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***additional charge*

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***additional charge*

Prices are per person

Base Price - Land Only - Option to purchase air on your own and meet the group at the airport on June 23, 2027

Group Air Price based on a minimum of 10 passengers

Prices are valid only if the deposit is received no later than March 1, 2027

Final payment is due March 21, 2027



Register online now - selectinternationaltours.com **Trip Code: 27JA06PPITMD**

OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR TO VENICE AND PADUA:

June 19, Saturday, Day PT-1: DEPART USA – OVERNIGHT FLIGHT TO VENICE

Depart on an overnight flight bound for Venice. Dinner and breakfast are served on board. Pre-tour airfare is booked separately from the main group air block. Please coordinate flight arrangements with Jane Allison, the Select International Operations and Account Manager, who can advise on the best available options from your departure city.

June 20, Sunday, Day PT-2: ARRIVE VENICE – WELCOME TO PADUA

Arrive at Venice Marco Polo Airport, where we are met by our English-speaking Christian Tour Manager and assisted with boarding our private motorcoach for the approximately 45-minute transfer to Padua. In the afternoon, we visit the Abbey of Santa Giustina, a church rarely visited by American pilgrims but very important as a pilgrimage site, as it houses the relics of several early Christian martyrs and saints, including **St. Luke the Evangelist** and **St. Justina of Padua**. Here we celebrate Mass. After checking into our hotel and freshening up, we gather for a welcome dinner, the perfect occasion to meet our fellow pre-tour pilgrims and set the tone for the days ahead. Overnight in Padua. **Meals: Welcome Dinner**

June 21, Monday, Day PT-3: PADUA – SAINT ANTHONY AND THE CITY OF THE SAINT

This morning, we celebrate Mass at the magnificent Basilica of Saint Anthony of Padua, one of the most visited pilgrimage churches in Christendom and the final resting place of the great Franciscan preacher and wonder-worker. We venerate the relics of **St. Anthony**, including his incorrupt tongue and vocal cords, preserved as a sign of his lifelong dedication to proclaiming the Word of God. We then visit the Oratory of St. George and the Scrovegni Chapel, whose interior is adorned with Giotto's breathtaking 14th-century fresco cycle depicting the lives of Our Lady and Christ, among the most important works of art in the Western tradition. The afternoon is free to explore Padua's lively market squares and medieval arcaded streets at our own pace. Dinner at leisure in Padua. **Meals: B**

June 22, Tuesday, Day PT-4: PADUA – VENICE

This morning, we travel by private coach to Venice, approximately 45 minutes from Padua. We step aboard a vaporetto for a cruise along the Grand Canal before exploring the heart of La Serenissima on foot. We celebrate Mass at Santa Maria della Salute (TBC), a historic Venetian church with a soaring dome, vast windows, and beautiful, glittering gold details, and visit the Basilica of St. Mark, whose gilded Byzantine mosaics and sacred relics have drawn pilgrims for more than a millennium. Venice is full of art and beautiful churches, and we recommend that, during our time at leisure, you visit the Basilica di Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari in San Polo for paintings by Titian, or the Church of San Rocco and its museum if you are a fan of Tintoretto's paintings. We also recommend a visit to the Church of San Zaccaria, where the impressive paintings by Venetian masters are on another level. Walk across the Rialto Bridge, wander the labyrinthine calli, and sample the city's renowned cicchetti before returning to Padua by early evening. Dinner and overnight in Padua. **Meals: B, D**

June 23, Wednesday, Day PT-5: PADUA – MILAN – BERGAMO – SOTTO IL MONTE – JOIN THE MAIN GROUP

After breakfast, we check out of our Padua hotel and travel by private coach to Milan, approximately 3 hours west. Before arrival in Milan, we stop in the city of Bergamo to visit the striking Bergamo Cathedral and the Basilica of St. Mary Major in the walled city. We visit the Capella Colleoni with its magnificent frescoes and carvings. Departing Bergamo, we stop at Sotto il Monte, where we can see the birthplace of Pope John XXIII, before continuing to our hotel in Milan. Upon arrival, we check into the group hotel and settle in. This evening, we join the full



pilgrimage group for the welcome dinner, a joyful gathering of pre-tour participants and newly arrived pilgrims, marking the official start of the main tour together. The full group itinerary begins tomorrow morning. Overnight in Milan. Mass will be celebrated. **Meals: B, D**

MAIN TOUR:

June 22, Tuesday, Day 1: DEPART USA – NYC AREA OR DFW TO MILAN

Depart NYC area airport or Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport on an overnight flight to Milan. Dinner and breakfast are served on board. Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are available upon request and can be quoted starting 120 days before departure. Please note: group air restrictions do not permit specific seat assignments. If confirmed seating is a priority, we recommend purchasing your own airfare and booking the land-only package with us.

June 23, Wednesday, Day 2: WELCOME TO ITALY – ARRIVE MILAN

Arrive at Milan's Malpensa Airport and transfer to our centrally located four-star hotel.* After time to rest and refresh, gather this evening for a welcome dinner with wine and the chance to meet our fellow pilgrims. Mass will be celebrated. *The schedule for this day will depend on the flight arrival time, as hotel check-in is at 4 PM.* **Meals: Welcome Dinner with wine**

June 24, Thursday, Day 3: MILAN

We begin the day with Mass, then visit the magnificent Duomo di Milano, where the relics of **St. Charles Borromeo** are enshrined alongside a nail from the Passion of Christ. St. Helena sent this relic to her son Constantine, who had it fashioned into a bridle for his horse; it later came into the possession of **St. Ambrose** and is now raised and lowered on a special platform for veneration. Next, visit Santa Maria delle Grazie to view Leonardo da Vinci's fresco "The Last Supper" (TBC-subject to ticket availability). In the afternoon, explore the Basilica of Sant'Ambrogio, the final resting place of Milan's patron saint. The evening is free to explore Milan's exceptional dining scene. Overnight in Milan. **Meals: B**

June 25, Friday, Day 4: PAVIA – ST. AUGUSTINE – WINE TASTING

Travel to Pavia to celebrate Mass at the Church of San Pietro in Ciel d'Oro, the final resting place of **St. Augustine** and **St. Boethius**. We then explore the magnificent Certosa di Pavia, one of Italy's most beautiful monasteries. Lunch follows at Tenuta Travaglino, a fifth-generation family winery set among rolling hills, where we enjoy a guided wine tasting amid the estate's historic cellars. Return to Milan for dinner and overnight. **Meals: B, L at the winery, D**

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- Round-trip coach-class group airfare from DFW or JFK area airport to Milan
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges (subject to change until ticketing)
- First-class hotel accommodations for 10 nights
- Daily buffet breakfast at the hotel
- 5 dinners at the hotel (beverages not included; available for purchase)
- Welcome dinner with wine
- 5 lunches
- 1 Dinner at Osteria with wine
- Farewell dinner at a local restaurant, including half a bottle of wine per person
- Wine tasting in Pavia
- Wine-and-cheese experience in Arona
- English-speaking Christian Tour Manager
- All transfers via private, air-conditioned motor coach as per itinerary
- All visits and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Baggage handling at hotels
- Daily private Mass and spiritual program (confirmed)
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- Select International Tours travel portfolio
- **For your convenience, a gratuity fund of $230.00 per person will be added to the invoice and collected in advance to cover tips A tip fund of $100.00 will be added for the extension**

Pre-tour to Padua and Venice:

- 3 nights' accommodations in Padua in a first-class hotel
- Touring and sightseeing as noted
- Buffet breakfast daily at the hotel
- 2 hotel dinners (beverages may be purchased at an additional cost
- Transfers by private motorcoach
- English-speaking tour manager
- All entrance fees to specific sites listed
- Daily Mass

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Personal expenses
- Trip Protection and Medical Insurance (highly recommended)
- Any items not explicitly mentioned in the list of inclusions
- Beverages at meals, unless otherwise noted
- Church donations recommended at $3.00 - $5.00 per person per Mass
- Airport transfers for land-only passengers unless the travelers are at the airport at the same time as the group
- Airline seat assignment and flight pre-check-in
- Electronic Travel Authorization fees (ETIAS) if applicable

BAGGAGE CHARGES NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP COST:

- Airline baggage charges
- Baggage handling at the airports and hotels is limited to one suitcase per person.
- Any charges incurred due to excessive luggage, including the cost of an additional baggage vehicle or porterage charges.



June 26, Saturday, Day 5: SACRED MOUNTAINS – PASSION PLAY OF SORDEVOLO

This morning, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Sanctuary of Oropa, set in the Sacred Mountains of Piedmont, where we celebrate Mass. After lunch at the monastery restaurant, we stop in Pollone, the mountain village where St. Pier Giorgio Frassati's family spent summers, we visit his childhood home and the church where he was baptized. In the afternoon, we travel to the village of Sordevolo. After dinner and time to explore the village museum and shops, we take our seats at the open-air theater for the Passion Play, performed by the townspeople of Sordevolo since 1850 and last staged in 2015. Like the Passion Play of Oberammergau, this extraordinary production involves over 400 local participants from the town and surrounding villages and is performed in Italian. Tonight's performance begins at 9:30 PM. Dinner and overnight in Biella. **Meals: B, L, D**

June 27, Sunday, Day 6: ASTI – LANGHE – BRA

After breakfast, head into the heart of Piedmont and stop in Asti, the region's premier wine-producing center. Tour this elegant city, known for its medieval towers and beautiful churches, including the Church of San Secondo and the 14th-century Duomo, where we celebrate Mass. Enjoy a leisurely lunch accompanied by Asti Spumante. We then continue to the Langhe region for dinner and overnight in Bra. **Meals: B, L, D**

June 28, Monday, Day 7: LANGHE HILLS – WINE TASTING – TRUFFLE HUNTING – BRA

Spend another immersive day exploring the food and wine traditions of Piedmont. We visit the Langhe Hills to discover the story behind the famous Barolo wine, beginning with WiMu, the Wine Museum housed within Barolo Castle, followed by a tasting at the prestigious Marchesi di Barolo estate and cellars. Continue to the city of Alba, renowned for its white truffles, peaches, and wine production, for a guided orientation and a hands-on truffle-hunting lesson. This evening, we dine at Murivecchi, a beloved osteria in Bra. Overnight in Bra. Mass will be celebrated. **Meals: B, Special dinner at Murivecchi osteria.**

June 29, Tuesday, Day 8: TURIN – THE SAINTS AND THE SHROUD

This morning, visit the Basilica of Maria Ausiliatrice (Our Lady Help of Christians), founded by **St. John Bosco**, which contains the tombs of St. John Bosco, **St. Mary Mazzarello**, and **St. Dominic Savio**, where we celebrate Mass. We also visit the adjoining museum, where St. Bosco began his ministry to at-risk youth and founded the Salesian Order. After lunch, visit the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist to see a replica of the famous Shroud of Turin, the original is not on display to the general public. We also venerate the incorrupt body of **St. Pier Giorgio Frassati**, transferred here from his original burial site in Pollone in 1981. Dinner and overnight in Turin. **Meals: B, D**

June 30, Wednesday, Day 9: TURIN

We start with a visit to the Basilica del Corpus Domini, built to commemorate the Eucharistic miracle of June 6, 1453, and celebrate Mass there. We then travel to the Sacra di San Michele, an ancient abbey dramatically perched atop Mount Pirchiriano. Recognized as a symbolic monument of the Piedmont region, it inspired the best-selling novel "The Name of the Rose" by Umberto Eco, and members of the Royal House of Savoy are buried in its main church. The afternoon is free to browse the city's shops and sample Turin's famous chocolates, don't miss Bicerin, the city's iconic layered drink of espresso, chocolate, and whipped cream. Dinner is on our own this evening; Turin is the birthplace of the Slow Food movement, so take the opportunity to savor a meal at one of the city's many outstanding restaurants. Overnight in Turin. **Meals: B, L**

July 1, Thursday, Day 10: BORROMEAN ISLANDS — STRESA — LAKE MAGGIORE

Depart for the Lake Maggiore region and the resort town of Stresa. After Mass at the Hermitage of San Remigio, we board a boat for a cruise to the Borromean Islands, Isola Bella, Isola Madre, and Isola dei Pescatori, with a special lunch on the charming fishermen's island. Dinner and overnight in Stresa. **Meals: B, Special lunch on Isola dei Pescatori, D**

July 2, Friday, Day 11: LAKE MAGGIORE — SANTA CATERINA DEL SASSO — FAREWELL DINNER

Sail to the hermitage of Santa Caterina del Sasso, built into a sheer cliff face above the lake, where we celebrate Mass. We then continue by boat to Arona to admire the colossal 17th-century bronze statue of St. Charles Borromeo, one of the largest statues in the world. The afternoon includes a wine-and-cheese experience at Guffanti Fiori, one of Italy's finest affineurs. We close the pilgrimage with a farewell dinner at a restaurant overlooking Lake Maggiore. Overnight in Stresa.
Meals: B, Special farewell dinner overlooking Lake Maggiore

July 3, Saturday, Day 12: RETURN TO USA

Transfer to Milan Malpensa or Turin Airport (TBC) for our return flight home, carrying with you the memories and graces of this extraordinary pilgrimage through Northern Italy.



Sordevolo Passion Play and Northern Italy plus an optional pre-tour to Padua
with Marcellino and Susan D'Ambrosio, Msgr. Rick Stansberry, and Elizabeth Zelasko
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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.**
- Please use the QR code on the front of this brochure to enroll.
- A deposit of $1,000.00 per person should accompany your registration by March 1, 2027.
- Final payment is due by March 21, 2027*
- Your passport must be valid through January 3, 2028.

All prices are based on payment via check. A convenience fee of 4% will be charged for credit card payments. We also take payment via Zelle.

Please mail your payment to: Select International Tours, 85 Park Ave., Flemington, NJ 08822, Attn: Jane Allison, 800-842-4842, jane@select-intl.com.

PILGRIMAGE PRICES: Trip price is based on a minimum of 30 passengers. Prices may be adjusted for fewer travelers, changes in currency conversion rates, or amendments in local government taxes and/or fuel surcharges. For European travel, an exchange rate of US $1.20 per Euro is assumed. *A late payment fee of $100.00 per person will be charged for all payments received after the final payment due date.

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 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 $750.00 per person handling fee for cancellations made 121 days or more before departure. A $1,000.00 non-refundable fee will be assessed if the reservation is canceled between 120 and 91 days prior to departure. Within 90 days of departure, all payments are non-refundable regardless of the reason for cancellation. 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 provider.

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AIRLINE, SEATING AND CHANGES: To best accommodate our pilgrims, we utilize Group Air Reservations. This affords more predictable space and pricing. However, the airline (not Select International Tours) assigns seats when the group tickets are issued. If you require very specific seats, we suggest you take advantage of the "Land Only" option and book your own airfare. Airline ticket name changes due to missing, incorrect, or incomplete information provided during registration will result in fees of at least $350 per traveler. Switching reservations from Air and Land to Land Only within 100 days of departure will incur a minimum fee of $250.00 per person. Quotes for Business class and Premium Coach seats are available upon written request, as are add-ons from your hometown airport. We are unable to honor upgrade requests within 100 days of departure.

SPECIAL NEEDS AND REQUESTS: All special needs and requests due to medical or dietary restrictions must be received in writing at least 60 days before departure. People needing a wheelchair should bring their own and travel with a companion who can provide care for them.

WALKING: Our trips require daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, steps, and uneven terrain. We recommend preparing by walking before the trip. A qualified and physically able travel companion must accompany anyone needing assistance. We are not responsible for any medical condition that occurs before, during, or after the trip.

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This trip is open to passengers 8 years or older with appropriate adult supervision.

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