

ITALY

CROSSROADS OF CHRISTENDOM

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

11 Days
September 6-16, 2021



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\$5095.00

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\$4095.00

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(additional cost)
\$795.00

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\$500.00 is received no later than
May 28, 2021*

Final payment due July 8, 2021



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, September 6: DEPART USA

Depart on an overnight flight to Florence. Dinner and breakfast are served on the plane. Group air is confirmed from Dallas/Fort Worth and Albuquerque. To qualify for the group rate used for pricing, at least ten passengers must travel from the same airport. Add-on rates are available from most major cities

✚ DAY 2, Tuesday, September 7: 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 bus and transfer to our hotel. Mass will be celebrated Dinner and overnight in Florence. (D)

✚ DAY 3, Wednesday, September 8: FLORENCE

This morning after our open buffet breakfast, which is included each day, we have a full-day tour of the Renaissance city, starting with 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, we visit the Accademia Gallery, home to one of the most famous sculptures in the world, Michelangelo's David. During the break for lunch on our own, we suggest visiting the famous "San Lorenzo Market". It is a swarm of colors and scents and is a kitchen gourmet's muse, with its plethora of artisan bread in all shapes and sizes, stands overflowing with in-season fruits and vegetables fresh from the farms, and an immense variety of cheeses and cured meats. After lunch, we explore the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, with its great representation of Tuscan Gothic Architecture. The giant dome of the church was designed by Brunelleschi. We see Giotto's Bell Tower, a 14th-century masterpiece that rises to a height of 292 feet, and the Baptistery of San Giovanni, with its East Door, called the "Gates of Paradise," which took the artist Ghiberti, 27 years to complete. The remainder of the late afternoon is at leisure to explore additional treasures of Florence on our own. The outdoor Ponte Vecchio, covered since medieval times with goldsmiths' shops, is a must for Florence's other specialty – handcrafted gold jewelry. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight in Florence. (B.D.)

✚ DAY 4, Thursday, September 9: FLORENCE – ASSISI

After breakfast and hotel checkout, we walk to Michelangelo's parish church, Santa Croce, where Dante is buried. Continue with the guide to Piazza Della Signoria, and visit the quaint Bargello museum, which houses a lovely collection of Florentine art by Michelangelo and others. Next, we visit, Santa Maria Novella to see the famous Trinity by Masaccio. Break for lunch. In the afternoon, we 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 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, September 10: ASSISI

Today we 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. We proceed walking up to the Basilica of St. Clare, After a break for lunch on our own, we will be transferred by vans to the Convent of San Damiano, where St. Francis received his call to rebuild the Church and where St. Clare lived and died. We 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. Return to Assisi. Time at leisure before dinner and overnight in Assisi. (B.D.)

✚ DAY 6, Saturday, September 11: ASSISI – ORVIETO-ROME

We depart Assisi and drive to Rome via Orvieto and 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, September 12: CHRISTIAN ROME

We concelebrate 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 the

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.

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, September 13: IMPERIAL ROME – BAROQUE 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. By bus, we then reach Piazza Navona where we break for lunch. In the afternoon we continue our visit walking to the Pantheon and the Church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, where St. Catherine of Siena is buried under the main altar before. From here we reach the Trevi Fountain. The balance of the afternoon and evening is at leisure, giving us an opportunity to visit the fashion shopping district around the Spanish Steps on our own, or to return to the hotel to rest. Overnight in Rome. (B. Dinner is at leisure)

✚ DAY 9, Tuesday, September 14: VATICAN TREASURES

This morning, we start our tour with a visit to the Vatican Museum. Here we see the magnificent rooms painted by Raphael as well as the Sistine Chapel. We continue with a tour of St. Peter's Basilica which includes the Scavi, also known as the Vatican Necropolis, the excavations under St. Peter's where St. Peter was buried after his martyrdom. There will be free time to 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, September 15: 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 Catacombs of St. Sebastian, to venerate the tombs of the martyrs, and see some of the earliest examples of Christian art. Continue to the Basilica dedicated to the other great apostle of Rome, St. Paul Outside the Walls. Return to the hotel to rest. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight in Rome. (B.L. Special dinner)

✚ DAY 11, Thursday, September 16: 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 DFW airport or ABQ to Italy. Must have 10 passengers from each city to qualify for group rates
- Add on flights from 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
- Checked suitcase of a maximum weight of 50 lbs
- Accommodations in first-class hotels for nine nights
- Open hot buffet breakfast daily
- Two restaurant lunches in Rome
- One restaurant lunch and a wine tasting in Orvieto
- Six hotel dinners
- Farewell dinner in a local restaurant with a choice of wine or beer
- Beverages with meals may be ordered at an additional cost
- 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 wait 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.

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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 May 28, 2021. Final payment is due by July 8, 2021. 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 March 6, 2022. Reservations will not be processed until we have passport copies. Prices quoted are based on cash payments. Cash prices \$5,095.00 for the complete package from Dallas; \$5,470.00 for the complete package from Albuquerque; \$4,095.00 land only (air not included); \$795.00 solo travel, additional cost, (in room by yourself). Credit card payments are: \$5,248.00 for the complete package from Dallas; \$5,635.00 for the complete package from Albuquerque; \$4,218.00 for land only; \$819.00 solo travel, additional cost, (in room by yourself).

Pilgrimage prices: Prices are based on minimum 30 passengers. Prices may be adjusted in the event of fewer than 30 passengers, changes in currency conversion rates, or amendments in local government taxes and/or fuel surcharges. Prices are in US dollars.

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

Land Only Option: Land only services start and end at the hotels and do not include any airfare. You are welcome to transfer from the airport with the group if you arrive at the same time, otherwise, transfers are not included.

Tour Cancellation Policy: Individual deposits are refundable except for a \$350.00* per person handling fee for cancellations made 90 days or more before departure. *If cancellation is made prior to 95 days before departure the \$350 handling fee can be used as a future travel credit towards another pilgrimage up to two years later. A \$500.00 non-refundable fee will be assessed if the reservation is canceled between 90 and 60 days prior to departure. 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. Unused portions of the trip are not refundable. If a roommate cancels, the cost of a solo supplement will be added to your invoice. You may be eligible for a refund through your travel protection. Refer to the U.S. Policy by State on our website. Future travel credits are non-refundable and supercede the terms and conditions outlined in the cancellation policy above.

Trip Cancellation Protection: We strongly encourage you to purchase a [Travel Protection Plan](#) for the protection of your travel investment. Please consider purchasing this plan at the time of initial deposit in order to be covered for pre-existing conditions. Visit our website, [www.selectinternationaltours.com](#), for details and costs, per person, for the Group Deluxe and Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR) plans. Please note that CFAR is not available in NY State. 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.

Airline, seating and special requests: To best accommodate our pilgrims, we often utilize Group Air Reservations. These allow more predictable transfer and tour schedules. How-

ever, when booking Group Air, the airline (not Select International Tours) controls seating assignments. If you require very specific seats, we suggest that you book your own airfare and take advantage of our "Land Only" options. You may communicate directly with the airline to request seating changes, provide mileage program information, or change passenger contact information once you receive ticket numbers—approximately three (3) weeks prior to departure. We work with instant purchase airline tickets and or group rates. If you switch from air and land to land only within 90 days from departure you will be charged a \$100 service fee in addition to any airline charges. All special needs and requests due to medical or dietary restrictions must be requested in writing at least 60 days prior to departure. Business class and Premium Coach seats are available upon written request; as are add-ons from your hometown airport. If you require very specific airlines or schedules, we suggest that you book your own airfare and take advantage of our "Land Only" options.

Walking: Our trips require daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, steps, and uneven terrain. We recommend preparing oneself, by walking before the trip. Anyone needing assistance is required to be accompanied by a qualified and physically-able travel companion. We are not responsible for any medical condition that occurs prior, during or after the trip.

Safety Procedures: Select International Tours has undertaken a reasonable inquiry, with all the suppliers (including airlines, hotels, bus companies and other service providers) used on our trips to ensure they have instigated the best available procedures regarding the pandemic- protective policies advised by local government and health authorities. The client understands and agrees that the supplier(s) may not apply those policies as diligently as the policies suggest. In addition even if the supplier makes a good faith effort to enforce its good practices, some travelers may simply refuse to cooperate. Therefore the client agrees not to hold Select International Tours or group leaders responsible should they or anyone on the trip contract COVID-19 or any other illness during or after the trip.

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 websites of your air carrier for specific size and weight restrictions and baggage fees.

Responsibility: By accepting this confirmation, you agree that the Group Leaders and Select International Tours, Inc. have no responsibility for any acts or omission of the travel suppliers in your itinerary and during your trip. We have no special knowledge regarding the financial conditions of the suppliers, unsafe travel conditions, health hazards, or weather hazards at locations traveled. We are not responsible for flight delays or cancellations or any charges incurred due to unforeseen circumstances. Unused portions of the trip are non-refundable. For information about destination climate, risks, and safety please consult the appropriate on-line resources. For health information consult the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. You are responsible for checking passport, visa, vaccination, or other entry requirements of your destinations. Itineraries are subject to change. We are not responsible for any damaged, lost, or stolen articles. We are not responsible for any sickness, injury, or death during or after the trip. Travel documents will be mailed out approximately three (3) weeks before departure. Please review them carefully for any errors.

Shipping & Handling: \$15.00—not included in package price—will be added to each invoice. Your invoice will confirm the trip registration.

Future Travel Credits may be used on this trip. Please see the "Future Travel Credit" section of the Terms and Conditions (<https://www.selectinternationaltours.com/terms-conditions>) for details regarding their use.

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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.



Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell/Home Phone: _____ Contact Cell for Airline While Traveling _____

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

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

☐ Air from Albuquerque ☐ Air from Dallas

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): _____ If single: ☐ Match me with a roommate ☐ Solo (in room by myself)

Emergency Contact (Name and Phone): _____

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

I am purchasing travel protection: _____ Yes _____ No, I decline. Enclosed is \$ _____

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