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"Religious Tours" are competitively priced journeys that focus on the needs of our faith-based travellers. Featuring three star hotels and more modest meals, these packages are designed to capture the reflective and humble surroundings of the world-famous spiritual sites they visit. With an emphasis on religious inclusions, these tours also include other culturally appropriate attractions and the services of a professional Tour Manager.



Collette Experiences

- Visit three of Rome's major basilicas: St. Mary Major, St. John in Lateran and St. Paul Outside the Walls.
- Stay two nights in San Giovanni Rotondo and pray in the church dedicated to Padre Pio.
- Admire the Holy House of Nazareth in the Madonna of Loreto Basilica.

Culinary Inclusions

- Dine at a popular local restaurant featuring regional delicacies and fine Italian wines.
- Enjoy regional wine with every included dinner.

Must-See Inclusions

- Behold the unsurpassed beauty of the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica.
- Attend the weekly papal audience at Vatican City when His Holiness is present.
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Highlights: Rome, Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo, Tomb of Padre Pio, Abbey of Santissima Trinita, Madonna del Rosario, Vatican City, Papal Audience, Christian Rome City Tour, St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. John in Lateran, St. Peter's Basilica, St. Mary Major

Day 1: Tuesday, October 4, 2016

Overnight Flight

Travel on an inspirational journey to some of the most fascinating religious sites and relics in the world.

Day 2: Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Rome. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant featuring regional delicacies and fine Italian wines. (D)

Day 3: Thursday, October 6, 2016

Rome - Assisi

Travel north to Assisi and begin your tour at St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, where St. Francis spent most of his life. Pause to reflect at the Chapel of the Porziuncola, the rose bush, and the cave where the saint prayed. Later, have time at the Church of St. Clare, who founded the Order of Poor Clares and followed the teachings of St. Francis by living a life of poverty and humility. Kneel before the crucifix from which Jesus spoke to



St. Francis, asking him to rebuild his church. **Join a local expert for a fascinating tour of Assisi highlighting the huge 13th-century basilica where you can see many of St. Francis' possessions and a series of frescoes depicting his life.**

Celebrate Mass in the Basilica of St. Francis this afternoon. *(B, D)*

Day 4: Friday, October 7, 2016 Assisi - Optional Florence Excursion

Enjoy a full day at leisure to independently explore historic Assisi. Or, if you prefer, join a full day optional excursion to Florence, the "Renaissance City," where a local expert provides a leisurely paced walking tour featuring the Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore – one of the largest in the Christian world, and the Baptistery doors. You also view the Palazzo Vecchio and the Ponte Vecchio. Enjoy several hours at leisure in Florence before returning to Assisi. *(B)*

Day 5: Saturday, October 8, 2016 Assisi - Loreto - San Giovanni Rotondo

Travel across the Apennine Mountains toward the Adriatic Coast to the

Marian shrine of Loreto. Discover the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto where more than 50 popes have made a pilgrimage. You will celebrate Mass before continuing your journey to San Giovanni Rotondo, home of Padre Pio. *(B, D)*

Day 6: Sunday, October 9, 2016 San Giovanni Rotondo - Monte Sant' Angelo - San Giovanni Rotondo

Begin your day with a special visit to Monte Sant' Angelo. **Take in the breathtaking views of the Gargano Peninsula and explore one of the most celebrated shrines of early Christianity – the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel.** Many popes and saints have knelt and prayed at this grotto, seeking the protection of Saint Michael. Later, return to San Giovanni Rotondo and celebrate Mass in the sanctuary of Padre Pio. This is followed by a tour of the sanctuary, including the old church and the



crucifix from which he received the stigmata in 1918, as well as Padre Pio's tomb. Then, visit the new church dedicated in 2004 to Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. You will also see the confessional where Padre Pio spent many hours directing pilgrims on their journey toward God. (B, D)

Day 7: Monday, October 10, 2016 San Giovanni Rotondo - Abbey of Santissima Trinita - Campania

Journey through the picturesque landscape of the regions of Apulia and Campania to Cava de Tirreni. Be introduced to the Benedictine Abbey of Santissima Trinita, founded in the 11th century by a local saint. After a guided visit to the abbey, you will have the option of celebrating Mass. (B, D)

Day 8: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 Campania - Madonna del Rosario - Abbey of Montecassino - Rome
Continue your travels to the town of Pompeii where you will visit the Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary, one of the most famous shrines of Christianity. Later, travel to Montecassino to discover the renowned abbey founded by St.

Benedict in the 6th century A.D. This sacred place houses the relics of St. Benedict and his sister, Saint Scholastica. Montecassino also became famous during the battles that took place here during World War II, when the abbey was bombed and destroyed. End your day in Rome. (B)

Day 9: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 Rome - Vatican City - Papal Audience - Christian Rome City Tour

This morning, attend the weekly papal audience** at Vatican City to receive the blessing given by His Holiness, Pope Francis. Later, stroll through the catacombs where early Christians, fearing persecution, hid and buried their dead. Next, spend time at Rome's major basilicas. See St. Paul Outside the Walls which contains the remains of St. Paul under its main altar; then visit St. John in Lateran, the former residence of the popes prior to their return to Rome in 1377. (B)

Day 10: Thursday, October 13, 2016 Rome - Vatican Museum

After celebrating Mass, you head towards Vatican City. In the Vatican Museum* you will view such historical treasures as the Sistine

Chapel and Michelangelo's restored mural of the Last Judgment. Then it's on to the breathtaking St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site where St. Peter was martyred. Known as the grandest of the world's churches, St. Peter's is unsurpassed in beauty. Proceed to St. Mary Major, one of the oldest shrines dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable pilgrimage to Italy. (B, D)

Day 11: Friday, October 14, 2016

Rome - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today in Rome. (B)

Itinerary at a glance

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Hotel Columbus, Rome
Days 3, 4	Grand Hotel Dei Congressi Assisi, Assisi
Days 5, 6	Hotel Parco delle Rose, San Giovanni Rotondo
Day 7	Hotel Scapolatiello, Campania, Italy
Days 8 – 10	Hotel Columbus, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Experience It! Marian Shrine of Loreto

This shrine is the location of a house that is believed to have once been the home where Mary conceived and raised Jesus. The legend states it was moved here from Nazareth by angels by way of Croatia. The Holy House of Nazareth is located inside of a large basilica. On the altar of the shrine you will find the sacred statue of Madonna of Loreto. Over 4 million Catholic pilgrims flock here each year to worship in the shrine and 50 popes have made the pilgrimage. The Holy House of Loreto has been one of the most celebrated Marian shrines in the world since the 14th century and you will delight in the unforgettable experience of celebrating Mass in this sacred place.

Please Note:

Please note that single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Please note that most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

*Vatican Museums are not available on most Sundays and holidays.

Proper dress, covering your knees and shoulders, is required when visiting religious sites, sanctuaries, basilicas, etc.

**The Papal Audience is, at times, unavailable due to the Pope's travel schedule.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at prescheduled times.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motorcoaches, especially in historic areas. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking

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