



ITALY

A Christian Heritage Tour

Sorrento • Amalfi Coast • Rome • Assisi • Chianti Region
Florence • San Gimignano • Lucca • Venice

June 6-16, 2009
\$2,995 *Land Only*



Join us for an unforgettable encounter with our Christian heritage in Italy. Discover how early Christians lived in Rome and learn about church Reformers Girolamo Savonarola and St. Francis of Assisi.

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Saturday, June 6, 2009 • Sorrento

Welcome to Italy! This tour is land only but we will be happy to help you with your flight arrangements. We are met at the airport in Naples and transferred to our hotel in lovely Sorrento on the Amalfi Coast. With its pretty gardens, lemon groves and sea vistas—it's the perfect place to relax and recover from jet lag. The afternoon is yours to explore Sorrento. Join us for a welcome dinner tonight. (Sorrento, 2 nights) **D**

Sunday, June 7, 2009 • Sorrento



This morning we take a spectacular drive along the **Amalfi Coast**, where sheer rocky cliffs drop dramatically into the

bright blue sea and tiny villages cling to the rocks. We stop in the town of **Ravello**, perched high above the sea with beautiful views of the coast. We have free time to visit the magnificent gardens of **Villa Rufolo** and **Villa Cimbrone**. After lunch we drive to the stunning resort town of **Positano**, which sits on the most spectacular stretch of the coast. You have the rest of the afternoon to window shop and stroll the narrow lanes that lead down to the beach. We have dinner in Sorrento this evening. **B/D**

Monday, June 8, 2009 • Rome



Today we drive to Rome and meet our local guide for a full afternoon of touring Rome's ancient sights. We start with the **Coliseum** and the **Roman Forum**. Later,

tour the **Mamertine Prison** and see where many believe the Apostle Paul was imprisoned for preaching the gospel. Other highlights include **St. Peter in Chains Church** to see Michelangelo's *Moses* and the **Pantheon**—Rome's best preserved monument. This evening you may choose to join us for a beautiful flood lit walk through Rome's great piazzas. (Rome, 2 nights) **B/D**

Tuesday, June 9, 2009 • Rome

Enjoy a free morning in Rome to discover what makes this city so special. After lunch we tour the

Vatican Museum and visit the **Sistine Chapel** which was built in the 15th century as a private chapel for the popes. Later visit **St. Peter's Basilica**—the greatest church in Christendom. **B**

Wednesday, June 10, 2009 • Assisi

This morning our focus will be on early Christian Rome. We begin with **San Giovanni in Laterno**—the first Christian Church in the city. We also visit the **Scala Santa**—the holy stairs that Martin Luther, like so many pilgrims, climbed on his knees. It was during that visit that the seeds for the Reformation were planted as Luther began to question the rituals of the Catholic Church. We also tour the fourth century **Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls**, the traditional sight of Paul's tomb. Then travel the ancient Appian Way to the **Catacombs of San Sebastian**. This fascinating underground Christian cemetery contains precious samples of early Christian art. After lunch we head for the beautiful Umbrian town of **Assisi** where we have time to relax before dinner. (Assisi, 1 night) **B/D**

Thursday, June 11, 2009 • Florence



The **Basilica Di San Francisco** was built in honor of St. Francis. Around the year 1200 he countered the decadence of church government with a powerful message of non-

materialism and dedication to God. Once inside, we see why the basilica is one of the artistic and religious highlights of Europe. It's frescoed from top to bottom by the leading artists of the day. We enjoy a **walking tour** of this lovely town and some free time before a leisurely drive through the Chianti region brings us to the renaissance city of Florence—our home for the next three nights. (Florence, 3 nights) **B/D**

Friday, June 12, 2009 • Florence

This morning we head for the beautiful town of **Lucca**. Surrounded by well preserved ramparts and layered with history, Lucca delights its visitors. It is said to be the first in Tuscany to accept Christianity and the gospel was spread here in 47AD by its bishop. You may decide to walk or bike the ramparts, which stretch for 2.5 miles around the city. We continue on to the visually stunning hill town of **San Gimignano**. We have time at leisure to shop and explore this town on our own. After dinner we head back to Florence. **B**

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Saturday, June 13, 2009 • Florence



We begin today with a guided tour of one of the world's most artistic cities. We see the famous **Duomo** and **Giotto's Tower**. We also view the magnificent bronze doors of the **Baptistery**. Florence was home

to Reformer Girolamo Savonarola. Learn about his fiery sermons against corrupt church leadership which led to his ex-communication and eventual martyrdom in 1498. Our tour includes the **Museum of San Marco**, the monastery where Savonarola lived, which helps illustrate his fascinating life story. We also visit the **Accademia**, where we see Michelangelo's "David". This afternoon is free to shop, visit other outstanding museums, or try some of the best gelato in all of Italy. **B**

Sunday, June 14, 2009 • Venice

This morning we attend church in Florence and enjoy fellowship with members of the congregation over lunch. Later we drive to the romantic city of **Venice**. This evening after dinner, listen to the dueling orchestras in St. Mark's Square—a magical experience you'll always remember. **B/L/D**

Monday, June 15, 2009 • Venice

Today we visit the most famous sights in Venice—**St. Mark's Basilica**, which is built over the tomb of the evangelist Mark, and the **Doges Palace**, the former



seat of government and power in Venice. The afternoon is free to make your own Venetian memories. Enjoy shopping, visit the glass blowing island of Murano, or discover the winding back streets of this romantic island. This evening, we take a **gondola ride** through the charming canals and enjoy our final dinner together where we

reminisce about our Italian adventure. **B/D**

Tuesday, June 16, 2009 • Return

After breakfast we say *arrivederci* to Italy and catch our individual flights back to the US or continue our travels in Europe. **B**

Itinerary specifics subject to change.

Tour Price: \$2,995 per person

Land Only

Price based on a minimum of 20 participants and double occupancy

Single supplement=\$625

Triples available but not advised

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Water Taxis and luggage transfers in Venice
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in superior three-star and moderate four-star hotels
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- Services of a **professional tour guide** throughout tour
- **Expert local guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities listed on itinerary
- **Luggage handling:** one piece per person at hotels
- Trip journal
- All **taxes and tips** for services provided including **end of tour gratuity** for tour escort and driver

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- **Airfare** and related taxes and fees
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages** except with breakfast
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees (*Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health (This insurance is available and recommended.)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 75 days prior to departure date. An invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Both the deposit and final payment may be made by personal check, money order, or credit card. However, credit card payments will incur an additional 3% surcharge.

Currency:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing and date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Regardless of reason, cancellations are costly. If you cancel, **all unrecoverable expenses from our suppliers will be charged, in addition to the following per person charges:**

Time of deposit to 120 days before departure: \$200
 119-75 days before departure: forfeiture of deposit
 74-60 days before departure: 25% of total package price
 59-14 days before departure: 50% of total package price
 13 days or less: 100% of the package price

There are no refunds for unused/missed days.

Travel insurance is highly recommended.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This tour requires the ability to walk and stand for extended periods of time daily.

Abbreviations for Meals

B=Breakfast **L**=Lunch **D**=Dinner

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Tours include: services of a professional tour escort, expert local guides, entrance fees to all sights listed on itinerary, transportation by deluxe private motor-coach, accommodations each night, all specified meals, luggage handling for one piece of luggage, and taxes and gratuities for all hotels, guides, and drivers. **Tours do not include:** airfare unless specified, optional insurance, beverages—except with breakfast, and items of a personal nature, such as passport fees.

Tour price: The tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare (if applicable) and is subject to change. If there is a substantial fluctuation in air prices and / or currency exchange rates, we reserve the right to adjust prices.

Tours cancelled by Journeys of Faith: Although unlikely, a tour may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. If *Journeys of Faith* cancels a tour, the entire amount you have paid will be refunded to you within 14 days of tour cancellation. Once this occurs, *Journeys of Faith* has no other obligation to tour members on cancelled trips.

Travel insurance: Travel insurance is strongly recommended to protect your trip investment so that you may travel with peace of mind. If you cancel or interrupt your trip due to illness or other qualifying unforeseen events, your non-refundable expenses will be covered. You will receive trip cancellation insurance information with your brochure. We also recommend additional health insurance in case it is necessary for you to receive medical attention overseas. We cannot be responsible for damaged or lost luggage—it is important that you have adequate baggage insurance.

Tour member health and safety: Tour participants need to be in reasonably good health. Age is not a factor but physical condition is important. This tour requires considerable walking and standing while listening to tour guides. Some sights have limited motor-coach access and involve climbing stairs and inclines. It is recommended that you are able to comfortably walk for an hour, at least several times a week to fully enjoy this tour. Any person with a pre-existing physical or mental disability which may require attention or treatment must report the condition in writing prior to the beginning of the tour. In addition, any person who needs assistance must have a travel companion who is able and willing to help them during the tour. Smokers may smoke only outdoors and away from the group—never on the bus, in hotel rooms, or during group meals.

Termination of tour privileges: On rare occasion, a tour participant may do things which are incompatible with the safety, comfort or convenience of the other members of the tour. In those circumstances we have the right and discretion to expel someone from the tour at any time, without any claims or complaints against us.

Itinerary is subject to change: *Journeys of Faith* makes every effort to operate all tours as advertised. However, it may be possible that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded; however, any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client.

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Registration Form

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Passenger Information

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: _____

(Nickname): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of birth: _____

Place of birth: _____

Passenger Information (spouse/companion)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: _____

(Nickname): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of birth: _____

Place of birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Work phone/cell: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Please enclose a \$500 deposit per person.

Deposit Payment Information

(please fill out if paying by *check*):

Enclosed is my check made payable to *Journeys of Faith* in the amount of:

_____.

Deposit Payment Information (paying by credit card):

(credit card payment will incur an additional 3% surcharge)

Credit Card Number: _____

Visa/Mastercard/Discover: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Card ID Code* _____

Amount: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

* last 3 digits in the signature box on the back of the card

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin beds **Roommate (name):** _____

Single Supplement (\$625): _____ Yes _____ No (Sleeping preferences noted but not guaranteed.)

TRAVEL INSURANCE: (please check one): Yes, sign me up No, I decline

Insurance Payment Information

Check enclosed (please make payable to *Journeys of Faith*)

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions. Please sign me up for the trip!

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

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