

Eternal Italy

A 9 day Catholic Pilgrimage to Italy
From November 13th to the 21st, 2010

With Fr. John Girotti
Diocese of Green Bay

\$2,175

Per person in double occupancy, plus air taxes, airport & government fees and fuel surcharges.



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9-Day Trip Inclusions:

- ★Fr. John Girotti, Rector of the Cathedral of Green Bay, Wisconsin, as Spiritual Director and Chaplain for the Pilgrimage.
 - ★Roundtrip Air transportation from Chicago or Houston to Italy (per itinerary). Airfare available from other cities. Please call for price difference.
 - ★Private Motor-coach in Italy with driver for selected tours (some tours require walking).
 - ★Airport Transfers in Italy (for those flying with the group)
 - ★Accommodations at 4 stars properties in great locations.
 - ★11 Meals (7 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners)
 - ★Expert local guides on our Vatican Tour, Imperial Rome, Christian Rome and Assisi tours.
 - ★Admissions to all featured and selected visits of the touring program.
 - ★Tour program features (for detailed inclusions read the daily itinerary):
 - * Visit to Bologna (St. Dominic's Tomb)
 - * Visit to Loreto (Mary's Nazareth Home)
 - * Assisi (Home of St. Francis and St. Clare)
 - * Imperial Rome (Coliseum and Forum)
 - * Christian Rome: Catacombs of St. Callixtus, Holy Steps, Holy Cross of Jerusalem (relics of the Holy Cross), St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls (Tomb of St. Paul).
 - * Vatican City including Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's.
 - * A leisure walk of Old Rome (Piazza Navona, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain & more)
 - * A visit to Villa Tevere.
 - ★**Papal General Audience***
- NOTE:** * ALL PAPAL ACTIVITIES ARE PENDING ON THE HOLY FATHER'S SCHEDULE.
- ★Tour Director: **Juan Landa**, from Mater Dei Tours
 - ★ Italian Tour Escort/Translator accompanies group while in Italy.
 - ★Full documentation packet with luggage tags & re-usable wallet
 - ★Spiritual program including daily Mass, Rosaries, Meditations, Sacrament of Reconciliation)
 - ★Hotel sales tax, Italian hospitality taxes & service charges.

Does not include:

- ◆AIRLINE TAXES: US/Europe airport, departure, connection and transportation taxes and fuel surcharges (**approximately \$475**)
 - ◆Tour Guide's and Motor-coach Chauffeur's gratuities
- (See registration for price, terms & Conditions)



NOTE: Although a motor-coach is provided for some of the tours, it is important to point out that all Italian tours require a considerable amount of **walking**.



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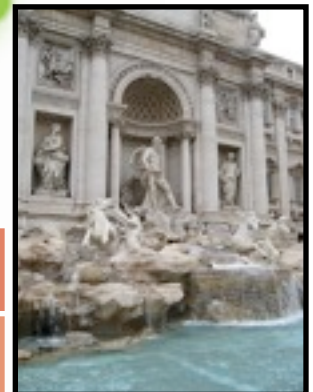
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Day 1: Saturday, November 13th, 2010: US departure

Depart the U.S. for Bologna, Italy (connection in Paris), and enjoy dinner, drinks and video entertainment onboard as you fly into the European continent. Airfare included from Chicago, IL, and Houston, TX. (Airfare is available from other cities for an additional price. Please call for more information.). Meet Juan Landa (*Mater Dei* Tour Director) either in Chicago or during your connection at Charles De Gaulle Airport in Paris. (M)

Day 2: Sunday, November 14th: Arrive in Europe, visit Bologna & Ancona.

After our connection, arrive in Bologna, collect your luggage and travel to the Basilica of **San Domenico** where the tomb of the founder of the Dominican Order can be found. A thanksgiving **Mass** is celebrated here of a safe voyage. After Mass, continue to **Ancona** on the **Adriatic Coast** of Italy for dinner and overnight. (M, D)



Day 3: Monday: November 15th:

Loreto & Assisi. Start the day with an unforgettable visit to a little piece of the Holy Land at the **Marian Shrine of Loreto!** See the beautiful **Madonna of Loreto** and visit the **Holy House of Nazareth**, where Mary received the **Annunciation**. Only 3 walls are present because the fourth wall is actually a grotto in Nazareth. Archeological studies have scientifically matched these two places. A pious tradition tells us that the Holy House was transported to Loreto by Angels in order to protect it from invading infidels. This Shrine has been frequented by many Popes and Saints. **Holy Mass** has been requested at the Holy House.



After our visit to Loreto, head west towards Umbria and arrive in **Assisi** the land of St. Francis and St. Clare. Upon arrival in lower Assisi, enter the "**Porziuncula**" (small portion: first Franciscan House) and receive the indulgence offered by the Church. Then see the **Transit Chapel**, the place where St. Francis passed into eternal life, and view the famous **thornless rose garden**. All these places can be found within the stunning **St. Mary of the Angels Basilica**, the Head Church of the Franciscan Order. After this visit, proceed to your hotel in Assisi for dinner and overnight. (B, D)



Day 4: Tuesday, November 16: Assisi and Rome. Start the day with **Holy Mass** at the **Basilica of St. Francis**. Then enjoy a guided walking tour of Assisi including the **Lower and Upper Basilicas of St. Francis** filled with world famous **Giotto frescoes** that depict the lives of Jesus and St. Francis, as well as other saints. Visit the **tombs of St. Francis and his disciples**. Visit other important sights such as the place of **St. Francis' birth**, his **home**, also the remains of **St. Clare** and the famous **Cross of San Damiano** at the **Church of St. Clare**. After the Assisi tour, relax and enjoy the ride as our pilgrimage approaches the Capital of Italy and ancient home of the greatest empire in western civilization, **Rome**. Diner in Rome. (B, D) NOTE: Remember to bring all purchased religious articles to the Papal audience the next day for a Papal Blessing.



Day 5: Wednesday, November 17: Papal Audience & Vatican (Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel & St. Peter's).

After breakfast, join pilgrims from all over the world for a once in a lifetime experience, an **Audience with Pope Benedict XVI** at the Vatican (pending on the Holy Father's schedule). After the Pope's message, the Holy Father will impart his blessing on you and your family (bring your personal religious articles – rosaries, etc... - as they will be blessed too). After the audience join us for a tour the impressive **Museo Vaticano (Vatican Museum)** with a fascinating collection of historical artifacts and precious objects of art, including the magnificent **Cappella Sistina (Sistine Chapel)** with the famous **Michelangelo** frescoes featuring the **Last Judgment**. Afterwards, tour the largest Church in the world, the **Basilica di San Pietro (St. Peter's Basilica)**. There will be a chance to pay respects to **John Paul the Great** at his tomb. Remainder of the day at leisure. (B)



Day 6: Thursday, November 18: Christian Rome. Embark on an unforgettable excursion of the treasures of our faith. First, travel south down the '**Via Apia**' (Apian Way) for a powerful journey experiencing how our early brothers and sisters survived and persevered in preserving our Lord's Church. Tour through an amazing complex of underground tunnels with an unending number of crypts, mausoleum tombs and chapels that fill every passageway that comprise the **Catacombs of St. Callixtus**. One of the highlights of this visit will be the place where the body of St. Cecilia was found. A very realistic statue that marks this place portrays the way her body laid, giving a final and resounding testimony to the Blessed Trinity at the time of her death. (Day 6 continued on next page)





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Meals' Legend:	
M = Airplane Meals	B = Breakfast
L = Lunch	D = Dinner

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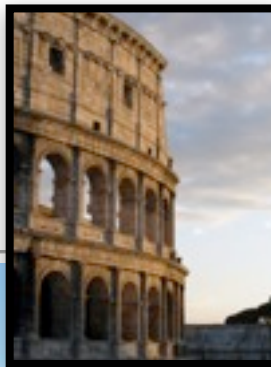
glass window allows the pilgrim to see the real marble steps below the wooden protective cover. It has been said that at one point pilgrims could still see the marble with drops of the blood of Christ through these small windows. End our day at **'Santa Croce in Gerusalemme'** (Holy Cross of Jerusalem), where incredible relics can be found (fragments of the **Holy Cross**, **one Nail**, **part of the inscription INRI**, **two thorns from the Crown of Thorns**, **fragments of the pillar of the scourging** and **of the rock of the Holy Sepulcher**). We owe these beautiful relics, including the Holy Stairs, to St. Helena, the mother of Rome's first Christian Emperor, Constantine. **Mass** requested at the catacombs. (B)



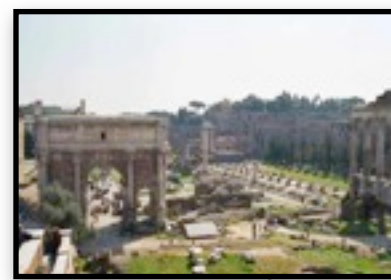
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Day 7: Friday, November 19th: Imperial Rome Tour.

After breakfast, travel to the past to witness the splendor of **Imperial Rome!** The tour includes a visit inside the famous **Flavian Amphitheater (Coliseum)** built in 72 AD, flanked on one side by the **Arch of Constantine** which commemorates his victory just outside of Rome. An event Constantine attributed to a Heavenly vision which prophesied his victory if he would have his army fight under a Christian symbol as their standard in all their shields and banners. (Continued >>)

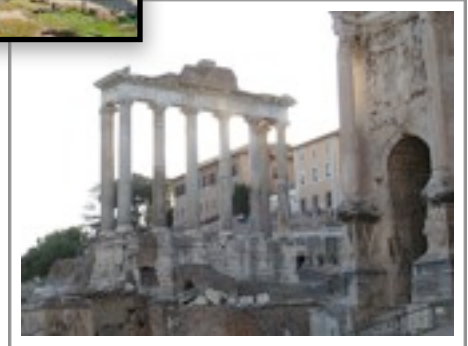


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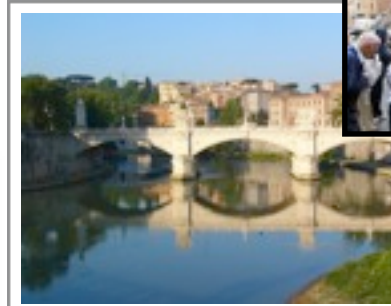
Circus Maximus, the **Vittorio Emanuel II** monument ("wedding cake building" - housing the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier), **Piazza Venezia** with the old Venice embassy (used by Mussolini for his famous speeches), the **Capitoline Hill**, **Caracala Baths** and more! (B)



Day 8: Saturday, November 20th: Leisure Day or

Optional Walk of Old Rome & Villa Tevere.

Enjoy a relaxed day on your own or join us on an informal relaxed walk through the old streets of Rome to see famous and classic



places like **Castel Sant'Angelo**, **Bridge of the Holy Angels**, **Piazza Navona**, **The Pantheon**, **Trevi Fountain** and **Spanish Steps**. Depending on local opening hours, visit **St. Augustine** (housing the remains

of St. Monica, **Santa Maria Sopra Minerva** (housing the remains of St. Catherine of Siena), **St. Ignatius Church**, housing the remains of St. Aloysius, and **Gesu Church**, housing the tomb of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Saturday **Mass** will be celebrated at one of the churches of Rome. This afternoon depart for the Prelatic Church of **Santa Maria della Pace** (St. Mary of Peace) where we celebrate our **Farewell Mass** (Sunday liturgy) and have time for Confessions. Afterwards, join your fellow pilgrims for our farewell dinner at a special place in Rome! (B, D)

Day 9: Sunday, November 21st:

Arrivederci Roma! Transfer to the airport this morning for our flight to the U.S.A. As our airplane takes off, we take one last look at the beautiful land that now holds a special place in our hearts, and say *Arrivederci Italia!*

Upon arrival in the USA, clear US Immigrations and Customs.

Welcome Home!

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- 95 days or prior \$300.00
- 94 to 65 days 50% of tour
- 64 to 35 days 75% of tour
- 34 to 0 days No Refunds

No refund can be made for non-refundable airfare.

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Young Travelers: Travelers who are less than 18 years old on the departure date must be accompanied by an adult and must share the adult's accommodations. If a child will be traveling with adults other than the parents or with only one parent, it is highly recommended that a notarized letter be written by the parents or non-traveling parent granting authorization to travel, including the dates of travel. We suggest that you also contact the appropriate consulate and airlines because they may have additional requirements.

Air Transportation: We have selected airlines that are most suitable with land arrangements. All fares are subject to government approval and are subject to change without notice. Airfares are guaranteed once they have been paid in full and ticketed. Name changes required after tickets have been issued are subject to cancellation and re-ticketing at a higher fare or subject to change fees. Some airlines do not allow you to earn frequent flier miles for group bookings.

Airline Seating: Passengers who require specific seating due to medical conditions need to obtain Doctor's Orders so the airlines have proof of the condition and may accommodate the order. Passengers who desire a specific non-medical related seat are requested to contact the airline directly 30 days prior to departure for preferred seating. Group seating is solely under control of the airline. Group seating is solely under control of the airline.

Voluntary changes to itinerary: Independent voluntary changes to an individual passenger's itinerary are usually not permitted by most of our tour suppliers. Some exceptions may be granted in a case-by-case basis. If passenger purchased a land only package, they are free to plan their own itinerary before or after the trip (read Land Only bookings for restrictions). All change requests must be made prior to 45 days before departure.

Not Included: All items of a personal nature (room service, beverages, telephone charges, laundry, etc) and meals not specified on the tour itinerary are not included and must be paid by the passenger.

Accommodations and Itinerary: Land arrangements are provided as described in the tour program. The tour company reserves the right to change or substitute (1) hotels for accommodations in similar categories (2) or features of the itinerary in order to accommodate changes in the schedule.

Meals: Meals are provided as specified in the tour program. If you require special meals due to dietary restrictions, we must receive written details of your requirements at the time of booking.

Passports: Obtaining a passport is the sole responsibility of the passenger. Passports must be current and valid beyond the dates of travel. **Your airline ticket name must match your passport name or you may be denied boarding the airplane.** Passengers who are denied boarding due to discrepancies between ticket and passport names or because of expired passports accept full responsibility and are subject to the cancellation terms of the tour. Some countries such as Israel require that your passport be valid 6 months beyond your travel dates.

Smoking: Smoking is not allowed on the motor-coach but frequent stops are made throughout the day.

Tips: Gratuities for baggage, hotel and restaurants detailed in the itinerary are included. **Gratuities for Tour Guides, Local Guides and Motor-coach Drivers are not included - please see your final documents for recommendations on tipping.**

Total Group Cancellation: If it becomes necessary to cancel an entire tour prior to departure, Landa Cleary Travel Co., Inc. will offer the next available date or will make a full refund of money paid. Landa Cleary Travel Co., Inc. cannot accept responsibility for any additional costs or fees relating to such a tour booking or for any cancellation penalties due to non-refundable airfares, unless ticket is purchased as part of our negotiated group booking.

Land Only Bookings: Passenger(s) who desire to book their own airfare do at their own risk. Land only passengers are responsible for connecting with the group at the hotel. Passenger(s) accept all responsibility for costs incurred due to misconnections with the group. Landa Cleary Travel Co., Inc. cannot accept responsibility for any additional costs or fees relating to such a tour booking or for any cancellation penalties due to non-refundable airfares, unless ticket is purchased as part of our negotiated group booking.

Luggage: Handling of one piece of luggage per person is included in the cost of all tours. Luggage is carried at owner's risk throughout the tour (insurance suggested). Hand baggage and small articles such as coats, umbrellas or cameras are entirely in the care of the passenger. Size and weight limitations for carry-on and checked baggage vary from airline to airline and even according to destination, and are becoming more restrictive. Check your final documents for details of acceptable luggage dimensions and weight allowed on your tour. **All baggage and personal effects are at all times and in all circumstances at the risk of the passenger. Baggage insurance is recommended.**

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Registration deadline:

July 30, 2010*

* "First come first serve" basis.

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