

# **University Congregational Church**

## **ITALIAN JOURNEY**

## **APRIL 22, 2019 TO MAY 04, 2019**

#### April 22, 2019 Wichita to Rome

Boarding your overnight flight from Wichita to Rome you're off to Italy on the adventure of a lifetime!

#### **April 23 Arrive Rome**

Benvenuti a Roma!

Arrival Rome Airport, airport assistance and private coach transfer to Hotel club House Roma

Hotel Club House Roma 4\*/ Rome, directly at the metro station Cornelia (10 minutes to the Vatican and 15 to the Spanish stairs by metro) <a href="https://www.hotelclubroma.it/index.html">https://www.hotelclubroma.it/index.html</a>

#### **April 24 Rome**

Half Day Classic Rome tour. The group takes the Metro to the Colosseum which is the first stop followed by the Roman Forum, Palatin and Capitol by foot.

Travel back in time to Ancient Rome and discover the imposing Colosseum, the majestic ruins of Palatine Hill and the impressive Roman Forum and its fascinating history.

Afternoon is free time to explore on own or book optional tour offering:

Optional Christian Rome tour – 27.50 Euros + 10.50 Euros for guide (based on 20 participants) per person. In the afternoon for people who have booked the optional Christian Rome tour – meeting with the guide and 4 hours visit of the Vatican Museum and St. Peters Basilica.

#### **April 25 Rome**

Half Day Imperial Rome tour. The group takes the Metro to the Spanish Steps to begin their tour then proceeds to Trevi Fountain, Pantheon and Piazza Navona by foot.

Afternoon around 130p pick up by private coach for excursion to Monte Cassino including Guide at the Abbey. Monte Cassino (sometimes written Montecassino) is a rocky hill about 130 kilometres (81 mi) southeast of Rome, in the Latin Valley, Italy, 2 kilometres (1.2 mi) to the west of the town of Cassino and 520 m (1,706.04 ft) altitude. Site of the Roman town of Casinum, it is best known for its

historic abbey. St. Benedict of Nursia established his first monastery, the source of the Benedictine Order, around 529.

The hilltop sanctuary was the site of the <u>Battle of Monte Cassino</u> in 1944, where the building was destroyed by Allied bombing and rebuilt after the war. The site has been visited many times by Popes and other senior clergy, including Pope Benedict XVI in May 2009.

#### April 26 Rome – Assisi

Transfer Rome – Orvieto included with wine tasting, local snacks and guided visit of the Duomo – Assisi by private coach

#### April 26 - 28 Assisi

Hotel Cenacolo 4\*/ Assisi (Santa Maria degli Angeli) or similar <a href="https://www.hotelcenacolo.com/">https://www.hotelcenacolo.com/</a>

#### April 27 Assisi

Transfer to St. Francis Basilica included half day guide.

Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Italy. The Basilica of San Francesco d'Assisi (Basilica Papale di San Francesco in Italian) is an Italian cathedral located in the city of Assisi. This cathedral is the head, or mother church, of the <u>Franciscan Order</u> (the Roman Catholic Order of the Friars Minor).

#### In the afternoon travel to Spello (non-religious site)

Spello (in Antiquity: Hispellum ) is an ancient town and comune (township) of Italy , in the province of Perugia in east central Umbria , on the lower southern flank of Mt. Subasio . It is 6 km (4 mi) NNW of Foligno and 10 km (6 mi) SSE of Assisi . The old walled town lies on a regularly NW-SE sloping ridge that eventually meets the plain.

#### April 28 – Assisi - Montecatini

Transfer Assisi – Montecatini **included visit and small lunch at a local oil producer.** In the afternoon visit of Lucca with the local guide.

#### April 28 – 30 Montecatini

Hotel Boston/ Montecatini http://www.hotelboston.it/

#### **April 29 Montecatini**

Full Day Guided Tour Florence included entrance fees: Kombi ticket: Cathedral, Baptistery Cathedral Museum and Museum of the Uffizi

Free lunch break and little free time in Florence.

#### Cooking Class

In the afternoon going to a Vineyard near Luca, visit of the Vineyard with explanations how they produce Wine and Oil, Cooking class of Pasta and Cantuccini, Wine tasting of 6 Wines and then followed by a 4 course dinner at this Wine Cantina.

#### April 30 Montecatini – Verona

Transfer Montecatini – Padua – Verona. Included Half Day Guided Tour in Padua and Verona.

#### April 30 - May 2 Verona

Hotel Mastino 3\*/ Verona <a href="https://hotelmastino.it/">https://hotelmastino.it/</a>

#### May 1 - Verona

Transfer from Verona to Venice includes half day guided walking tour in Venice and private boat transfer from Tronchetto to St. Marks Square. Visit Doge's Palace and St. Marks Basilica with the guide from outside.

#### May 2 - Verona - Como

Transfer Verona – Como, with stop at Berlucchi Franciacorta producer and included tasting and guided visit of the cantina

In the afternoon enjoy half day guided tour of Como. Boat Ride with guide on a public boat, circle 45 minutes from/to Como.

#### May 2 – 4 Como

Hotel Como 4\*/ Como <a href="http://www.hcomo.it/">http://www.hcomo.it/</a>

Transfer Como – Milan included half day guided tour in Milan and entrance in the Duomo with free time in the afternoon and transfer back to Como

#### May 4 - Milan - Wichita

Transfer Como – Airport Milan

For the whole trip personalized audio system to hear the guide from a distance are included. All City Tax in Hotels are included.

#### Features:

- 11 nights accommodation at the indicated hotels or similar, with private bath or shower
- Continental Breakfast or buffet breakfast daily
- Transfers and tours will be done by one air conditioned motorcoach
- Airport Assistance upon Arrival in Rome Airport
- Guide at the Montecassino Abbey
- Half Day Guide Rome Imperial Tour
- Half Day Guide Rome, Classic Tour
- Entrance fee Colosseum, Roman Forum, Palatin
- Half Day Guide Orvieto with visit of the Duomo

- Wine Tasting and local Snacks in Orvieto
- Full Day Guide Assisi with St. Francis Basilica and Spello
- Visit and small lunch with typical products and vine at a local oil producer near Montecatini
- Half Day Guide Lucca
- Full Day Guide Florence
- Kombi ticket: Cathedral, Baptistery, Cathedral Museum; Museum of the Uffizi
- Cooking class of Pasta and Cantuccini, Wine tasting of 6 Wines and then followed by a 4 course dinner at a Vineyard near Luca
- Half Day Guide Padua
- Half Day Guide Verona
- Half Day Guide Venezia
- Private boat Transfer Tronchetto <-> St. Mark's Square
- Guided Tour at Berlucchi Franciacorta producer plus Franciacorta tasting
- Half Day Guide Como
- Boat Ride with guide on a public boat, 45 minutes from/to Como
- Half Day Guide Milan including visit of the Duomo
- For the whole trip personalized audio system to hear the guide from a distance
- All Hotel in City Taxes
- Coach air fare round trip Wichita to Rome returning from Milan
- For the whole trip personalized audio system to hear the guide from a distance are included
- All City Tax in Hotels are included

#### Hotels:

#### 23.04. - 26.04.2019

Hotel Club House Roma 4\*/ Rome, directly at the metro station Cornelia (10 minutes to the Vatican and 15 to the Spanish stairs by metro)

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#### 26.04. - 28.04.2019

Hotel Cenacolo 4\*/ Assisi (Santa Maria degli Angeli) or similar <a href="https://www.hotelcenacolo.com/">https://www.hotelcenacolo.com/</a>

#### 28.04. - 30.04.2019

Hotel Boston 4\*/ Montecatini <a href="http://www.hotelboston.it/">http://www.hotelboston.it/</a>

#### 30.04. - 02.05.2019

Hotel Mastino 3\*/ Verona <a href="https://hotelmastino.it/">https://hotelmastino.it/</a>

#### 02.04. - 04.04.2019

Hotel Como 4\*/ Como

http://www.hcomo.it/

Package price including features outlined (with minimum 20 pax): \$4545.00 per person in double room \$770.00 Single Supplement

Optional tour offering:

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In the afternoon for people who have booked the optional Christian Rome tour – meeting with the guide and 4 hours visit of the Vatican Museum and St. Peters Basilica.

Payments: Deposit of \$500.00 per person is required to hold reservations. Final payment is due 90 days before departure.

Travel Insurance is strongly recommended. Some pre-existing conditions will be covered only if insurance is taken at time of initial deposit. For information, contact Bobbi at Sunflower Travel.

Cancellations: A handling fee of \$100.00 per person plus any applicable vendor fees will be charged after receipt of deposit.

Travel Documents: Valid passport with 6 months validity upon return to USA.

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