

National Service Committee & Father Patsy Iaquina Catholic Italy Pilgrimage with optional Calabria

May 10 - 19, 2011 - 10 Days

\$3199 from Newark - Plus Current Air Taxes and Fuel Surcharges & Tips

(Add \$100 from Pittsburgh)

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Tuesday, May 10 - Day 1 - DEPART USA - Today we depart our home airport to connect with our overnight flight to Rome aboard a wide-bodied jet. We are served complimentary beverages, in-flight movies, dinner and breakfast aloft.

Wednesday, May 11 - Day 2 - ROME/VENICE - Upon arrival in Milan we board our short motorcoach to Venice, the *Queen of the Cities*, where we are met and transferred to our hotel in the nearby Mestre area for dinner and overnight.

Thursday, May 12 - Day 3 - VENICE - Venice, the *Queen of the Cities!* The glories that are Venice have attracted Byron, Goethe, Wagner, Shakespeare and now - you! Following Mass in one of her beautiful churches, time is spent this morning walking the sights of Venice: the splendid Piazza San Marco and the incredibly rich Byzantine Basilica of San Marco. We marvel at the intricate network of elegant squares lined with stately Renaissance villas and palaces. This afternoon, we are free for shopping, personal adventure or an optional romantic gondola ride through the inner canals of Venice. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Friday, May 13 - Day 4 - VENICE/TUSCANY - This morning, we depart Venice for our journey to Florence. On our scenic drive through this beautiful countryside, we stop at Padua, including Mass and a tour of the Basilica of St. Anthony and the largest bronze work of Donatello. Next we continue to Tuscany and Florence's delightful nearby spa town of Montecatini Terme whose streets invite us to stroll after dinner at your hotel.

Saturday, May 14 - St. Matthias - Day 5 - FLORENCE - This morning, we start with Mass at a delightful local parish church here in Montecatini. Afterwards, we see the highlights of Florence, the jewel of the Renaissance. We first proceed to Piazzale Michelangelo for a panoramic view of the city. Next we visit the Duomo, the heart of the city with its cupola by Brunelleschi, completed in 1240, and its Campanile by Giotto and Baptistry with incomparable bronze doors by Ghiberti. Next we visit the Medici Chapel in the church of San Lorenzo, to see the tombs designed and executed by Michelangelo. Afterwards, we set out to the Piazza della Signoria, dominated by the Palazzo Vecchio and its embattlement crowned tower. Across from the Palace, we visit the Loggia dei Lanzi with the statues of the Perseus by Cellini; Giambologna's the "Rape of the Sabines" and "Hercules". After free time for lunch on our own, we visit to the Basilica of Santa Croce. Among the most famous interred here, lie Galileo, Rossini, Michelangelo and Macchiaveli. This is followed by free time for shopping or personal adventure. Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Sunday, May 15 - Day 6 - FLORENCE/SIENA/ASSISI - Today we journey through the Italian countryside arriving in the magnificent city of Siena, which invites us to stroll through its

Gothic streets converging on the famous Piazza del Campo. We celebrate Mass at the Dominican Church that commemorates St. Catherine. We next continue south through Umbria to Assisi. Our first stop is in the lower town for a visit to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, and the Portiuncula, Francis' Church of the Little Portion. We then proceed to the hilltop village of Assisi, the home of Saint Francis for dinner and overnight.

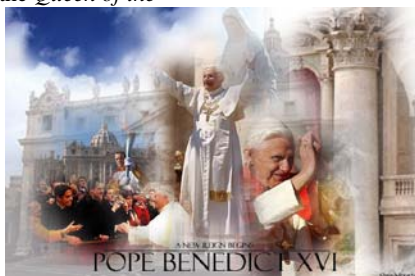
Monday, May 16 - Day 7 - ASSISI/ROME - This morning, we celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. Francesco. After our visit of the Basilica, we begin our walking tour of the village. Included, is a visit to the Church of St. Clare to view the crucifix that spoke to St. Francis. We pass by the famous Temple of Minerva in the Piazza del Comune. This afternoon, we can enjoy this picturesque hillside village on our own. Later today, we depart Assisi and drive to Rome where we arrive for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Tuesday, May 17 - Day 8 - ROME - This morning, we go to the Vatican City, where we celebrate Mass below St. Peters. Afterwards, we see the treasures of the Vatican Museum. We marvel at Michelangelo's restored frescoes in the Sistine Chapel and the wonders of St. Peter's. This afternoon, we tour Rome's sites; we start with the Basilica of St. Mary Major, then on to the Roman Fora passing the Arch of Constantine, the Coliseum, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Church of St. Peter in Chains to view Michelangelo's possibly most celebrated sculpture, the "Moses." We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Wednesday, May 18 - Day 9 - ROME - This morning, we make our way to St. Peter's for an audience with Pope Benedict XVI if he is in residence. This afternoon, we visit the Holy Stairs and Basilica of St. John Lateran. We continue to St. Paul Outside the Walls. The huge, imposing Basilica, second only to St. Peter's and one of the largest churches in the Christian world, contains an unusual gallery of papal portraits: 265 tablets portraying the popes of the past. We conclude our day at one of the Catacombs, burial place of early Christians. We view the 2nd and 3rd century fresco paintings. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Thursday, May 19 - Day 10 - RETURN TO USA - Today we make our way home with memories of a lifetime.

Thursday, May 19 to Sunday, May 22 - For those who wish, a three day optional extension will be lead by Father Iaquina south to Calabria including a visit to the Sister City of Clarksburg, WV, San Giovanni en Fiore. Cost and details will be provided as the trip nears departure and contacts are made in the region. Please express your interest in participating in this portion of the trip on the reservation form.



Reservation Form - National Service Committee & Father Patsy Iaquinata Catholic Italy Pilgrimage with optional Calabria

Mail to: Pilgrimage, National Service Committee, P.O. Box 628, Locust Grove, VA 22508-0628

Please reserve ___ seats on this Italy Land Pilgrimage - May 10 - 19, 2011

Enclosed please find deposit of \$300 per person (Payable to Unitours, Inc.)

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT

Name(s) (as appears on passport) _____

Email address: _____

Address: _____

My Roommate: _____

City, State & Zip _____

Telephone: _____

Day _____ Evening _____

___ Please assign a roommate (if available)

___ I prefer a single room - **\$740** supplement and limited in number.

___ I will join the group from Pittsburgh (add \$100)

___ I am interested in optional Extension

Charge my deposit to ___ Visa ___ Mastercard ___ Amex

_____ Card #

_____ Exp. Date

_____ Signature

TOTAL TOUR PRICE: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect August 18, 2010. All rates are subject to change without prior notice. Should the rates go up or down, an adjustment would be made prior to departure. Neither refunds can be granted for any accommodations, services or events that are not used nor if you deviate from the tour. If fewer than 30 pilgrims participate a price adjustment may be necessary.

PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS: A valid passport is required. At the time of printing, U.S. citizens holding valid passports DO NOT REQUIRE visas or immunization for the country or countries being visited. Citizens of countries other than U.S. - please contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: International flight reservations are being held on Continental Airlines. No stopovers are permitted. Any changes after ticket is issued, carries a mandatory charge of \$200. Once the tickets are issued, they are NON REFUNDABLE. Additional non-recoverable airline penalties of up to \$200 may be assessed for cancellations received within 90 days of departure

DOMESTIC AIRFARE: For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, your tour host and Unitours strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always subject to change.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath. Single Room supplement of \$740 will be charged where requested and available. If you do not have a roommate and Unitours is unable to arrange one, you will be billed for the single room supplement. All singles are subject to availability.

MEALS: Breakfast and Table D' Hote dinners are provided daily except where noted in the itinerary. An extra charge will be made when coffee, tea or other beverages are not included in the menu of the day with the dinner meal.

TIPS AND TAXES: Tips and taxes normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as service are included, as are all government and local taxes on hotels and meals, portage of one suitcase per person.

INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURE TAXES OF \$79 plus current fuel surcharges of \$320 ARE NOT INCLUDED NOR ARE TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$69.. One average sized suitcase not exceeding 50 lbs total weight and 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) is permitted throughout the trip.

NOT INCLUDED: Expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to: passport and visa fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, after dinner coffee or tea, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, tips and taxes mentioned above, excess baggage and insurance, etc.

DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATIONS: A deposit of \$300 is required to secure reservations. Any balance is to be paid in full no later than 60 days before departure of tour. Final payments received at Unitours after 45 days

before departure must include a \$25 late payment fee. (This does not apply for new reservations made after 45 days of departure.) Reservations made within 60 days of departure must include full payment. Amex, Visa and Mastercard are accepted with signed reservation form. Final payments will be applied to same credit card on final payment due date. Cancellations made from time of reservation to within 61 days prior to departure - - \$100 processing charge plus any air penalties noted above. In the event of a cancellation from 60 to 8 days of departure - - \$150 processing charge plus up to 50% of the land cost, plus any air penalties noted above. There can be no refund for any services for cancellations received within 7 days of departure. All cancellation and refund claims must be in writing to Unitours, Inc.

CHANGE FEE: All changes not received in writing at least 30 days prior to departure will incur a \$35 change fee per person for each revision.

DEVIATIONS: A service charge of \$50 per person will be applied for any deviations made in tour, (where possible), PLUS any additional air or land charges incurred.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS: The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen emergencies.

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