

Join us from Appleton on a journey through Italy

October 16th - 27th, 2019



Overview

On this trip we will visit some of the most spectacular places in the world. We will stay in beautiful, four-stars hotels and enjoy privately-guided tours organized just for our group.

At the end of each day we'll enjoy a plentiful three course Italian dinner together.

Cost

For only \$2975.00 you can join this incredible trip. The price is based on a double room and includes four-star lodging, private tours, private motor-coach transportation and daily breakfast and daily dinner. There are only 35 spaces available! Contact Joe Long at jlong@prorome.com or (570) 309 1346 for more information or to sign up.



“Not all are called to be artists in the specific sense of the term. Yet, as Genesis has it, all men and women are entrusted with the task of crafting their own life: in a certain sense, they are to make of it a work of art, a masterpiece.”

-Pope Saint John Paul II



Meet the Tour Directors

Joseph and Rachel Long

A citizen of both the United States and Italy, Joe completed a graduate degree in Church History in Rome in 2014. In the same year his career as a tour director began. Joe organizes and directs a number of summer programs and tours throughout Europe every year.

Rachel has a BA in Theology from Ave Maria University and helps to take care of the many logistical details of the program. Joe and Rachel were married in December of 2016. Since then they have been living both in the US and in Europe.



Wednesday, October 16

Today we depart for Italy from Chicago. A private transfer from Appleton to Chicago has been arranged. We will depart from the Holiday Inn by the Fox River Mall.

Thursday, October 17

After landing at Rome FCO a private bus will take us directly to our four-star hotel *Donna Camilla Savelli* in the heart of Rome's favorite neighborhood, Trastevere. There will then be a private bus tour of the city in the afternoon followed by dinner together back at the hotel.

Friday, October 18

Today we will visit three of the most important churches in the world. Our day begins with Mass in St. Peter's Basilica followed by a climb up into Michelangelo's dome. We will then visit the Basilicas of St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran, where we will have the chance to venerate some of the holiest relics in all of Christendom, such as the Table of the Last Supper, the Nails that pierced Christ, the Crown of Thorns and Holy Stairs that Christ walked on when meeting Pontius Pilate. After a wonderful day we're back at the hotel for dinner.



Saturday, October 19

Today we will visit the catacombs of St. Sebastian and explore the ancient tombs that once held our Christian forebears. We'll then visit the Basilica of St. Paul's, an immense neo-classical Basilica that holds the body of St. Paul, the great missionary apostle and one of the pillars of the Roman Catholic Church! After visiting this great church we'll head back to the hotel for dinner.

Sunday, October 20

Today we will attend the American pilgrims Mass at the church of Santo Spirito at 10:00 AM. We'll then head on over to St. Peter's Square to see the Pope! Every Sunday at 12:00 PM, the Pope gives an address and a blessing from the Apostolic Palace to everyone congregated below in the square. We will then have time for lunch followed by a tour of the ancient city! On this tour we will visit the Colosseum and the Roman Forum! We'll conclude our day with a visit to Piazza Navona and the Pantheon, the only fully intact building from Roman antiquity! We'll then head back to the hotel for dinner.



Rome - Vatican City - Assisi - Siena - Florence - Orvieto

Monday, October 21

Today we will board our bus and depart for Assisi, the birthplace and burial place of two of history's greatest saints, Saint Francis and Saint Claire. We'll return in time for dinner at the hotel.

Tuesday, October 22

In the morning we will visit the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel. After the tour concludes there will be time for lunch and shopping in the Borgo Pio neighborhood. In the afternoon we will meet at the hotel and depart for the "Purgatory Museum", a small display of relics said to be from purgatory inside the neo-Gothic church of Sacro Cuore del Suffragio. We will then visit the Spanish Steps and the Trevi Fountain. After throwing our coins in the fountain, we'll enjoy a final farewell dinner together at *Abruzzi*.

Wednesday, October 23

Today we will see the Holy Father at one of his regular Wednesday audiences. Don't forget to bring everything that you would like to have blessed by the Pope! We will then have lunch, collect our bags and depart for Florence. Arrivederci, Roma! Our hotel in Florence is the beautiful four-star *Grand Hotel Baglioni*.

Thursday, October 24

Today is a day dedicated to art and architecture: Florence. Before touring, however, we will have with Mass in the monastery-church of San Miniato, an ancient hermitage founded by the Armenian martyr St. Minias in the 3rd century! This beautiful place of prayer overlooks the city of Florence.

We will then visit some of Florence's most beautiful and renowned churches and museums, including the Duomo, the Accademia and the Basilica of Santa Croce. There will also be time to do some shopping in Italy's largest outdoor leather market, the famous Mercato San Lorenzo. We will then rendezvous back at the hotel for dinner.



Friday, October 25

After breakfast we're off to Siena, a great medieval city perched on three hills. Here we will visit the home of St. Catherine of Siena as well as the Basilica of San Domenico and the Basilica of San Francesco. Inside the Basilica of San Francesco we will venerate the hosts of the Eucharistic Miracle of Siena. We'll then visit the city's main square, the Piazza del Campo, one of Italy's most celebrated and beautiful urban spaces. After this we will tour the Duomo of Siena, one of Italy's finest churches. After exploring Siena we are back on the bus and headed home to Florence. On the way home we will have dinner

Saturday, October 26

Today we bid farewell to Florence and depart for Rome, FCO. On the way there, we will stop in the beautiful city of Orvieto for lunch and a tour of the great Cathedral, inside of which is the first Eucharistic Miracle, the Corporal of Bolsena. After a peaceful last day together, we depart again for the airport, where we will check in at the Holiday Inn. We'll enjoy a final farewell dinner together at the restaurant.

Sunday, October 27

Today we depart for the United States from Rome Fiumicino. A private transfer back home to Appleton has been arranged.

Trip to Italy

Cost?

\$2975.00

(Double Occupancy, Land Only)

Single Room Surcharge = \$795.00

Payment Schedule

\$275.00 Deposit - Due November 20, 2018

\$1350.00 Installment - Due February 20, 2019

\$1350.00 Installment - Due April 26, 2019

Round-trip Airfare TBD - Due April 26, 2019

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE ON
THE TRIP OR FOR MORE
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INCLUDED

TRANSPORTATION

Private transfers by luxury motor coach. All travel expenses are included in the price.

TOURS

Privately guided tours throughout. Entry fees included in price. All tour costs are included.

LODGING

Beautiful, centrally-located four-star hotels.

MEALS

Daily buffet breakfast and daily dinner included.

NOT INCLUDED

- Round-trip airfare (estimated \$800.00 - \$1000.00)
- Daily Lunch (Estimated between \$10.00 and \$25.00 per meal)
- Laundry, Room Service, Beverages and Snacks from hotel Mini-bar, International Calling Fees and any additional services
- Tips for bus driver (suggested 20 euro per person for the driver)
- Beverages at dinner (with the exception of water)

NB Travel/medical insurance; insurance is available for purchase through ProRome:

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