

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY
A Viewing of the Shroud of Turin

Turin * Padua * Venice * La Verna * Assisi * Orvieto * Rome

MAY 21-31, 2010

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B = breakfast D = dinner

Friday, May 21 – Depart U.S., for overnight flight to Milan. Dinner and breakfast served aboard.

Saturday, May 22 – After arrival this morning at Milan airport, we are met by our multilingual Tour Manager. We drive to the west and reach **Turin**. In this northern city of Italy at the foothills of the Alps a very holy relic of Christianity is preserved called the **Holy Shroud of Jesus**. The Shroud is a linen cloth believed to be the burial cloth of Our Lord. On it is an image of a person that bears the marks of crucifixion. Experts now see it as a *negative* image. It was in 1898 when an amateur photographer took a photo of the Shroud on display that, when he examined the negative of his film, he saw an awe-inspiring *positive* picture. For centuries the Holy Shroud has been venerated as the Image of Our Lord. This afternoon is free to explore the city. We will celebrate Holy Mass late afternoon, and then dine together in our hotel. **D Turin**

Sunday, May 23 – Our day begins with **Holy Mass**. We will have an appointed time today to **view the Holy Shroud**. Our entrance to the church will be a solemn time for prayer and reflection on the Gift of our Redemption, gained by the Sacrificial Death and the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We will have a close view of the Image. During our day in Turin we will explore the town – the Piazza San Carlo and Po Street. Also we can visit the Church of Our Lady Help of Christians where we see the tomb of **St. Don Bosco**, whose ministry of educating youth and his founding the Salesian religious order 150 years ago had origins in this town. **B & D Turin**

Monday, May 24 – We drive east past Milan, heading to Venice. We will stop in the charming medieval walled city of **Padua**. Here we will venerate and celebrate **Mass at the tomb of St. Anthony**, who was born in Portugal, but came to Italy to follow St. Francis and to become a great and dynamic preacher of the Franciscan Order. We check in to our hotel on the edge of Venice, and have dinner together. **B & D Venice**

Tuesday, May 25 – Our walking tour of Venice will include a visit to **St. Mark's Cathedral**, so beautifully adorned with mosaics. We will enter the Doges Palace and see its infamous Bridge of Sighs. A demonstration of glass blowing will conclude the tour. We will celebrate **Holy Mass** in a chapel of St. Mark's. This afternoon make sure to take the opportunity for a romantic ride in a gondola on the waterway “streets” of the city. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. **B & D Venice**

Wednesday, May 26 – Today we travel south along the Adriatic coast, turning inland to reach **La Verna**, a mountain town in the eastern section of the Tuscany region. It was here on the peak of Mount La Verna that **St. Francis of Assisi** in a state of mystical contemplation of Our Lord Crucified received the **Mark of the Stigmata**, the five wounds of Our Suffering Lord, in his body. This is the place of our celebration of **Holy Mass** today. We motor further south through the scenic hills of Umbria to **Assisi**, the city sanctified by the life of “il Poverello,” St. Francis of Assisi. **B & D Assisi**

Thursday, May 27 – We celebrate **Holy Mass in the Basilica of St. Francis at the Saint's Tomb**. Our walking tour will show us first the magnificent frescos by Giotto in the Basilica that depict the life of the saint. As we walk up to the main piazza, we are struck by the fact that all the buildings are of sandstone with a slight rose hue. We reach the **Basilica of St. Clare**, Foundress of the Poor Clare nuns, and see her tomb. In the upper chapel we venerate the Crucifix that was originally located in San Damiano church. Our Lord from that crucifix spoke to Francis the command to “Rebuild My Church.” We will visit the church of San Damiano itself. In the afternoon we make our way to the plains below Assisi to go inside **St. Mary of the Angels Basilica**. There we visit the **Porziuncola**, the little chapel where Francis gathered his followers. This evening we have dinner together in our hotel. **B & D Assisi**

Friday, May 28 – We motor to the west and reach the beautiful hill town of **Orvieto**. It is here that in 1263 Pope Urban IV proclaimed the authenticity of a Eucharistic miracle, that the Sacred Host had bled during a Mass celebrated in nearby Bolsena. We can still see the Corporal associated with the miracle enshrined within the Cathedral of Orvieto. From this event the Church instituted the **Feast of Corpus Christi**. The Cathedral's façade is adorned with a splendid and world famous mosaic. We will **celebrate the Eucharist** in its Chapel of the Corporal. We continue traveling south to **Rome, the Eternal City**, and arrive to check into our hotel. We have dinner together this evening. **B & D Rome**

Saturday, May 29 – Our **Mass this morning** will be near the tomb of the first Pope in the magnificent **Basilica of St. Peter** in Vatican City. As we walk through and pray, our thoughts are flooded with events that have taken place here and the people who have worshiped in this great center of our Church. Afterwards we will enter the **Vatican Museum** for a tour, seeing especially the **Sistine Chapel** with its awesome frescoes by Michelangelo. For the Museum visit we are supplied with individual guide-phones that we can operate at whatever pace we wish. We choose whatever direction throughout the Museum that that the guide-phones offer. This afternoon our bus takes us out along the Old Appian Way to the **Catacombs of St. Callixtus**. We will be given a guided tour of these hallowed burial grounds of the early Christians. Later our stop will be at the **Basilica of Holy Cross in Jerusalem**. In the crypt of this church we can venerate Holy Relics of the Passion of Our Lord, wood of the True Cross, Nails of Crucifixion and Thorns of the Crown of Thorns. Nearby is housed the Holy Stair of Jerusalem, brought to Rome by St. Helena out of devotion to the Passion of our Lord. It is customary to climb these stairs on one's knees. We have dinner together nearby our hotel. **B & D Rome**

Sunday, May 30 – This morning we go to the heart of Rome to celebrate **Holy Mass** in a beautiful side chapel of the most illustrious church dedicated to Our Lady, the **Basilica of St. Mary Major**. Afterwards our guide shows us the Basilica and on a panoramic drive through Ancient Rome we see the Colosseum, Forum, Palatine Hill and Circus Maximus. Our destination is St. Peter's Square in order to pray the **Noontime Angelus with Pope Benedict XVI** and receive his Papal Blessing. There is leisure time for us in Rome. Much can be seen by walking through Old Rome: the Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps and countless churches where tombs of saints and great masterpieces can be discovered. This evening we join together for a Farewell Dinner with delicious cuisine, wine and lively music. **B & D Rome**

Monday, May 31 – We transfer to the Rome airport for our journey home on flights to the U.S., arriving in our home cities this same day.

INCLUDED FEATURES

- * **Round-trip air fare from Memphis**
- * **English-speaking tour manager throughout**
- other departure cities can be arranged**
- * **Guided tours as listed in itinerary**
- * **9 nights: 1st Class or Superior Tourist Class**
- * **Deluxe motor coach**
- * **Baggage handling in/out of hotels**
- * **Sunday noontime Papal Blessing**
- * **Breakfast and dinner daily Deluxe motor coach**
- * **Daily Mass at special shrine**
- including Farewell Dinner with music**

Not included: Gratuities to tour manager, local guides and driver, extra beverages during meals, and your own personal room charges.

The Holy Shroud of Turin

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PRICE: \$3565 per person, based on double occupancy For a single room, add **\$485**.
Airline taxes and fuel surcharge will be an added cost, presently **\$351**.

Prices from other departure cities can be quoted.

\$300 DEPOSIT IS DUE NOW WITH APPLICATION

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GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT: Travel Tyme requires a **deposit of \$300 per person** that is to be sent with the application at booking time. This forms a part of the final payment, which must be received not later than 60 days (March 19, 2010) prior to departure. Seats are limited on this Pilgrimage, so **we suggest an EARLY BOOKING. Booking Deadline is February 1, 2010. Late applications will be accepted after this date, if space is available.**

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