

# TOUR CONDITIONS

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Economy class jet connecting IATA and ATC carriers. Airfare is based on SUPER APEX 6-21 days plus domestic add-on fares where applicable. Airfares are based on August 2011 rates and are subject to change without prior notice.

**BAGGAGE:** Limited to one normal size suitcase, the weight of which should not exceed 50 pounds. Flight bags, cosmetic bags, briefcases, and camera cases remain in the personal care of tour members and are not included in the 50 pounds.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Superior First Class and First Class Hotels, two persons sharing a twin bedroom with private bath. **A limited number of single rooms are available at \$850.00 supplemental cost. Confirmation required before departure.**

**MEALS – TWO MEALS PER DAY:** Breakfast and dinner daily.

**SIGHTSEEING:** Catholic historian and theologian, Dr. Marcellino, will be our primary commentator on the art, history, culture and spiritual heritage of Italy, Crossroads of Christendom. He will be assisted by English-speaking escorts and local government licensed guides. All entrance fees are included when applicable to specified sites.

**TIPS:** Tips associated with portage at the hotels, meal gratuities, GUIDES and DRIVERS rendering services totaling \$110.00 are **NOT** included. You will be billed for this amount on your final invoice.

**TAXES:** Service charges as imposed by lodging facilities, taxes by local administrations and government authorities on lodging are included on all services rendered to the group. Airport taxes and international border taxes where applicable abroad totaling \$565.00 for New York passengers and \$645.00 for Dallas passengers **ARE NOT** included in the price of the tour and are subject to change without prior notice. You will be billed for this amount on your final invoice.

**THE TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:** Expense of passports, laundry, wines, liquors, mineral water, lunches and after supper coffee or tea or items not found on the menu, excessive baggage expenses, and all items of a personal nature, plus those not listed as being included in the tour price.

**BOOKING AND CONDITIONS:** This is an exclusive, by invitation-only, pilgrimage hosted by Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, who reserves the right to approve all requests to participate in the tour. Deposit and payment. A deposit of \$300.00 per person is required at the time of booking. Final payment must be made no later than 60 days prior to departure.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Cancellations must be made in writing. Cancellations made up to 60 days prior to departure, refunds will be made less \$100.00 per person administrative fee. Cancellations made 59-36 days prior to departure will be subject to \$300.00 per person administrative fee. Cancellations received 35 days or less prior to departure have to pay a charge equivalent to 75% of the cost of the basic tour from the Gateway City.

**NO SHOW NO REFUND.** Cancellation charges with medical reasons certified by a hospital and accepted by the airlines and suppliers will only be made based on refunds from suppliers and less \$300.00 per person administrative fee. **CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.** No refunds for services or sightseeing rendered and not used by tour members. In the event departure does not reach the minimum required number prior to departure, Consolidated Tours Org. Inc. **RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL**, withdraw or change the tour in whole or in part at any time in the event a change is deemed necessary by CTO, Inc. The sole obligation of CTO, Inc. is to refund payments received in connection herewith if not acceptable to tour members.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Consolidated Tours Org. Inc. (CTO) and their Agents assume no liability or responsibility for any injuries or loss of property, accident, delay, changes in schedule or itinerary or incidental damages, occasioned by circumstances beyond the control of CTO, Inc. or by any person or reason whatsoever, including but not limited to default or omission of and by any third party providing services or facilities related to or included in this tour or any part thereof or in arranging for same. The IATA carriers, steamship firms and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their respective conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passenger and CTO, Inc. assumes no liability or responsibility in connection therewith.

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# Consolidated Tours Organization, Inc.

## Italy: Crossroads of Christendom

*Exclusive, By Invitation Only Pilgrimage directed by:*

***Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio***

Catholic Author, speaker and media personality

Co-hosted by his wife, Susan

**May 14-24, 2012**

**\$3,899.00 From New York, (JFK)**

(Plus Tips, Taxes and Fuel Surcharge)

**\$3,949.00 From Houston, (IAH)**

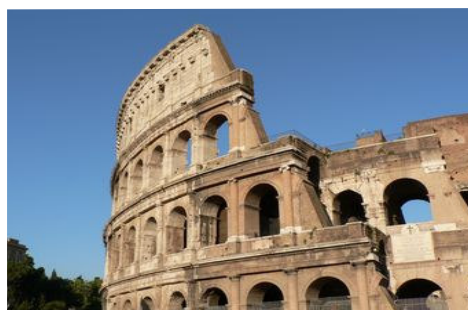
(Plus Tips, Taxes, and Fuel Surcharge)

**\$4,179.00 From Dallas (DFW)**

(Plus Tips, Taxes, and Fuel Surcharge)

**\$3,470.00 Land Only**

(Plus Tips)



**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE PILGRIMAGE**  
*PRINT LEGIBLY ALL DETAILS AND MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:*  
**CONSOLIDATED TOURS ORGANIZATION, INC.**  
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NAME Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
**(NAME AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT)**

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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TOUR HOST NAME: Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio      **TOUR NUMBER:** 101-944-

Yes, definitely arrange for the following inclusions. It is understood an invoice is to be sent to me and is to be paid in full sixty (60) days prior to departure. The \$300.00 per person deposit is attached to confirm participation and as credit to the total cost of the tour.

[   ] SINGLE ROOM ON TOUR - \$850.00  
**LIMITED NUMBER OF SINGLES**

[   ] NEW YORK, JFK - \$3,899.00

[   ] HOUSTON, IAH - \$3,949.00

[   ] DALLAS, DFW - \$4,179.00

[   ] LAND ONLY - \$3,470.00

Parish Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE READ THE TOUR CONDITIONS CAREFULLY, SINCE ENROLLMENT IN AND PAYMENT FOR THE TOUR CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE OF THE TOUR CONDITIONS.



**REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAVEL:**

**PASSPORT** – American citizens traveling abroad must have a valid passport. Apply at your nearest passport office or clerk of superior court immediately. Non-American citizens need to check with CTO for requirements.

**VISA:** ITALY – None for US Citizens.

**VACCINATION:** None at this time

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# 11 DAYS PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

**MAY 14: BEGINNING OUR PILGRIMAGE** Depart North America via jet service enroute to Rome, Italy. Meals will be served in flight.

**MAY 15: ROME** Upon your arrival in Rome, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Balance day at leisure. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

**MAY 16: PAPAL AUDIENCE AND VATICAN** After breakfast we drive to Vatican City to attend the weekly *Papal Audience*. Visit *St. Peter's Basilica* built on the site where St. Peter was martyred. Construction of St. Peter's began in 1506 and was completed in 1626. St. Peter is buried here along with many other popes. Afternoon proceed to visit the Vatican Museum and Library, as well as the Sistine Chapel and Vatican Treasury. Return to hotel for Dinner and overnight.

**MAY 17: BASILICAS OF ROME** After breakfast proceed to the *Basilica of St. John in Lateran*, St. John Lateran is Rome's cathedral; it is here that the pope officiates in his capacity as bishop of Rome. The former residence of the popes prior to their return to Rome in 1377. Continue to the *Basilica di Santa Croce in Gerusalemme* (Holy Cross in Jerusalem). It is one of the seven pilgrimage churches in the Eternal City. Santa Croce is well worth a visit for its extraordinary collection of relics from the Holy Land and its full-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin. This afternoon we proceed to *St. Paul Outside the Walls* to visit the burial place of St. Paul the Apostle. The chapel of relics has numerous relics, the most notable of which are a set of chains said to be the prison chains of St. Paul, used in the last days before his execution. *Mass* will be celebrated. Continue to *Santa Maria Sopra Minerva*, Rome's only gothic church. View the tomb of St. Catherine of Siena (1347-1380), whose body lies beneath the main altar. Continue to the Pantheon for a brief visit and then on to the Spanish Steps. Return to your hotel for dinner.

**MAY 18: DAY TRIP TO SUBIACO** Today's excursion is to St. Benedict's Monastery at Subiaco. We will have *Mass* in Subiaco. Proceed to Tivoli Gardens for a brief visit. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

**MAY 19: ANCIENT ROME** After breakfast we will start our tour with Visit to *St. Maria Maggiore Basilica*, on the highest point on the Esquiline Hill. Then proceed to the *Basilica di San Clemente (Basilica of St. Clement)*, including the excavations, an early Christian basilica in Rome dedicated to Pope St. Clement (d. 99 AD). The Basilica of St. Clement hosted two papal councils in the 5<sup>th</sup> century. In 1857 Fr. Joseph Mullooly, O.P., then the Prior of San Clemente, began excavations under the present basilica, uncovering not only the original, fourth-century basilica directly underneath, but also an even lower level, the remains of a first-century building. Then proceed to the *Colosseum*, where fights between men and beasts, gladiatorial contests, races and simulated naval battles took place in the arena. Continue to the *Roman Forum*, the religious, political, and commercial centre of ancient Rome. The Roman Forum which stands in the center of modern Rome as a romantic statement to past greatness. Once upon a time, most of the known world was directly affected by decisions made in the Roman Forum. Walking tour of the Forum. This afternoon we will proceed along the *Appian Way* on our way to visit the

Catacombs. Visit the *Catacombs of St. Callixtus* where early Christians held their forbidden service to escape persecution. *Mass* will be celebrated. Return to your hotel for dinner.

**MAY 20: ROME/ORVIETO/ASSISI** Depart Rome this morning and drive to Assisi via Orvieto. Then proceed to Orvieto where we visit the *Cathedral of Orvieto*. In the chapel of the Cathedral of Orvieto is the holy corporal containing the blood from the Eucharistic Miracle of Orvieto in 1263 that occasioned the proclamation of the Feast of Corpus Christi and inspired St. Thomas Aquinas to write the famous hymn "Tantum Ergo". *Mass* will be celebrated. Proceed to Assisi, we will visit the *Monastery of St. Damian (Covneto di San Damiano)* closely associated with St. Francis, who received his calling here and also with St. Clare who died here in 1253. We will also visit *Carceri Hermitage*, a series of caves where St. Francis came to meditate and pray, together with some disciples. Dinner and overnight in Assisi.

**MAY 21: ASSISI/FLORENCE** After breakfast we will visit the home of St. Francis. We will visit the *Basilica of St. Francis*, the upper Basilica with Giotto frescos representing St. Francis' life, the lower Basilica and the Tomb of St. Francis. *Mass* will be celebrated. Continue to the *Basilica of St. Clare*, the basilica was built between 1257 and 1265 and houses the incorrupt body of St. Clare. Continue to the *Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels and the Portiuncula Chapel*, the birthplace of the Franciscan order. Proceed to Florence for dinner and overnight in Florence.

**MAY 22: FLORENCE** Full day tour of Florence, the Renaissance city. Visit the *Cathedral of Santa Maria Del Fiore*, with its great representation of Tuscan Gothic Architecture. The giant dome, designed by Brunelleschi, is decorated by an immense fresco, "The Last Judgement", by Vasari and Zuccaro. Over the Porta Della Manorla along the north wall is by Ghirlandaio. Next, we proceed to visit *Giotto's Bell Tower*. This 14th century Campanile rises to a height of 292 feet. Continue to visit the *Baptistry of San Giovanni*, with Ghiberti's greatest work, the East Door or "Great of Paradise" which took the artist some 27 years to complete. Visit the *Academy Gallery*, where you will see some of the most famous works of art in the world including Michelangelo's David. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

**MAY 23: BOLOGNA/FLORENCE** This morning after breakfast, we will visit the *Basilica of San Domenico*, one of the major churches in Bologna where the remains of Saint Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) are buried inside the exquisite shrine. *Mass* will be celebrated. Continue to *Convent of San Marco*, named for a religious complex in Florence, Italy. It comprises a church and a convent. The convent, which is now a museum, during the 15<sup>th</sup> century, was home to two famous Dominicans, the painter Fra Angelico and the preacher, Girolamo Savonarola. Afterward you will be transferred to your hotel in Florence and the balance of the day is at leisure to relax.

**MAY 24: FLORENCE / NORTH AMERICA** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to North America.