# HEART OF ITALY TOUR

# IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS

# 10 days, 10 nights



# RAVENNA—ASSISI—SIENA—ROME SAN MARINO—BOLOGNA—ORVIETO





Bologna



Ravenna



Basilica of San Vitale Ravenna



San Marino

Italy is one of the top destinations for travelers, for its unparalleled food, rich history, architecture, art, and culture. Whether you are traveling to Italy for the first time or have been there many times, there is no shortage of places to see, churches to visit, or new friends to make. We hope that you will join us in November, as we walk "In the Footsteps of the Saints."

### **ITINERARY**

#### Day o

#### North America

Depart this day from your North American departure point on your overnight flight to Europe. Night in flight.

#### Day 1

#### Bologna

Benvenuti in Italia-Welcome to Italy!

This morning we will arrive in Bologna. After retrieving our luggage and moving through customs, we will travel by private motorcoach to our hotel in Bologna. Lunch on your own at a local restaurant followed by an afternoon city tour. Dinner and Night in Bologna (1).

### Day 2

#### Ravenna

After breakfast, we will depart Bologna for the beautiful city of Ravenna, known for its colorful mosaics and the Basilica of San Vitale. Lunch on your own and tour in Ravenna We will then return to Bologna in the early evening. Dinner and Night in Bologna (2).

### Day 3

#### Modena

After breakfast, we will depart Bologna to visit the famous Ferrari Museum in Modena. Lunch on your own. We will then return to Bologna, where we can spend a free afternoon exploring the city. Dinner on your own. Night in Bologna (3).

### Day 4

### San Marino, Assisi

After breakfast, we depart Bologna for the Republic of San Marino with time for lunch and time to explore this historic country completely surrounded by Italy. We will then continue our drive to Assisi. Dinner and Night in Assisi (1).

Daily reflections on the lives of the saints.

#### Day 5

#### Assisi

Today, we will explore the spiritual city of Assisi with Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis, and visits to San Damiano, the peaceful mountain Carceri Hermitage retreat built by St. Francis, and Rocca Maggiore. Lunch today is an interactive cooking demonstration featuring Umbrian specialties, followed by free time. Night in Assisi (2).

#### Day 6

#### Siena

After breakfast, we will take a day trip to Siena. There will be a morning city tour, visiting sites of St. Catherine and the Piazza del Campo. Lunch on your own in Siena and a late afternoon return to Assisi, followed by dinner. Night in Assisi (3).

#### Day 7

#### Orvieto, Rome

Today our first stop is Santa Maria degli Angeli to visit the Porziuncola (or small chapel) within the church, on our way to Orvieto. Lunch on your own in Orvieto followed by free time to explore the city. Our journey continues on the way to Rome, where we will have dinner together after checking into our hotel. Night in Rome (1).

#### Day 8

#### Rome

Our morning begins with the weekly Wednesday Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square and a visit inside the beautiful and famous Basilica. Lunch on your own. In the afternoon, we visit the other 3 major basilicas in Rome—St. Paul Outside the Walls, Santa Maria Maggiore, and St. John Lateran. Our evening rounds out with stops at the Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona, and the Pantheon, followed by dinner on your own. Night in Rome (2).

#### Day 9

#### Rome

Our last full day in Italy includes a tour of the Colosseum, St. Peter in Chains, Michelangelo's Moses, and a lovely view of the Eternal City from Gianicolo Hill. Enjoy lunch on your own before an afternoon tour to see the famous historical catacombs. Special Final Dinner in Trastevere. Night in Rome (3).

#### Day 10

#### **Rome/North America**

Enjoy a free morning in Rome, before heading to Roma Fiumicino Airport for our afternoon flight home.

As we will learn about in our travels, many of the saints led ordinary lives, and we can relate to their struggles, triumphs, and prayer life. While our focus is "in the footsteps of the saints," let us also reflect on their humanity and how their unique traits ultimately brought them closer to God.



Basilica of St. Francis Assisi



Piazza del Campo Siena



St. Paul Outside the Walls Rome



Colosseum Rome

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# **CONTACT US**

To learn more about this trip or any of our upcoming travel opportunities, please contact us below. We look forward to speaking with you soon. This itinerary and the itinerary ideas below are samples only. We are able to customize each journey with the best options for you and your group based on your interests, group size, travel dates, and season.

## Poland

WARSAW—KRAKOW—WADOWICE CZĘSTOCHOWA—ZAKOPANE



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