

ITALY

CROSSROADS OF CHRISTENDOM

with
Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio
and **Fr. John Carney**

11 Days
May 25-June 4, 2020



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(additional cost)
\$795.00

*Prices are valid only if the deposit
of \$500.00 is received no later
than January 20, 2020*

Final payment due March 25, 2020



Fr. John Carney is the pastor emeritus
of the Church of the Incarnation in
Rio Rancho, New Mexico

**This active program
covers a good amount
of ground each day.**

**You need to be able to
walk for 60 minutes
straight and on
uneven surfaces.**

**Some stairs will
be encountered.**

ITINERARY

✚ DAY 1, Monday, May 25: DEPART USA

Depart NYC area airport or Dallas / Ft. Worth on an overnight flight to Italy. Dinner and breakfast are served on the plane. Add-on rates are available from Albuquerque and most major cities. To qualify for the group rate used for pricing at least ten passengers must travel from the same airport.

✚ DAY 2, Tuesday, May 26: ROME – FLORENCE

Welcome to Italy! Upon arrival, we are greeted by our English speaking tour manager who will be with the group during our entire stay in Italy. We board the private deluxe motor coach for a drive to Florence. Dinner and overnight in Florence. (D)

✚ DAY 3, Wednesday, May 27: FLORENCE

This morning after our open buffet breakfast, which is included each day, we have a full day tour of the Renaissance city including a visit to the Convent of San Marco. The priory, which is now a museum, was home to two famous Dominicans of the fifteenth century, the fiery preacher Savonarola and the saintly artist, Fra Angelico, whose frescos adorn the walls of the convent. Next, visit the Academy Gallery, home to one of the most famous sculptures in the world, Michelangelo's David. In the afternoon we will explore the Cathedral of Santa Maria Del Fiore, with its great representation of Tuscan Gothic Architecture and Giotto's Bell Tower, a 14th-century masterpiece that rises to a height of 292 feet. The giant dome of the church, designed by Brunelleschi, is decorated by an immense fresco, "The Last Judgement," by Vasari and Zuccaro. We will also visit the Baptistry of San Giovanni and admire the East Door or "Great of Paradise" which took the artist, with Ghiberti, some 27 years to complete. Enjoy a bit of leisure time before we return to the hotel dinner and overnight in Florence. (B, D)

✚ DAY 4, Thursday, May 28: FLORENCE – ASSISI

Today we explore the Renaissance town square of Florence, the Piazza Della Signoria, and visit the quaint Bargello museum which houses a lovely collection of Florentine art by Michelangelo and others. Next, we will visit Michelangelo's parish church, Santa Croce, where Dante is buried, and then visit Santa Maria Novella to see the famous Trinity by Masaccio. We will then bid farewell to Renaissance Florence and make our way to Assisi, the hometown of the great Saint whose name was taken by our current Pope. We will begin our visit at the Portiuncula, one of the chapels rebuilt by St. Francis, and St. Mary of the Angels Church. Dinner and overnight in the magical, medieval hill town of Assisi. (B, D)

✚ DAY 5, Friday, May 29: ASSISI

We will visit the Basilica of St. Francis, the upper Basilica with Giotto's frescos representing the life of St. Francis, then the lower Basilica and the Tomb of St. Francis. Proceed to the Basilica of St. Clare and the Chapel of San Damiano where St. Francis received his call to rebuild the Church and where St. Clare lived and died. We will also visit the Carceri Hermitage, a series of caves on Mt. Subasio, above Assisi, to which St. Francis and the friars frequently retreated to meditate and pray. Dinner and overnight in Assisi. (B, D)

✚ DAY 6, Saturday, May 30: ASSISI – ORVIETO – ROME

We depart Assisi and drive to Rome via Orvieto where we visit the gothic Cathedral built to house the holy relics of the Eucharistic Miracle of Orvieto. It was this miracle that occasioned the proclamation of the Feast of Corpus Christi and inspired St. Thomas Aquinas to write the famous hymn "Tantum Ergo." We enjoy lunch in a local restaurant with tasting of the Orvieto and Orvieto Classico wine this region is famous for. In the afternoon we proceed to Rome and settle into our hotel for dinner and overnight in Rome. (B, L, D)

✚ DAY 7, Sunday, May 31: CHRISTIAN ROME

We celebrate Mass with the locals this morning before going to see the Holy Father praying the Angelus at noon from the window of his study overlooking Saint Peter's Square. After

Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Ph.D. ("Dr. Italy")



**Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio and
his wife Susan**

Marcellino D'Ambrosio is a NY Times best-selling author and a renowned commentator on Catholic issues appearing on Fox News' "Geraldo Rivera At Large" and Bill O'Reilly's radio show. A doctoral student of the renowned Avery Cardinal Dulles, he is known as "Dr. Italy" due to his special expertise in the history, culture, and cuisine of the Italian people. Dr. Italy will be our principal guide on this pilgrimage, providing expert commentary on the art, saints, and heritage of Rome, Florence, and Assisi.

the Angelus, Pope Francis will give his Apostolic Blessing, which extends to you, your loved ones, and any devotional items that you have brought with you to be blessed. Following lunch we visit St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran, the Holy Stairs and Holy Cross in Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B, L, D)

✠ DAY 8, Monday, June 1: ANCIENT ROME

We begin our day visiting the fascinating Church of San Clemente an early Christian basilica in Rome dedicated to Pope St. Clement (d. 99 AD). In the 19th century, excavations under the present basilica uncovered not only the original, fourth-century basilica directly underneath, but also, on an even lower level, the remains of the first-century Christian house church that most probably was the home of Pope St. Clement, the third successor of St. Peter. We walk to the Colosseum, where fights between men and beasts, gladiatorial contests, races, and simulated naval battles took place in the arena, and which was dedicated to the memory of the Christian martyrs by Pope Benedict XIV. Continue to the Roman Forum, the religious, political, and commercial center of ancient Rome, and for centuries, the entire civilized world. We see the Arches of Constantine & Titus. Next, we visit the Pantheon and the Church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, where St. Catherine of Siena is buried under the main altar before time at leisure and an opportunity to visit the Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps and Piazza Navona on our own. Overnight in Rome. (B, Dinner is at leisure)

✠ DAY 9, Tuesday, June 2: VATICAN TREASURES

This morning, we start with a visit to the Vatican Museum where we will see the magnificent rooms painted by Raphael as well as the Sistine Chapel, followed by a tour of St. Peter's Basilica and the fascinating Scavi, or Vatican Necropolis, the excavations under St. Peter's where St. Peter was buried after his martyrdom. There will be free time during which people may explore St. Peter's, pray in one of the chapels, ascend to the top of the cupola, visit the basilica's treasury, or shop for souvenirs. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Rome on our own. Overnight in Rome. (B, Dinner is at leisure.)

✠ DAY 10, Wednesday, June 3: PAPAL AUDIENCE AND THE CATACOMBS

We return to Vatican City to attend a Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square with Pope Francis surrounded by the Magnificent colonnade of Bernini. Following lunch, we drive to the Basilica dedicated to the other great apostle of Rome, St. Paul Outside the Walls. Continue to the Catacombs of St. Sebastian, to venerate the tombs of the martyrs, and see some of the earliest examples of Christian art. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight in Rome. (B, L, Special dinner)

✠ DAY 11, Thursday, June 4: RETURN TO THE USA

This morning we are transferred to the airport for our flight back to the USA. (B)

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- Round trip airfare from NYC area airport to Italy + \$100 from DFW to Italy including 1 free checked suitcase of a maximum weight of 50 lbs.
- Add on flights from Albuquerque and most major airports available for an additional fee.
- Airline surcharges, fuel and airport taxes are included but subject to change until the time of ticketing
- Accommodations in first-class hotels for nine nights
- Open hot buffet breakfast daily
- Two restaurant lunches in Rome
- One restaurant lunch and wine tasting in Orvieto Six hotel dinners
- Farewell dinner in a local restaurant with a choice of wine or beer
- Beverages are not included unless noted.
- Private Air-conditioned motor coach
- English speaking tour manager
- All admission charges as per the itinerary
- Baggage handling for one suitcase per person only included at the hotels
- Parking fees for motor coaches
- Local hotel taxes
- Whisper sets
- Select International Tours Travel Portfolio
- Mass will be celebrated daily

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Personal expenses
- Travel protection - optional and highly encouraged
- Medical insurance
- Any items not specifically mentioned in the listed inclusions
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted
- Gratuities for the guide(s), driver and hotel staff are not included in the trip price. However, for convenience we will add \$165.00 per person to the final invoice and disperse them during the trip on your behalf
- Church donations

BAGGAGE CHARGES NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP COST:

- Any airline baggage charges for excess weight or checked luggage in excess of the 50lb piece of luggage that is included in the price.
- Baggage handling at train stations, airports, and hotels more than one suitcase per person.
- Any charges incurred due to excessive luggage including the cost of an additional baggage vehicle or portage charges.

Deposits and final payment: 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. A non-refundable **deposit of \$500.00** per person by check should accompany the enrollment form along with your optional travel protection payment, if purchasing, and a copy of your passport picture page by **January 20, 2020. Final payment is due by March 25, 2020. A late payment fee of \$100 will be charged per person for all registrations received after the final payment date.** Please mail your payment to: Select International Tours, 85 Park Ave., Flemington, NJ 08822 Attn: Jane Allison , 800-842-4842, jane@select-intl.com.

Your passport must be valid through December 4, 2020. Reservations will not be processed until we have passport copies. Prices quoted are based on cash payments. Cash prices \$4,995.00 for the complete package; \$4,095.00 land only (air not included); \$795.00 solo travel, additional cost, (in room by yourself). Credit card payments are: \$5,245.00 for the complete package; \$4,300.00 for land only; \$835.00 solo travel, additional cost, (in room by yourself).

Solo Travel: A limited number of single rooms are available. Prices are based on two people per room. We do not guarantee room mates but will do our best to connect you with a possible share.

Land Only Option: Land only services start and end at the hotels, unless you are able to meet the group at the airport, and do not include airfare.

Tour Cancellation Policy: A \$350.00 non-refundable fee will be assessed if reservation is canceled more than 90 days prior to departure. 90-60 days before departure, a total of \$500.00 is non-refundable. Within 60 days of departure, all payments are non-refundable regardless of reason for cancellations. All airline tickets are non-refundable once issued. All cancellations must be in writing. We strongly encourage you to purchase **Travel Protection**. Call or visit our website for details on the cost per person for the Group Deluxe and Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) plans. CFAR is not available in N.Y. State. We encourage all travelers to purchase a plan at the time of initial deposit. This document contains highlights of the plans. The plans contain insurance benefits underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company. The plans also contain non-insurance Travel Assistance Services that are provided by an independent organization. Coverages may vary and not all coverage is available

in all jurisdictions. For travel protection information go to www.selectinternationaltours.com.

Baggage: Each participant is permitted to check (1) suitcase weighing no more than 50 lbs., and one small carry-on bag on the plane. Airline baggage fees are not included. Please check the specific baggage fees on the airline website.

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Pricing: Prices are based on a minimum of 30 passengers traveling & payment by cash or check. Fuel surcharge and taxes are subject to change at time of final invoicing.

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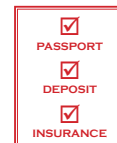
Shipping & Handling: \$15.00 per person - not included in package price will be added to each invoice. Your invoice will confirm the trip enrollment.

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Please complete this form and mail it to Select International Tours, along with your deposit, travel protection payment (if purchasing), and a copy of your passport picture page.



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Street Address: _____

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Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Land only : _____ ☐ Need help with flights from _____

Medical/Dietary Needs _____
(Starts/ends at hotel, no airfare)

Updates about your trip will be sent by email only. Please be sure that your settings allow for electronic communication originating from jane@select-intl.com

Room: (check one) Single (1 Bed) _____ Double (1 Bed, 2 People) _____ Twin (2 Beds, 2 People) _____ Triple (3 Beds) _____

Name of Roommate(s): _____

Emergency Contact (Name and Phone): _____

Enclosed is a check/money order in the amount of \$ _____ for my initial deposit.

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