ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart USA
Enjoy an overnight non-stop flight with meals.

Day 2: Rome / Montecassino / Sorrento
Upon arrival at the Rome Airport the group will be met by the tour guide and transferred to Sorrento. En route, visit the monastery founded by St. Benedict in the 5th century in Montecassino, which sits on an impressive hill overlooking the town of Cassino. Dinner and overnight in this scenic town. (D)

Day 3: Sorrento (Pompeii Excursion)
Morning excursion to Pompeii, an ancient city that was covered by volcanic lava during the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius over 2,000 years ago. Also visit the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary. The afternoon in Sorrento is on your own to explore, shop or just relax. Dinner on your own. Overnight are in Sorrento. (B)

Day 4: Sorrento / Pietrelcina / San Giovanni Rotondo
After breakfast at the hotel depart for San Giovanni Rotondo, the small town closely associated with the life of Padre Pio. En route, stop in Pietrelcina where Padre Pio was born and grew up. In San Giovanni Rotondo, visit the Grotto of St. Michael and Padre Pio, the “Home for the Relief of Suffering,” a famous charitable work of Padre Pio. Visit his tomb, cell and confessional, the old church where he received the stigmata, as well the Church of Santa Maria Delle Grazie, a newer church. Overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo. (B,D)

Day 5: San Giovanni Rotondo / Lanciano / Loreto
The group departs for Loreto in the morning with a brief stop in Lanciano, where there was a Eucharistic Miracle of Jesus that took place. Arrive in Loreto and visit the Basilica that contains the home of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Dinner and overnight in Loreto. (B,D)

Day 6: Loreto / Assisi
This morning we depart Loreto for Assisi, the town of St. Francis and St. Clare. A tour will include visits to the Basilica of St. Francis (view the exquisite artwork of Giotto), the Convent of St. Clare, and the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. Afternoon free to explore Assisi. Dinner and overnight in Assisi. (B,D)

Day 7: Assisi / Florence
This morning depart Assisi for Florence, the city of art. Our tour highlights will be the Duomo & Baptistry designed by Giotto as well as Santa Croce, the famous Church where Dante, Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci and many others are buried. Also visit the museum to see the famous statue of David by Michelangelo. Dinner and overnight in Florence. (B,D)

Day 8: Florence / Siena / Rome
After breakfast we depart Florence to the beautiful town of Siena, the home of St. Catherine, located in the central Italian region of Tuscany, a medieval walled city that to this day retains much of its charm. Attend Mass at and tour St. Dominic’s church, followed by a visit to the Eucharistic Miracle at St. Francis Basilica. Continue to Rome for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Day 9: Rome
After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of St. Peter’s Basilica, and the world famous Vatican Museums, featuring a visit to the Sistine Chapel. Balance of the day at leisure to explore Rome on your own. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Rome. (B)

Day 10: Rome
The group will attend one of the highlights of the trip, the Papal Audience (if available). After the Audience enjoy a wonderful half-day tour of Rome. We will visit three of the four major basilicas of Rome: St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls, and St. Mary Major. Enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour from your motorcoach of some of the other important sights of Rome including the Palazzo Venezia, the Circus Maximus, the Forum, the Arch of Constantine and the world famous Colosseum. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Rome. (B)

Day 11: Rome
After breakfast bid farewell to the Eternal City and depart Rome Airport for U.S. (B)

Included Highlights:
• Roundtrip airfare from Philadelphia airport; 11 Days / 9 nights Superior Tourist Class Hotels; 9 Breakfasts & 6 Dinners; and Sightsing as indicated in the itinerary.
• Also Included: Daily Mass, Airport-hotel transfers, hotel tips & taxes, baggage handling, Touring by Private Air Conditioned Motorcoach, Services of Professional Pilgrimage Escort.
• Price is per person, based on double occupancy. Add $110 departure taxes, $240 fuel surcharges and $189 for optional travel insurance. Departure taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change up until the time the group seats are purchased, typically 60-90 days prior to departure. There are a limited number of single rooms available. Single Supplement: $450. Land Only Price: $2,200.00 per person, based on double occupancy. Price is based on a minimum of 40 passengers.

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