



Father Damian
Travel Group Leader

A special 10-night group departure to Italy

Custom Italy 2024

September 23 - October 3, 2024

\$5,995 INCLUDES AIRFARE. Price is per person, based on double occupancy
Single Room Supplement \$1,500

Tour Includes:

- Airfare to and from USA/Italy
- Exclusive transport by luxury motorcoach with a driver/guide
- Meet and greet service with one group transfer upon arrival and departure at the airport
- Hotel accommodation based on twin bedded rooms with private bath as listed for 10 nights
- Full Breakfasts (10)
- Lunches (1)
- Dinners (4)
- Hotel portorage, service charges and government taxes
- Flight bags, ticket wallets, baggage tags and identifying strap

HOTELS – 10 Nights

Best Western Universo Hotel, Rome (3)
Hotel Executive, Florence (3)
Hotel Fontebella Palace, Assisi (1)
Grand Hotel Vesuvio, Sorrento (3)



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10-Night Itinerary

Sun, September 22 DEPART THE UNITED STATES

Depart your hometown and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you travel to start your vacation.

Mon, September 23 ROME ARRIVAL

After landing at Rome Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities. Your tour director will welcome you to Italy and escort you and your luggage to the coach. Transfer to your hotel, check in and enjoy some free time to settle into your room. In the afternoon, set off on an orientation walking tour to see some of the city's most popular sights. Along the way, visit the famous Spanish Steps, a set of steps dating from 1723 and considered to be the widest and longest staircase in Europe. Then, continue on to view the awe-inspiring Trevi Fountain. Tradition maintains, that if you throw a coin into the Trevi Fountain, it means that someday you will return to Rome. Head back to your hotel, where you might like to freshen up before joining your group for a welcome dinner at a local venue.

OVERNIGHT: BEST WESTERN UNIVERSO HOTEL, ROME

Tue, September 24 ROME SIGHTSEEING

This morning, celebrate Mass with your group before setting off to see more highlights of the Eternal City of Rome. Stop to visit the Roman Forum, which is often considered the center of Ancient Roman life. It was here, that religion, commerce, judicial cases and politics would often unfold. Next, visit the Colosseum, where fit gladiators often fought in action packed shows and early Christians were sometimes martyred. The Colosseum had the ability to hold up to 50,000 spectators and is one of the great architectural achievements of Ancient Rome. Then, continue on to view the Pantheon, which is one of the best-preserved monuments of antiquity and was built by Augustus' son-in-law, Agrippa. The Pantheon contains not only works of art by the likes of Raphael but also the tombs of the kings of Italy. After, have a look around Piazza Navona, favored for its beauty and for its architecturally stunning fountains. Return to your hotel and spend the remainder of the day free to sightsee, shop and dine on your own.

OVERNIGHT: BEST WESTERN UNIVERSO HOTEL, ROME

Wed, September 25 VATICAN MUSEUM & SISTINE CHAPEL

Today, visit the Papal Audience to witness an unforgettable day with the Pope. His Holiness will address the audience in several languages and will conclude with an apostolic blessing. Then, continue on to tour the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel, where out of respect for its sacredness, the Vatican has requested silence during your visit. While here, you will see magnificent sculptures, Maps Gallery and the Hall of Tapestries. The tour ends in the Sistine Chapel, where you can view Michelangelo's Creation and the famous Last Judgment. Next, visit the massive St. Peter's Basilica, which is the largest church in Christendom and can hold up to 60,000 people. Tradition maintains that Saint Peter's tomb is below the altar. Return to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure for individual pursuits and dining.

OVERNIGHT: BEST WESTERN UNIVERSO HOTEL, ROME

Thu, September 26 ROME TO FLORENCE

Leaving Rome, travel into Siena and stop to celebrate mass with your fellow travelers. After, head to a local venue to enjoy a traditional Tuscan lunch followed by a wine tasting. Continue your journey into Florence and stop to celebrate mass before transferring to your nearby hotel and checking in for your stay. This evening, join your group for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: HOTEL EXECUTIVE, FLORENCE

Fri, September 27 ACCADEMIA MUSEUM

After breakfast, set off on a guided walking tour of Florence, a city of artistic wealth and beauty. Stop to visit the Accademia Museum, which was founded in 1784 and hosts a collection of sculptures, picture galleries and paintings. One of the most important works on display at the museum is David by Michelangelo completed around 1504. Then, head to the beautiful Piazza Del Duomo for photos of the Cathedral of Santa Maria Del Fiore. After, celebrate Mass with your group before returning to your hotel. Tonight, you might like to sample the local cuisine by dining at a nearby venue.

OVERNIGHT: HOTEL EXECUTIVE, FLORENCE

Sat, September 28 LUCCA SIGHTSEEING

This morning, drive into Lucca, birthplace of Italian composer, Giacomo Puccini. Upon arrival, embark on a guided walking tour to see the Renaissance walls, palaces, quaint shops and houses, which attract tourist annually to the city. Also, view the 14th century cathedral Duomo of San Martino, the romantic Piazza Anfitreato, the ancient amphitheater. Head back to your hotel in Florence for an evening at leisure.

OVERNIGHT: HOTEL EXECUTIVE, FLORENCE

Sun, September 29 FLORENCE TO ASSISI

Departing Florence, travel southeast through the town of Perugia before reaching the town of Assisi, which is known as the birthplace of Saint Francis. Upon arrival, stop to celebrate mass with your fellow travelers. Then, visit the Basilica of San Francis, which was built between 1228 and 1253 AD. The short construction period was rare for a church of this size but is often explained by the great love that the people of the time had for St. Francis. Transfer to your nearby hotel, check in and enjoy the balance of the afternoon at leisure. In the evening, meet your group in the hotel restaurant for a delicious meal.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: HOTEL FONTEBELLA PALACE, ASSISI

Mon, September 30 ASSISI TO SORRENTO

Today, journey through the Italian countryside into Sorrento, which is where Limoncello liqueur was invented. Upon arrival, check into your hotel, settle into your room and enjoy the balance of the day at leisure. Tonight, you might like to dine in one of the many dinner venues located within the beautiful coastal city.

OVERNIGHT: GRAND HOTEL VESUVIO, SORRENTO

Tue, October 1 ISLE OF CAPRI

After breakfast, set off on a boat ride across the Bay of Naples to the charming Island of Capri. Upon arrival, take in the breathtaking sights of the picturesque island as you enjoy free time to explore on your own. You may like to take a chair-lift to capture the wonder and views of the colorful waters from Anacapri or explore the Roman ruins. You may also like to take a leisurely stroll along the winding lanes, visit a day spa or just enjoy some gelato. Later, head back to your hotel in Sorrento, where the rest of the day is at leisure for independent sightseeing, shopping, dining and more.

OVERNIGHT: GRAND HOTEL VESUVIO, SORRENTO

Wed, October 2 AMALFI COAST SIGHTSEEING

This morning, set off to admire the delightfully charming Amalfi Coast. The Amalfi Coast is a scenic stretch of southern coastline, which extends from Positano to Vietri sul Mare. There will be plenty of stops at strategic locations to take photos of the picturesque towns, rugged terrain and natural beauty of the Amalfi Coast. Next, embark on a boat ride along the beautiful Amalfi Coast to take in more extraordinary views of the iconic area (weather permitting). After, enjoy some free time to explore the area on your own before returning to your hotel in Sorrento. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a wonderful farewell dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: GRAND HOTEL VESUVIO, SORRENTO

Thu, October 3 RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

All too soon, your vacation has come to its final day. Transfer to Naples Airport in good time to check in for your flight. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores before boarding your aircraft and flying back to the United States.



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