolfo, the Pope's summer residence, and enjoy stunning vistas as you travel to Sorrento. During your three night stay, you'll have time to enjoy the view of Mount Vesuvius and discover the colorful ambiance of this delightful town, inspiration for the beloved song, "Return to Sorrento."

Sept. 15 - Amalfi Coast, Positano

The Amalfi Coast is considered to be one of Italy's finest with its sparkling blue green sea, tiny mystical islands and pastel colored cottages gathered round tiny harbors. Enjoy the postcard beauty of Positano that has charmed many generations of travelers with its terraced groves of fragrant lemons, splendid Duomo, and rich medieval history. As a maritime republic from the 9th to 13th centuries, it's no surprise that the compass was invented here. As time permits, make a stop at the village of Vietri Sul Mar, home of Amalfi Coast ceramic factories which produce the colorful tiles decorating every church tower in the area.

Sept. 16 - Isle of Capri

Enjoy a boat ride to the lovely Isle of Capri which has captivated visitors from Roman Caesars to modern travelers. Between its breathtaking beauty and rich history, you'll understand why one visitor came for a day and stayed for fifty years.

Sept. 17 - Pompeii, Rome

Visit the spectacular ruins in Pompeii which were covered by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D. The city remained buried and undiscovered until excavation began in 1748. These excavations continue today, providing insight into life during the Roman Empire. Continue to the Rome area for dinner and overnight.

Sept. 18 - Return to the USA with wonderful memories to share!



\$3,798

per person from Newark

ALL INCLUSIVE PRICE:

Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing

Roundtrip 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

Daily Buffet Breakfast & Dinner

Deluxe Motorcoaches

First Class Hotels & much more!



TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM
Mail to: Joel Scholtz - Cruise Planners
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Agent: Joel Scholtz ID#: 29506

Departure City: Newark, NJ Departure Date: 09/5/17 (J)

Passenger Names: (as they appear on your passport)

Legal Name: _____ Title: _____

Birth date: ___/___/___ State of Birth: _____

Passport #: _____ Issue Date: ___/___/___

Place of Issue: _____ Exp. Date: ___/___/___

Preferred Name: _____ Sex: Male Female

Email: _____ Send me emails about my trip

Legal Name: _____ Title: _____

Birth date: ___/___/___ State of Birth: _____

Passport #: _____ Issue Date: ___/___/___

Place of Issue: _____ Exp. Date: ___/___/___

Preferred Name: _____ Sex: Male Female

Email: _____ Send me emails about my trip

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Roommate(s): _____

If No Roommate: Try to Match Me Single Room (availability limited)

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Tour Selection: Basic Program Only
 Add Amalfi Coast Extension

Excellent travel protection is available starting from \$198 per person.
Please contact Joel Scholtz for further information.
Payment schedule is determined on a per case basis.

FULL DEPOSIT OF \$300 PER PERSON REQUIRED
2ND DEPOSIT OF \$1500 DUE 5/23/17
FINAL PAYMENT DUE 6/22/17

Payment: \$300 (per person) Other Amount \$ _____ Check # _____

By signing below, I/we certify that I have read the "Fine Print," 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 "Fine Print" and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Signature: _____

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THE FINE PRINT

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Roundtrip international airfare
- Deluxe motorcoaches
- 1st class hotels
- Guided sightseeing
- Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary)
- Breakfast & dinner daily, hotel gratuities
- Fuel surcharges \$600
- Taxes \$98 (increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)
- Program fees

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Optional Travel Protection Program
- Extensions and optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure
- Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages at meals, baggage fees
- Voluntary "Love Offering" for guide and driver
- \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While ETS will try to match roommates, ETS cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 35 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$498 during the basic week; \$298 for Amalfi Coast Extension.

PAYMENT:

- A deposit of \$300 is due with registration to hold your spot on tour.
- An additional deposit of \$1500 is due 5/23/17.
- Final payment for the trip is due 6/22/17.
- The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 6/22/17 to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to your deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER MAY 23, 2017:

We welcome registrations after 5/23/17. Registrations received 5/24/17 - 6/7/17 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 6/8/17 - 6/22/17 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received after 6/22/17 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 premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is insurable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable administrative fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

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, those needing oxygen, wheelchairs, or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting to their experiences. If you have questions, please contact Joel Scholtz for more details.

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, ETS does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once "printed," 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.

FLIGHT TIMES:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. ETS is not responsible for such changes or delays and does 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.

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. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well.

DEVIATIONS:

Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. 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 12/31/16. If validity date has passed, contact Joel Scholtz for current pricing. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION

Payment of deposit indicates permission for ETS or its 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 ETS or its agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies ETS in writing prior to departure.

Except where otherwise stated, ETS acts only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall ETS be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. ETS assumes no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service. ETS does not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold ETS harmless for 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, 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 and for courts in Polk County, Florida to the exclusion of litigation anywhere else in the world. Enrollment in and payment of deposit constitutes your acceptance of the "Fine Print." Educational Opportunities Tours doing business as Educational Travel Services is the tour operator and is solely responsible for the travel program. Educational Opportunities Tours is registered with the State of Florida as a Seller of Travel. Registration No. ST24130. CST2027682-40