HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE IN ITALY

June 1-11, 2016 with Spiritual Director: Bishop Stephen Blaire

Accurate 2016 tour rates will not be available until Aug 1. Since there is a great response to this tour and it is expected to sell out, for those who are ready to commit, we are collecting a $100 “plan to go deposit” to reserve your place on this Pilgrimage. Please call the number above to reserve your space before mailing your deposit check. Seats are limited.

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Day 01  Wed  June 1, 2016  Depart  LAX or SFO to Venice, Italy
Day 02  Thur  June 2  Venice - Padua
Arrival in Venice. Meet our Tour Manager, with a deluxe motor coach. Enjoy a short drive to visit the medieval walled city of Padua. Visit the Basilica of St. Anthony including the high altar with splendid bronze art works by Donatello containing the relics of St Anthony. Dinner and overnight Padua.

Day 03  Friday, June 3  Padua - Venice
Today we visit the magical and truly romantic city of Venice “Pearl of the Adriatic” via private water taxi on the Grand Canal filled with gondolas, motorboats and peppermint stick moorings. Visit St. Mark's Basilica famous for its Byzantine and Gothic design, mosaics, marble and precious sculptures; St. Mark’s Square with its strolling musicians, the 15th century Clock Tower, Doges Palace (outside visit), and the Bridge of Sighs. End your tour with a visit to a Venetian glassblowing showroom and admire the masters at work. Remainder of the afternoon to discover Venice on your own; perhaps a Gondola ride, walk across the Rialto Bridge or enjoy a Campari at the Florian Café. Dinner & overnight Padua.

Day 04  Saturday, June 4  Padua - Florence, “David”
Morning departure for Florence. Upon arrival enjoy a tour of the famous Academy of Fine Arts to view Michelangelo's original “David” and other sculptures by the great Renaissance masters. Later, enjoy a city tour starting with the Duomo “Cathedral of Santa Maria dei Fiori,” Bell Tower and “Doors of Paradise” by Ghiberti, Piazza della Signora, Cellini’s “Neptune Fountain”. Celebrate Mass in the spectacular Franciscan Church of Santa Croce. Remainder of day to enjoy Florence “as you wish.” Maybe shop for amazing Florentine Gold and Leather in the Piazza de Santa Croce. Dinner/overnight Florence.
Day 05 Sunday, June 5 - Florence - Assisi
Morning departure for Assisi, enchanting town of St. Francis, spread over the hills of Mt. Subasio with its colorful houses and narrow streets. Visit the upper and lower Basilica with Giotto’s frescos including 28 episodes from the “life of St. Francis”. Visit the Basilica of St. Clare, housing her incorrupt body and also the cross of San Damiano. Remainder of the day at leisure in this peace-filled city. Dinner and overnight Assisi.

Day 06 Monday, June 6 - Assisi
Morning visit to the lower level of Assisi to visit the hilltop village of Orvieto. We will be quickly transported by funicular to the top of the hill. Inside the Cathedral, the Chapel of San Brizio is frescoed by Fra Angelico and Luca Signorelli’s masterpiece, his Last Judgment (1449–51). The Corporal of Bolsena, on display in the Duomo, dates from a Eucharistic Miracle which took place in 1263, when a consecrated host began to bleed onto a corporal, the small cloth upon which the host and chalice rest during the canon of the Mass. Afternoon departure for “The Eternal City” of Rome, “cradle of Western Civilization and the heart of Catholicism.” Upon arrival into Rome, visit the magnificent Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls prior to check-in at our Rome hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 07 Tuesday - June 7 - Assisi - Orvieto - Rome
Morning departure from Assisi to visit the hilltop village of Orvieto. We will be quickly transported by funicular to the top of the hill. Inside the Cathedral, the Chapel of San Brizio is frescoed by Fra Angelico and Luca Signorelli’s masterpiece, his Last Judgment (1449–51). The Corporal of Bolsena, on display in the Duomo, dates from a Eucharistic Miracle which took place in 1263, when a consecrated host began to bleed onto a corporal, the small cloth upon which the host and chalice rest during the canon of the Mass. Afternoon departure for “The Eternal City” of Rome, “cradle of Western Civilization and the heart of Catholicism.” Upon arrival into Rome, visit the magnificent Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls prior to check-in at our Rome hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 08 Wednesday, June 8 - Rome - Papal Audience – with entrance through Holy Doors
Morning transfer to St. Peter's Square for a Papal Audience with His Holiness, Pope Francis (pope's schedule permitting). This afternoon, tour of Christian Rome and major Basiliicas visiting the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, Piazza Vittorio, Basilica of St. John Lateran, the Holy Stairs. Tonight, enjoy the sensuous aroma of Italian cooking in a local restaurant, as well as the sights, sounds and culture of the people in Bella Roma. Overnight Rome.

Day 09 Thursday, June 9 - Rome, Vatican Museum/Sistine Chapel - through Holy Doors of Saint Peter’s
This morning, we enjoy a guided tour of the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel followed by an inside visit of St. Peter's Basilica, with the Pieta by Michelangelo and the Glory by Bernini. This afternoon, for those who wish, enjoy a walking tour of the Trevi Fountain, Piazza Venezia, Piazza Navonna and the ancient Pantheon. Remainder of day to relax before dinner in a nearby restaurant and overnight Rome.

Day 10 Friday, June 10, Rome - Coliseum and Forum
Morning visit to St. Peter in Chains to see Michelangelo's Moses. Continue to the ancient Roman Baths of Caracalla, Coliseum and Roman Forum. Remainder of day “as you wish” to explore this magnificent city on your own. Possibly take this opportunity to do a little shopping on the Via Veneto, or a great photo on the Spanish Steps. Remember to toss a coin in the Trevi Fountain to assure your return to Rome. You will not want to miss Tre Scalini in the lively Piazza Navona. Situated in a prime location, one of Rome’s finest spots to watch the crowds and enjoy a cappuccino, the best Gelato and chocolate “Tartufo” Rome has to offer. Enjoy a Festive Farewell Dinner tonight at a wonderful local restaurant with wine and music. Farewell Dinner & overnight Rome.

Day 11 Saturday, June 11 - Departure for USA
Morning departure for the Rome Airport for our return flight home with love, joy and peace in our hearts and fond memories of our Pilgrimage to Italy and the people we met along the way. Arrivederci Roma!!