

# *Classic Italy Pilgrimage*

**October 17 - 28, 2023**

*visiting: Venice, Florence, Padua, Siena, Assisi, Rome and more!*



*hosted by:*

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## Program Cost †

\$4,989.00 per person - double occupancy

† A limited number of single rooms may be available at a supplemental cost of \$1,149.

† Price is based on a minimum of 33 group members. Space is limited

## Deposit Schedule

- \$900 per person due with reservation
- Final payment is due by June 15, 2023

## Program Highlights

- Round trip air transportation from Chicago, including taxes and fees in effect as of February 2023
- 10 nights accommodations in first class (4 star) hotels
- Breakfast daily and 6 dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Professional tour manager to accompany the group in Europe
- European transportation via deluxe private motorcoach
- Comprehensive sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary, including applicable entrance fees
- Masses to be scheduled during the tour
- Porterage of one suitcase per person at European hotels

### RESERVATION FORM

Please make your check payable to Trans World Travel, Inc. and return to:  
Fr. Seaman and Fr. McCray Italy Tour, c/o Trans World Travel, Inc., 734 Central Avenue, Highland Park, IL 60035

\* Couples living at the same address may use the same form. Individuals living at separate addresses should use two forms.

*Enclosed is my (our) completed reservation form for the trip to Italy departing on October 17, 2023 and a deposit check in the amount of \$900 per person. I understand that the completed form and deposit indicates my (our) acceptance of the General Conditions and Cancellation Policies stated on the back of this brochure and the understanding that there can be future increases by the air carrier for fuel and/or government related taxes. All payments must be made by check. We strongly recommend that all passengers consider optional travel protection insurance that can include pre-existing conditions. You will receive information about the NTA Travel Protection Plan in your welcome packet.*

NAME(S) AS SHOWN ON YOUR PASSPORT(S): PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Name 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First name(s) as you would like them to appear on your name tag(s): 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_ Bedding preference (*not guaranteed*): \_\_\_one bed \_\_\_two beds

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not yet have a roommate. Please notify me if anyone is looking for a roommate for this trip.

\_\_\_\_\_ If available, I prefer a single room for an additional \$1,149.

Airline Seating Request (*not guaranteed*): \_\_\_\_\_ Window \_\_\_\_\_ Aisle

Dietary restrictions (if applicable) (*not guaranteed*): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Important: Please send a copy of the photo page of your passport to Trans World Travel!**

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**Tuesday, October 17, 2023 - Chicago O'Hare Departure:** This evening we begin our journey to Europe. Meals will be served during our overnight flight.

**Wednesday, October 18 - Venice / Mestre:** Upon arrival at Venice Airport we will meet our professional tour manager and proceed to our waiting motorcoach for the drive to our hotel. We will arrive in Mestre with time to check-in and relax before dinner at our hotel. *Welcome to Italy!* (D)

**Thursday, October 19 - Venice:** This morning we will board a motor launch and travel through the canals to the islands of Venice. Our walking tour will include a visit to one of the glass factories for which the city is so famous, St. Mark's Basilica and Square, and views of the Doge's Palace, the Bridge of Sighs and Rialto Bridge. This afternoon is free to enjoy people-watching from a cafe in St. Mark's Square or to shop along the narrow streets and canals filled with bustling activity. In the late afternoon, we can enjoy an optional gondola ride arranged by our tour manager, before dinner at a local restaurant. In the evening we return by private boat to the mainland for overnight in Mestre. (B, D)

**Friday, October 20 - Mestre / Padua / Florence:** This morning we journey first to Padua to visit a city which considers itself to be one of the oldest in Italy (according to local tradition, it was founded by the Trojans). We will see the beautiful Prato della Valle as we walk to the Basilica of St. Anthony, which houses the Saint's tomb and relics. We will celebrate Mass and enjoy a guided visit of the Basilica complex. This afternoon we will journey south to Florence, the cradle of the Renaissance, for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**Saturday, October 21 - Florence:** Today we will discover Florence and experience its heritage as we begin our morning walking tour. We will visit the Accademia, where we will see Michelangelo's famous David; the Duomo and Giotto's Tower; the Baptistery's Gates of Paradise; the open-air gallery of Signoria Square; and Santa Croce Church where Michelangelo is buried. The remainder of the day is ours to relax, or better yet - to become better acquainted with this lively city where the artistic heritage of the Renaissance is part of everyday life. Overnight in Florence. (B)

**Sunday, October 22 - Florence (Tuscany Excursion):** No visit to Italy could be complete without experiencing the breath-taking view of its most famous landmark . . . but the Leaning Tower of Pisa is just one of a quartet of spectacular buildings on Pisa's 'Field of Miracles,' which also includes the Cathedral, Baptistery and Cemetery. Following our visit to Pisa we continue to San Gimignano, most remarkable of the medieval, Tuscan hill towns, where time seems to have stood still since the Middle Ages. We will have some free time this afternoon to absorb the unique atmosphere of this walled city, before returning to Florence for an evening at leisure. (B)

**Monday, October 23 - Florence / Siena / Assisi:** This morning we continue through the rolling hills of Tuscany to picturesque Siena, where we stroll through narrow Gothic streets lined with palaces and patrician mansions. We'll visit the magnificent Cathedral, as well as the birthplace of St. Catherine of Siena. In the afternoon, we continue to Assisi and its spectacular location in the heart of Umbria. Before driving up to the hillside town and our hotel, we will enjoy wine tasting and an early supper at one of the local wineries. Overnight in Assisi. (B, D)

**Tuesday, October 24 - Assisi / Rome:** This morning we will explore this hilltop, walled town, which is a monument to the all-embracing spirituality inspired by St. Francis. We will tour the Basilica of St. Clare, the Piazza del Comune, and the Basilica of St. Francis (where Mass will be requested at the tomb of St. Francis), after which there will be some free time to absorb the unique atmosphere of this special place. We will depart Assisi in the afternoon to pause in the valley below the town and visit the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli with its Porziuncola - the chapel given by the Benedictines to St. Francis and his followers, which became the cradle of the Franciscan Order. We then continue to Rome for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**Wednesday, October 25 - Rome (Papal Audience):** This morning we will participate in the Papal Audience, which will be requested for our entire group. In the early afternoon, those who wish can return to the hotel with our motorcoach. Those who prefer to explore further on foot can join our tour manager to walk from St. Peter's Square, across the River Tiber to Piazza Navona and on to the Pantheon. We are then free to return to the hotel on foot or by taxi, for an evening of leisure (B)

**Thursday, October 26 - Classical and Christian Rome:** Today begins with a visit to the Basilica of St. John in Lateran, the Mother Church of Rome. Later we explore the enduring legacy of the Roman Empire by coach and on foot - we will see the Baths of Caracalla, the Circus Maximus, Palatine and Capitoline Hills, the Roman Forum and the Colosseum. The afternoon and evening are free to continue exploring the Eternal City. (B)

**Friday, October 27 - Rome (Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica):** This morning is dedicated to the Vatican State - we will visit its Museums, the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica and Square. The afternoon is free for individual pursuits before we celebrate the final Mass of our tour and enjoy our farewell dinner. (B, D)

**Saturday, October 28 - Rome / Chicago:** This morning we say 'Arrivederci' to Italy and to our tour manager as we transfer to Rome Airport to begin our journey home. We arrive in Chicago in the early evening. *Welcome Home!*

*Key: B - Breakfast, D - Dinner*



## GENERAL CONDITIONS

Trans World Travel, Inc. (TWT)

**CANCELLATIONS** per person: All requests for cancellations must be submitted in writing and acknowledged by TWT. A \$250.00 administrative fee will be assessed for any cancellation for any reason. In addition, all acknowledged cancellations will be subject to the following terms:

1) Cancellations postmarked within 180 days of tour departure, penalty equals 10% of tour cost per person.†

2) Cancellations postmarked within 120 days of tour departure, penalty equals 25% of tour cost per person.†

3) Cancellations postmarked within 90 days of tour departure, penalty equals 50% of tour cost per person.†

4) Cancellations postmarked within 45 days of departure, penalty equals 100% of tour cost per person.†

†Additionally, unless a replacement is found, a cancelling tour member will also be charged for the single supplement fee of one's non-cancelling roommate. TWT shall process such refunds, subject to the above terms offset by applicable penalties as soon as reasonably practicable.

**PARTIAL OR COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL AFTER TOUR BEGINS:** Once the tour is in progress, no refund will be made for any unused portion of the tour.

**CANCELLATION BY TWT:** TWT reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason, including insufficient number of participants, in which case a full refund will be given less any charges of fees assessed by hotels, motor coach companies, airlines or other third party vendors. TWT shall be excused from the performance of its obligations under this Agreement to the extent that such performance is prevented by a fire or other casualty, strike, pandemic, Act of God, other cause beyond the control of the Parties. TWT also has the right to withdraw your membership at any time if your actions impose upon or disturb the other members of the tour. All additional costs to send a tour member home will be borne by the tour member.

**INSURANCE:** An optional insurance plan is available. We strongly urge all tour members to have insurance in the event of illness or death occurring prior to departure or during the tour. Please note that all insurance policies will be subject to all terms and conditions applicable to the respective insurance policies and participants should review all terms and conditions. Such policies may not cover pre-existing conditions unless enrollment for the insurance is done within a specified number of days of TWT registering you for the tour.

**DEVIATIONS:** Deviations from the group itinerary will be quoted separately upon receipt of a detailed written request. Changes are subject to a TWT deviation fee of \$200 per person plus any other travel related fees from airlines, hotels, etc.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Round-trip in Economy Class. Individual seating requests cannot be guaranteed due to airline seating policies. TWT must have your legal name as it appears on your passport. Ticket reissue fees are subject to the policies of the individual airline contracted for your tour. Passengers not traveling on the group's air itinerary are responsible for arranging their own transfers from their arrival airport to the group's first hotel or cruise ship and from the group's last hotel or cruise ship to their departure airport.

**HOTELS:** We exercise our best efforts to use mostly 3 & 4-star hotels that are chosen on the basis of location, cleanliness, services and, when possible, are typical of the local area. Hotels do not allow credits if passenger chooses to depart earlier than the scheduled group departure.

**WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:** Excluded is any item or service not specifically indicated as included - such as cost of passports, visas where required, portage at airports and/or ship docks, gratuities on all cruise ships, tips to tour manager, motor coach driver or guides, optional tours, and any other items of a personal nature including beverages with included meals. No responsibility is incurred by TWT for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the passenger's belongings. Baggage, health and trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

**ITINERARY CHANGES:** Occasionally, a change in a portion of your tour, accommodations, services, etc. may be necessitated due to: altered transportation schedules/equipment, weather conditions, labor strikes, road construction, or for other unforeseen reasons outside the control of TWT. Any resultant expenses shall be borne by the passengers.

**RATES:** All rates in this brochure are based on applicable tariffs in effect at the time of printing. Tour price can be increased due to the occurrence of currency fluctuations, the increase in fuel, increase in air tickets, various taxes, or any other increase connected with the tour package. Any cancellation due to any of the above changes is subject to the cancellation policy stated above.

**LEGAL / HEALTH DOCUMENTS:** For international travel, all U.S. citizens must have a current passport with at least 6 months validity remaining from your return date. For certain countries, you might also need a properly dated visa. These documents are your responsibility, and we urge you to apply for these documents as soon as possible.

### RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility of Trans World Travel, Inc. is strictly limited. As a tour operator, TWT organizes, promotes and sells tour programs consisting of certain travel services, including, but not limited to, surface transportation, sightseeing excursions and hotel accommodations which TWT purchases or reserves from various suppliers. The suppliers providing travel services for TWT's tour programs are independent contractors

and are not agents or employees of TWT or any subsidiary company. To the extent that TWT is involved in the sale of air transportation to you, TWT acts as an agent of the air carrier. For all other purposes, TWT does not act as agent for any party.

TWT is not responsible for the willful or negligent acts and/or omissions of such suppliers or any carrier or their respective employees, agents or representatives including, without limitation, their failure to deliver or their partial or inadequate delivery of services. All coupons, receipts and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers and/or carriers. By utilizing the travel service of the suppliers, you agree that neither TWT nor any subsidiary company or representative shall be liable for any accident, injury, property damage or personal loss to you or to those traveling with you in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other travel services or resulting directly or indirectly from any occurrences or conditions beyond its control, including, but not limited to, acts of terrorism, defects in vehicles, breakdown in equipment, strikes, theft, delay or cancellation of or changes in itinerary or schedules.

Except as specifically set forth herein, TWT does not make any representations or warranties with respect to the services performed under this Agreement and hereby specifically disclaims all other representations and warranties with respect to the services, whether expressed or implied.

Any action commenced arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be resolved by arbitration in Cook County, Illinois, unless another location is mutually agreed upon, in accordance with the commercial arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association. The award rendered by the arbitrator(s) shall be final, and judgment upon the award may be entered by any court located in Cook County, Illinois.

These tour programs are planned in advance. If, between planning time and the actual tour operation, circumstances beyond TWT's control require changes, TWT reserves the right to vary itineraries, change the departure date and substitute components of tour programs, which could also include replacing the tour host due to sickness, etc. Remember that all travel documents, as well as compliance with customs regulations, are your (the tour member's) responsibility.

The payment of the required deposit or any other partial payment for a reservation on a tour constitutes consent to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure. The terms under which you agree to take these tours cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized officer of TWT. TWT is not responsible for typographical errors or errors of omission. If you should have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please call TWT prior to registering for the tour.

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