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ITALY

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Day 1: July 12 | Departure from the United States
Our pilgrimage begins as we depart the United States on our overnight flight to Italy. Dinner and breakfast will be served during the flight.

Day 2: July 13 | Arrival in Rome & Transfer to Assisi
Upon arrival at Rome's Fiumicino Airport, we are greeted by our local guide and board our private motorcoach for the scenic drive to Assisi through the beautiful Umbrian countryside. After checking into our hotel, we gather this evening for a welcome dinner to begin our pilgrimage together. Overnight in Assisi. (D)

Day 3: July 14 | Assisi, Basilica of St. Francis & Basilica of St. Clare
We begin with a guided tour of the Basilica of St. Francis, admiring its stunning frescoes and venerating his tomb. We continue to the Basilica of St. Clare to view the San Damiano Cross that spoke to St. Francis, calling him to conversion. After free time for lunch, we walk through the charming streets of Assisi, visiting the birthplace of St. Francis and other key sites, and celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, home to the Porziuncola, the small chapel where St. Francis spent much of his life. Dinner and overnight in Assisi. (B/D)

Day 4: July 15 | Assisi, Eremo delle Carceri & Sanctuary of the Spogliazione
Today we journey to the peaceful Eremo delle Carceri, a hermitage nestled in the hills where St. Francis and his followers retreated for prayer and contemplation, with time for personal reflection in this serene setting. In the afternoon we visit the Church of San Damiano, where St. Clare lived and where St. Francis received his calling to rebuild the Church. We continue to the Sanctuary of the Spogliazione to venerate the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first millennial to be beatified, and celebrate Mass here. The evening is left free to explore Assisi's local shops and cafes before dinner. Dinner and overnight in Assisi. (B/D)

Day 5: July 16 | Siena Day Trip
We travel today to Siena, a city rich in Catholic heritage. We begin at the Basilica of San Domenico, home to the relics of St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church and co-patroness of Europe, where we celebrate Mass. We continue to the Siena Cathedral, a masterpiece of Italian Romanesque-Gothic architecture, and explore the Piazza del Campo, famed for the Palio horse race. Dinner and overnight in Assisi. (B/D)

Day 6: July 17 | Orvieto & Transfer to Rome
After breakfast we bid farewell to Assisi and travel toward Rome, stopping in the hilltop town of Orvieto to visit the magnificent Orvieto Cathedral, home to the corporal of the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena, when in 1263 a consecrated host began to bleed as a doubting priest celebrated Mass. We celebrate Mass here before continuing to Rome. Dinner and overnight in Rome. (B/D)

Day 7: July 18 | Rome, Major Basilicas
Today we visit three of Rome's four major basilicas, beginning with St. John Lateran, the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, and the Holy Stairs, venerated as the steps Christ ascended during his trial before Pontius Pilate. We continue to St. Mary Major, one of the oldest churches dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, where we visit the tomb of Pope Francis. In the afternoon we visit St. Paul Outside the Walls to venerate the tomb of St. Paul the Apostle. We celebrate Mass at one of these sacred sites, with free time in the evening to explore Rome. Dinner and overnight in Rome. (B/D)

Day 8: July 19 | Ancient Rome
We step back in time to explore Ancient Rome, beginning with a guided tour of the Colosseum, symbol of the Roman Empire, and the Roman Forum, the heart of ancient political life. We visit Palatine Hill, the legendary founding site of Rome. After free time for lunch, we walk along the Appian Way, one of the earliest roads of the Roman Republic, and visit the Catacombs of St. Callixtus, where early Christians gathered and were buried, and celebrate Mass. Dinner and overnight in Rome. (B/D)

Day 9: July 20 | Free Day in Rome
Our free day in Rome is left at leisure to rest or explore on your own, with transportation to and from the city center provided in the morning and afternoon. You may wish to visit the Pantheon or toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain to ensure your return to Rome. Overnight in Rome. (B/D)

Day 10: July 21 | Papal Audience & Vatican City
Our final full day in Rome begins with a visit to Vatican City. We enter St. Peter's Basilica, the heart of the Catholic Church. If available, we attend the Papal Audience with the Holy Father in St. Peter's Square, held each Wednesday morning, schedule permitting. After lunch we tour the Vatican Museums, marveling at the treasures of the Church, including the Sistine Chapel beneath Michelangelo's iconic ceiling. We celebrate a final Mass at a Vatican chapel together and gather for a farewell dinner, sharing memories from our pilgrimage. Dinner and overnight in Rome. (B/D)

Day 11: July 22 | Return Home
With hearts renewed by the grace of pilgrimage and the intercession of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi, we transfer to Rome's Fiumicino Airport for our return flight home to the United States. (B)



Your Pilgrimage Includes

- ✓ Roundtrip airfare from Boston (BOS)
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- ✓ Breakfast & dinner daily
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