

# WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

## A 10-Day Pilgrimage to Italy

*“Paul purposed in the Spirit to go to Jerusalem after he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, saying, ‘After I have been there, I must also see Rome’” – Acts 19:21*

### Suggested Pilgrimage #3 (8 nights/10 days)

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#### Day 1 Tuesday, June 21, 2022

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Depart on an overnight flight to Rome, Italy

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#### Day 2 Wednesday, June 22 Rome (D)

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Arrive at the Rome Airport

Meet your Faith Journeys Tour Manager who will assist the group to the awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer into the city

Time permitting, travel to the Catacombs of St. Domitilla

Celebrate Mass

Check-in to the hotel for a Welcome Dinner and overnight

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#### Day 3 Thursday, June 23 Rome (B)

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Breakfast at the hotel

This morning, we will visit Vatican City and tour the Vatican Museums, which house what can be described as the most important collections of art in the world, including The Sistine Chapel

Lunch, on own

Visit St. Peter’s Basilica. Marvel at Bernini’s beautiful bronze canopy and Michelangelo’s Blessed Mother, known as the *Pieta*

Afternoon guided tour of *Imperial Rome*, including entrance to the Roman Forum and Colosseum. Also view the Pantheon, Baths of Caracalla, and Palatine Hill

Dinner, on own

Return to the hotel for overnight

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#### Day 4 Friday, June 24 Rome (B)

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Breakfast at the hotel

Our day begins with Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary Major. We will also visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran, which is the oldest of the major basilicas and ranks first as the actual “parish church” of the Pope. We will learn about the Scala Sancta (Holy Stairs). Tradition has it that these steps are sanctified by the footsteps of Jesus Christ during his Passion

Lunch, on own

Next, we will see the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls which was founded by Roman Emperor Constantine I over the burial place of Saint Paul

Dinner, on own

Return to the hotel for overnight



**Day 5 Saturday, June 25 Rome (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel  
Enjoy the morning at leisure for additional sightseeing, shopping, or other activities  
Lunch, on own  
**Attend the meeting of the Pope with families**  
Dinner, on own  
Return to the hotel for overnight



**Day 6 Sunday, June 26 Rome (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel  
**Attend the closing Mass of the World Meeting of Families with the Holy Father**  
The remainder of the day will be at leisure for self-arranged time for reflection, worship, sightseeing, and/or other activities  
Dinner, on own  
Return to the hotel for overnight



**Day 7 Monday, June 27 Assisi / Montecatini (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out  
We will travel to Assisi, the site of many a pilgrimage which lies in the Umbria region of Italy on the eastern flank of Monte Subasio. While in Assisi, we celebrate Mass and explore the huge 13<sup>th</sup>-century basilica which contains many of the possessions of St. Francis  
Lunch, on own  
We will also visit the church of Santa Maria Maggiore, the earliest extant church in Assisi, as well as the Basilica of Santa Chiara, where St. Clare who founded the Order of Poor Clares, followed in the humble ways of St. Francis.  
We will also visit the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels, with the enclosed Porziuncola, the home of Francis of Assisi  
Dinner, on own  
Continue to Montecatini for overnight



**Day 8 Tuesday, June 28 Florence (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel  
Transfer to Florence for a half-day tour that the lofty Palazzo Vecchio. Visit the Ponte Vecchio, the bridge across the Arno. See the Baptistery with Ghiberti's *Gates of Paradise*, the Campanile, and entrance to the Duomo and the Academy of Fine Arts, to see Michelangelo's original *David* and other sculptures by the great master (using the whisper system)  
Lunch, on own  
Afternoon at leisure for reflection, worship, sightseeing, and/or shopping  
Dinner, on own  
Return to the hotel in Montecatini for overnight



**Day 9 Wednesday, June 29 Florence / Venice (B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out  
Transfer to the main island of San Marco via public boat. A morning walking tour includes St. Mark's Square, with entrance to the incredibly rich Basilica of St. Mark and the Doge's Palace where the powerful and prosperous dukes of Venice ruled their far-flung empire at its height during the 15th century  
Lunch, on own  
Afternoon at leisure for reflection, worship, sightseeing, and/or shopping  
Evening Farewell Dinner as a group



Check-in to the hotel in Venice-Mestre for overnight

**Day 10 Thursday, June 30**

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Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to the Venice (or Milan) international airport for the return flight to the USA

***This is a very flexible itinerary.** Except for confirmed appointments, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable*

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