

SPIRITUAL ITALY 2012

a journey of

“FAITH”

Designed and conducted by:

Father Bernie Owens

Fully Escorted 14 nights/13 day Pilgrimage & Tour Visiting:

**ROME, GRECCIO, ASSISI, AREZZO, La VERNA, MANOPPELLO,
SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO, PIETRALCINA, ROME**

Depart Detroit on May 14 arrive back on May 28.

(B= Breakfast L= Lunch _ D= Dinner)

Day 1 Mon. May 14 DETROIT/NEW YORK/ROME

Depart by plane from Detroit via JFK_ Dinner, Overnight & Breakfast on board.

Day 2 Tued. 15 ROME (D)

Arrival in the early morning. Welcome by your Bilingual Tour Escort Giorgio Abate, private bus transfer to your hotel in the city. Early check in into pre-registered rooms (normal check in time is not before 2PM). Lunch at leisure. Private transfer to Gesù Church, visit rooms of St Ignatius and attend mass. Private transfer back to hotel for dinner and overnite.

Day 3 Wed. 16 ROME (B_D)

Breakfast at hotel. Early private transfer to the Vatican for the Holy Father's public audience. Lunch at leisure. Afternoon private transfer to visit the Basilicas of Santa Maria Maggiore & Saint John in Lateran where the Holy Mass will be celebrated. Private transfer back to hotel. Dinner and overnite.

Day 4 Thu. 17 ROME (B_D)

Breakfast at hotel. Private transfer to the Vatican Museums for a guided visit including the Sistine Chapel. Continue with visit to Saint Peter's Basilica. Lunch at leisure. Transfer to Colle Oppio to visit the Colosseum and the Forum. Transfer to Borghese Gardens for a panoramic visit. Transfer to hotel. Dinner at Restaurant (with return transfers). Overnite.

Day 5 Fri. 18 ROME/GRECCIO/ASSISI (B_L_D)

Breakfast at hotel. Depart by private bus for Greccio to celebrate Holy Mass and visit there the exhibits of the Nativity where many crèche scenes from around the world are on permanent display, this is a beautiful tradition was Saint Francis of Assisi began in 1223. Lunch at Sergio's restaurant in Greccio with it's great view. Continue to Assisi. Check in followed by a walking orientation tour of Assisi. Dinner at hotel and overnite.

Day 6 Sat. 19 ASSISI (B)

Breakfast at hotel. Mass at Saint Francis Basilica followed by our visit of the same then visit Basilica of Saint Clare and the Church of Saint Damiano. Lunch, rest of the day and dinner at leisure.

Day 7 Sun. 20 ASSISI (B_D)

Breakfast at hotel. Private taxis transfer to the Hermit of the prisons, celebration of the Holy Mass in the woods nearby, free time for meditation in the woods loved by Saint Francis. Transfer to Saint Mary of the Angels for lunch at leisure followed by a visit to the Church which contains the Portiuncola, the Chapel of the Transit (where Saint Francis died) and the garden of roses without thorns. Transfer back to Assisi. Dinner at restaurant. Overnite.

Day 8 Mon 21 ASSISI/AREZZO/LA VERNA (B_D)

Breakfast at hotel. Departure by private bus for Arezzo. Holy Mass celebration, visit the church to contemplate the beautiful paintings. Lunch at leisure. Afternoon departure for the Sanctuary of La Verna in the mountains where Saint Francis received the Stigmata in 1224. Check in at the Foresteria. Dinner.

Day 9 Tue 22 LA VERNA (B_D)

Breakfast at the Foresteria. Enjoy a full day of relaxation and meditation in La Verna and its surroundings. Holy Mass in a chapel at the Sanctuary's retreat center. Dinner.

Day 10 Wed. 23 LA VERNA/MANOPPELLO/ SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO (L_D)

Breakfast at Foresteria. Depart by private bus for Manoppello. Holy Mass at the local church. Lunch at leisure en route. Continue by private bus to San Giovanni Rotondo. Check in, dinner and overnite.

Day 11 Thu. 24 SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO (B_D)

Breakfast at hotel. Visit Padre Pio's Tomb. Holy Mass. Visit museum and surroundings. Watch film of Padre Pio's Blessings then visit the hospital fruit, the of his Faith and work Lunch at leisure. Dinner at hotel.

Day 12 Fri. 25 SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO/ CAVE of St MICHAEL The ARCANGEL/ SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO (B_D)

Breakfast at hotel. Private bus transfer close to the Cave of St Michael the Arcangel. Visit its lower underground chambers. Hopefully celebration of Mass there. Lunch at leisure in the town. Private bus transfer back to San Giovanni Rotondo. Dinner at hotel.

Day 13 Sat. 26 SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO/PIETRALCINA/ROMA (B_D)

Breakfast at hotel. Early departure by private bus for Pietralcina (birth town of Padre Pio). Possible Holy Mass celebration. Visit Padre Pio's childhood home (now a museum) Lunch at leisure. Transfer to Rome. Dinner at hotel.

Day 14 Sun. 27 ROME (B_D)

Breakfast at hotel. Private bus transfer to Saint Peter's Piazza for the Pentecost Mass celebrated by the Holy Father. Lunch at leisure. Regroup for private transfer to visit Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon and Piazza Navona. Private transfer to the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls for a visit. Farewell dinner and panoramic tour by private bus of Rome by night. Transfer to hotel. Overnite.

Day 15 Mon. 28 ROME/NEW YORK (JFK)/DETROIT (B)

Breakfast at hotel. Time at leisure. Private bus transfer to Rome's international airport in time for your flight back home.

**Buon Viaggio! Arrivederci! &..
GOD BLESS!!!!**

included in the land content price:

- 14 nights accomodation as follows:
 - 12 in 4 stars hotels in Rome 4 (one in pre registration), Assisi 3, San Giovanni Rotondo 3, Rome 2 plus La Foresteria at La Verna 2
 - Private vehicles for all transfers and sightseeing
 - 13 Buffet breakfast
 - 1 lunch (at Greccio)
 - 12 dinners
 - 5 full day sightseeing tours/visits in English
 - 7 half day sightseeing tours/visits in English
 - Porterage IN/OUT at all hotels
 - Drinks (wine, mineral water and coffee) included with lunch and dinners_Coffee, tea, water, fruit juice/drinks with breakfasts
 - Tips for all services included in the itinerary
 - New recently introduced overnite taxes for visitors (varies from town to town)
 - Local Italian Government taxes
 - Father Bernie Owens Spiritual Direction and Assistance from day 1 in Detroit til day 15 in Rome.
 - Tour Escort/Director Giorgio Abate assistance from arrival into Rome on day 2 until departure on day 15
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NOT Included:

- Anything ***not specifically mentioned*** under **Included:**
 - **Example:** Airfares, Insurance, use of minibar in the room, laundry service, phone calls etc.
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Price per person on Double/Twin Occupancy:

Group of minimum 15 to maximum 19 Pilgrims = US\$ 3.790

Group of minimum 20 to maximum 24 Pilgrims = US\$ 3.410

Group of minimum 25 to maximum 30 Pilgrims = US\$ 3.180

PLEASE KINDLY NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

The Exchange rate applied is the one announced today in Italy 1 €uro = 1.38 US\$

Should there be a variation on the exchange rate of 2% or more either way (+ or -) the price will be changed accordingly and added/detracted to/from the payment of the final due balance.

As per current European Economic Community regulations on Travel and Tourism the services described in this proposed itinerary and the price of the same cannot be guaranteed without a deposit of 25% of the whole per person price and a formal written request of participation to the Pilgrimage.

Return Airfares Detroit to Rome via New York's JFK airport are currently US\$ 1.200

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