



St. Peregrine Pilgrimage

April 29-May 8, 2010

PROGRAM FEATURES

- Breakfast daily at the hotel
- Four (4) dinners at local restaurants, 1/2 bottle mineral water and 1 coffee or tea per person included, but no wine
- Half-day guided sightseeing tour of Florence with Professional English-speaking guide, including entrance fee to the Accademia
- Half-day guided tour of Siena with Professional English-speaking guide, including entrance fee to the Duomo
- Escorted excursion to San Gimignano (no local guide)
- Escorted excursion to Forli (no local guide)
- Half-day guided tour of Assisi with Professional English-speaking guide, including entrance fee to St. Francis Basilica
- Half-day guided tour of Ancient Rome with Professional English-speaking guide, including entrance fee to the Coliseum
- Half-day guided tour of the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's with Professional English-speaking guide, including entrance fee and mandatory whisper headsets
- Half-day guided tour of the Basilicas of Rome with Professional English-speaking guide, including entrance fee to the catacombs
- English speaking tour escort throughout, including board and lodging
- Transportation by private motor coach for the following services:
 - Transfer from Bologna airport to hotel in Bologna
 - Transfer from Bologna to Florence with en route stop in Forli to visit the venues of St. Peregrine
 - Transfer from Florence to Castellina in Chianti with en route stop in San Gimignano
 - Full day excursion to Siena
 - Transfer from Tuscany to Rome with en route stop in Assisi
 - Two (2) full days at disposal in Rome
 - Transfer from Rome hotel to FCO airport
- Tax and service charges as levied by the hotel
- All pertinent bus permits included
- NO portorage included

HOTEL ITINERARY

30 April/01 May	1 night	Bologna	Hotel NH De La Gare
01/03 May	2 nights	Florence	Hotel Executive
03/05 May	2 nights	Castellina in Chianti	Hotel Villa Casalecchi or similar
05/08 May	3 nights	Rome	Hotel Michelangelo

PROGRAM PRICE

\$3,125 per person in double occupancy, based on a minimum of 20 paying passengers. Price includes air on Alitalia Airlines from Chicago.

Single Supplement: \$575

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

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DAY 1

DEPART USA

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Italy.

DAY 2

BOLOGNA

Friday, April 30, 2010Upon arrival in Bologna meet your English-speaking tour escort who will remain with you throughout your stay in Italy. Transfer to your hotel in Bologna. This evening, enjoy a group dinner at a local restaurant. **D****DAY 3**

BOLOGNA

FORLI

FLORENCE

Saturday, May 1, 2010The day begins with breakfast at the hotel. Check out of your hotel and transfer to Forli, where St. Peregrine, the Patron Saint of Cancer Patients, was born in 1260. Visit the local sites associated with St. Peregrine and join the festivities and celebrations of the St. Peregrine Feast. Later today continue on to Florence for your overnight. **B****DAY 4**

FLORENCE

Sunday, May 2, 2010Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. This morning meet your local guide to experience the optimal Renaissance city. A walking tour will highlight the main Cathedral, 'Santa Maria dei Fiori', crowned by Brunelleschi's incredible dome. See Ghiberti's dramatic bronze 'Gates of Paradise', almost lost to the flood of 1966. Continue on to the Accademia to admire Michelangelo's imposing 'David'. Enjoy the entire afternoon at leisure to experience the many aspects of this beautiful city. Perhaps shop along via de' Tornabuoni or explore some of the many gourmet food and pastry shops. This evening enjoy a group dinner at a local restaurant. **B, D****DAY 5**

FLORENCE

CASTELLINA

IN CHIANTI

Monday, May 3, 2010Breakfast is served at the hotel. This morning depart the capital of Tuscany and journey through the countryside. Stop in San Gimignano along the way, which is perhaps the best-preserved medieval village in Italy. Admire the many towers, once the skyscrapers of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. Stroll through the tiny streets leading to the top of the villages and perhaps stop in one of the many cafes to try the local specialties. Continue on to Castellina in Chianti for your overnight. **B****DAY 6**

CASTELLINA

SIENA

CASTELLINA

Tuesday, May 4, 2010Breakfast is served at the hotel. This morning travel to Siena, where St. Peregrine joined the Servants of Mary. Your visit will include a guided tour of Siena, which will lead you through narrow streets, past medieval towers and walls to the Piazza del Campo, the site of Siena's famous annual horserace, the Palio. This evening enjoy a group dinner at a local restaurant before returning to Castellina. **B, D****DAY 7**

CASTELLINA

ASSISI

ROME

Wednesday, May 5, 2010Breakfast is served at the hotel. Today travel to Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis, who founded the Franciscan religious order in the town in 1208. The Basilica was constructed between 1569 and 1679 enclosing the 9th century little church, the Porziuncola, the most sacred place for the Franciscans. It was here that the young Francis of Assisi understood his vocation and renounced the world in order to live in poverty among the poor, and thus started the Franciscan movement. After your guided tour of Assisi, continue on to Rome, your home for the next few nights. **B****DAY 8**

ROME

Thursday, May 6, 2010Breakfast at the hotel. Begin your day with a guided tour of the Vatican Museums, including Michelangelo's masterpiece, the stunning frescoes found in the Sistine Chapel. With your expert local guide, wander leisurely along the galleries of the Vatican museums, passing by breathtaking Roman mosaics, sculptures of ancient Greece and Rome, the moving Laocoon group and Belvedere Apollo, and spectacular frescoed ceilings and tapestries in the Corridor of Tapestries. Continue on to Botticelli, Raphael's magnificent decoration of Giulius the II's Vatican apartment, and finally Michelangelo's masterpieces in the breathtaking Sistine Chapel. After lunch on your own, continue on with a tour of Christian Rome, featuring the most important and grandiose churches of Rome: St. Peter's Basilica with the beautiful Pietà by Michelangelo, St. John in Lateran with its 5th century mosaics, Saint Mary Major with its opulent gilded ceilings and St. Peter in Chains with the famous marble statue of Moses by Michelangelo. Your visit will also include a tour of the catacombs. **B****DAY 9**

ROME

Friday, May 7, 2010Breakfast is served at the hotel. Today's tour of Ancient Rome will bring to life the scattered ruins of the Roman Forum and the imposing Coliseum. The Coliseum was originally capable of seating around 50,000 spectators and used for gladiatorial contests and public spectacles. It remained in use for nearly 500 years with the last recorded games being held there as late as the 6th century. This evening enjoy a group dinner at a local restaurant. **B, D****DAY 10**

ROME

USA

Saturday, May 8, 2010Breakfast at the hotel. Checkout of your hotel and transfer to Rome airport for your flight home. **B**

Arrivederci!