

Dear Friends,

You are personally invited to join us on a pilgrimage to Italy. In Assisi, you will see, walk and pray at the same locations where St. Francis and St. Clare, and many others before us came closer to God. Visiting Padua, Venice, and Florence rounds out what promises to be an enriching and unforgettable experience.

While in Rome, this pilgrimage will take us to the sacred sites of our Catholic faith, including the Sistine Chapel and the Basilicas of Christian Rome. We will also take in the historic venues of ancient Rome, includ-ing an optional tour to the Roman Forum and outside the Coliseum. We will celebrate Liturgies, celebrate mass each day, as well as, have the opportunity to attend the Holy Father's general audience.

Best of all, we will be celebrating our faith, forming deeper bonds of friendship, and enjoying food and cus-toms of other cultures. There is nothing like sharing such experiences with family and friends in faith. We hope you will join us!

Sincerely yours in Christ, Father Sudhakar Bhastati

## Day by Day Itinerary

**DAY 1, October 11th, 2021: DEPARTURE USA:** Depart enroute to Rome with complimentary meals and beverages served aloft.

**DAY 2, October 12th, 2021: ARRIVE ROME:** Upon arrival in Rome, you will be met by your Holy Land Travel Center representative and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. Dinner and overnight in your hotel.

Overnight: Rome (D)

DAY 3, October 13th, 2021: ROME (PAPAL AUDIENCE AND VATICAN MUSEUM TOUR): After breakfast we will explore the spiritual capital for all Catholics around the world. Today attend a papal audience pending the papal schedule, followed by a visit to the Vatican Museums. We will cover the Tapestry Gallery, the Raphael Rooms and the overwhelming Sistine Chapel with the

restored mural of the Last Judgment. Later, enter the largest church in Christendom, St Peter's Basilica, built on the site of St. Peter's tomb. We will also visit the tomb of Pope John Paul II located at the Vatican. Dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Rome (B, D)

DAY 4, October 14th, 2021: ROME (FULL DAY TOURING OF CHRISTIAN ROME): Following breakfast, we depart for full day of highlighting Christian Rome which includes a visit to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the most important and the oldest church dedicated to Our Lady, which contains relic from the manger of the infant Jesus. Continue to the Basilica of St. John the Lateran, the Pope's Cathedral church where relics of both Peter and Paul remain under the main altar. See the Holy Staircase which is believed to be from Pilate's palace

in Jerusalem and brought to Rome by St. Helen in the 4th century. Time permitting, climb the steps on your knees in memory of Christ's Passion, visit St Paul Outside the Walls, and celebrate Mass. Continue on to the Appian Way, the oldest road from Roman times. Visit the famous Domino Quo Vadis Chapel and the catacombs of St. Callixtus where the early Christians hid to escape persecution. Conclude by visiting the Trevi Fountain. Dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Rome (B, D)

**DAY 5, October 15th, 2021: ASSISI:** Today we leave Rome and head to Assisi in the Umbria's Region. Upon arrival, we visit the sites of Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis, including the Basilica of Santa Maria Degli Angeli (Our Lady of the Angels). Inside this Basilica, we explore the Portiuncola, the chapel of the Transitus and the Rose Garden. We continue to the Basilica of St. Clare, the Town Hall Square and the Basilica of St. Francis. We enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore the lovely town with its quaint streets and alleys.

Overnight: Assisi (B, D)

**DAY 6, October 16th, 2021: SIENA/ FLORENCE:** This morning, we depart to visit the medieval town of Siena in Tuscany. We visit the Basilica of San Domenico, where the incorrupt head and finger of St.

Catherine lies, and to explore the center and the Piazza del Campo on our own. We continue to Florence in the heart of the Tuscany region.

Overnight: Florence (B, D)

**DAY 7, October 17th, 2021: FLORENCE:** This morning we discover the wonders of Florence, "City of Art." We visit the Academy of Fine Arts to view Renaissance masterpieces, including Michelangelo's "David." We explore the wonderful Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore (Duomo), the Baptistery, Piazza della Signoria, and Santa Croce, housing Michelangelo's tomb.

Overnight: Florence (B, D)

**DAY 8, October 18th, 2021: FLORENCE:** Following breakfast, we head into the Tuscan countryside to explore the region's rich history and culture. We visit San Gimignano, a very well-preserved medieval town dating back to the 12th century. We have free time to walk the streets and taste the local wine. Later, we continue our journey to Pisa to visit the leaning tower; its pretty Romanesque monuments and Cathedral. We return to Florence for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Florence (B, D)

**DAY 9, October 19th, 2021: PADUA:** This morning we head to Verona. Visit this beautiful medieval city related to the Legend of Romeo and Juliet and continue to Padua, where we will visit the famous Cathedral of St. Anthony, guarded by Donatello's "Gattamelata." Evening is at leisure to rest of explore Padua on our own.

Overnight: Mestre (Venice) (B, D)

**DAY 10, October 20th, 2021: VENICE:** After breakfast, we take our private boat to San Marc's Square and explore Venice, nicknamed "la Serenissima." We begin with a guided walking tour of St. Mark's Square, one of the largest open spaces in Venice. We visit two of its landmark buildings, the Basilica of San Marco and the Bridge of Sighs. We will be able to participate in a glass-blowing demonstration. We enjoy a free afternoon to explore on our own, sightsee, shop or take a gondola ride with music on one of Venice's scenic canals.

Overnight: Mestre (Venice) (B, D)

**DAY 11, October 21st, 2021: MILAN:** Today we take in the sights of Milan including the famous opera house La Scala; the 19th century Galleria; and Milan Cathedral whose impossible size took nearly 6 centuries to construct. We end our tour of Milan with a special private viewing of Leonardo Da Vinci's fresco masterpiece, the Last Supper, located in the Church of Santa Marie delle Grazzie.

Overnight: Milan (B, D)

**DAY 12, October 22nd, 2021: RETURN HOME:** This morning we transfer to Milan's Airport for our return flight with memories and keepsakes to last a lifetime.

## **Terms and Conditions**

By making any payments (cash, credit card or otherwise) towards any tour constitutes your unconditional acceptance of all the terms and conditions stated in this brochure. Holy Land Travel Center shall be referred to as HLTC within this document.

DOCUMENTS: US citizens require a valid passport. Other nationalities please inquire with the appropriate embassies.

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT: A deposit of \$500 per person is required upon registration along with a copy of the registration form on or before no later than April 1st, 2021. Registrations are processed in the order received by HLTC. A second of \$1500 is Due by June 31st, 2021, and final payment due by August 15th, 2021. Late payments are subject to \$50 late fee. HLTC reserves the right to cancel reservations that are not paid 30 days prior to departure and to apply applicable cancellation/penalties indicated below. No registrations can be made over the telephone.

INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION FEES & REFUNDS: Upon cancellation of participation of tour by you, the registrant, for any reason, and only after HLTC receives your signed cancellation, HLTC will then refund your payment for services not received by you, minus applicable cancellation fees per person, according to the following schedule:

Additional cancelation fees:

- 1. No cancelation fees up to 60 days prior to the tour's departure date.
- From 60 to 30 days prior to departure day, the cancellation fee is \$500 + 20% of total price.
- From 29 days to 8 days prior to departure day, cancellation fee is \$500 + 50% of total price.
- 4. From 7 days prior to departure day onward, no refund is possible.

PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED): Passenger Travel Protection Program is administered by Travel Guard. Holy Land Travel center is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of luggage and/or personal belongings, or for personal injury, accident and/or illness. This pilgrimage demands a lot of walking and can be strenuous. For protection, it is important that you have adequate insurance to cover these possibilities. To purchase travel insurance, please send a separate check, \$195/person, for insurance coverage to the Holy Land Travel Center. Travel insurance takes effect from the time a SEPARATE payment is received. All Protection Plan fees are non-refundable.

MEDICAL CONDITION: We endeavor to provide the highest level of service to all our passengers. Participants who require special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the participants' well-being. This pilgrimage demands a lot of walking and can be strenuous. HLTC is not responsible for any medical conditions that occur prior to, during, or after the tour.

LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSFERS: By private deluxe motor coach.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Tour prices are per person, based on two persons sharing double or twin-bedded rooms with private bathroom with tub or shower. In the event that one does not sign up with a roommate and is not able to be paired with another traveler, there will be a single supplement charge of \$850 to the account. Single rooms subject to availability and an additional cost listed on travel brochure terms and conditions.

MEALS: Meals in accordance with the itinerary. All beverages are extra.

TIPPING: Unless it is specified in the tour brochure, the price of the tour does not include tips and gratuities. Tipping is recommended to the tour guide and motor coach driver approximately \$6 and \$4 per person, respectively, per day to each: Hotel tips are approximately \$2 per day per person. Tips may be precollected before the pilgrimage for your convenience.

AIRLINE TICKETS AND ITINERARY LENGTH: Air transportation to/ from your destination will be economy class aboard carriers utilizing non-refundable, non-amenable tickets. Preliminary international flight schedules are available 60 days prior to departure and may change before they are finalized. Therefore, if you book the domestic flight on your own, you will be responsible for changing your domestic flights and incurring any change fees that would be generated by this adjustment. We are not responsible for changes and delays in airline schedules and do not reimburse passengers for expenses resulting from such occurrences. Travelers making their own flight arrangements should not purchase non-refundable, non-changeable tickets. We cannot guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. If flight schedules change, we reserve the right to lengthen or shorten the itinerary accordingly, and if changes or flight schedules necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged at normal hotel rates. Land Only packages do not include airport-hotel transfers.

SEAT ASSIGNMENT: THERE IS NO ADVANCE SEAT SELECTION FOR TOUR DEPARTURES. HLTC cannot guarantee specific seats, which are at the discretion of the airline and are pending availability. When HLTC disperses travel packages, you will receive your record locator. You can use this locator to do online seating arrangements, if permitted by the airline.

BAGGAGE: International flights to and from the USA allow the passenger to bring one (1) checked bag, which may have a maximum weight of 50 lbs., and maximum combined dimensions of 62 inches. Also, one (1) "carry-on" with maximum dimensions of 8"x12"x20" is permitted. Luggage on domestic flights will cost extra. Luggage is the passenger's responsibility and that of the airlines. For lost luggage, the passenger is responsible for notifying the airline directly. Check with your carrier regarding carry-on luggage rules and regulations.

PRICES: All prices are based on exchange rates and fares applicable at time of quotation and based on minimum number of paying passengers stated in the brochure, and are therefore subject to change if fares change (including fuel surcharges increase), if group does not reach minimum or if exchange rates fluctuate.

NOT INCLUDED: Passport and Visas, meals not mentioned, beverages with meals, extra beyond standard menu, excess baggage, luggage on domestic flights, telephone calls, fuel surcharges increase.

LIABILITY DISCLAIMER: HLTC hereby expressly disclaims any liability for any personal injury, property damage, Loss of baggage, accident, delay or irregularity, any claim for special or consequential damages or any other loss which may be occasioned by the acts and/or omissions, whether negligent, intentional, wrongful or otherwise, of any air carrier, hotel/motel or other lodging operator, railroad operator, bus operator, public transportation, sea carrier, local sightseeing company, tour operator, tour leader or spiritual director, any employees thereof, or any other entity or individual not under the direct supervision and control of HLTC when engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour, or otherwise in connection therewith. HLTC likewise expressly disclaims any responsibility for losses or expenses incurred, or inconvenience caused, due to delay or changes in schedules, defaults, over booking of hotels or airlines, sickness, weather, strikes, quarantines, pandemics, epidemics, acts of terrorism, constructions, war, force majeure or other such events which are beyond HLTC's control. HLTC likewise hereby expressly disclaims any liability for statements, actions or inactions of any intermediary agents such as group administrators, spiritual directors or tour leaders, travel agents or any other intermediary involved with the selling, promotion or operation of its tours. Group administrators, spiritual leaders and tour leaders likewise hereby expressly disclaim any liability for the acts and/or omissions of any of the above entities and/or individuals not directly under their supervision or control. Please be advised that the liability of carriers as well as providers of hotel and lodging accommodations is limited by law and you may thus wish to consider purchasing additional insurance to protect yourself against any losses or injuries suffered as a result of their acts and/or omissions. In all instances, HLTC's liability shall be limited to the amounts paid by you for participation in the tour, and subject to the provisions and cancellation fees as set forth in the 'Brochure Terms and Conditions'. In the event that the tour leader and/ or spiritual director named in a brochure or itinerary does not travel with the group, and a substitute is not named to replace such person(s), then HLTC reserves the right to make substitutions of its choosing for such person(s) in the operation of the tour.

TOUR CANCELLATION BY OPERATOR: On rare occasion, a tour departure may be cancelled due to lack of participation. In the event that HLTC would decide to cancel a departure, a full refund will be issued (including travel insurance). HLTC is not responsible and does not assume responsibility for any additional costs or any fees relating to the cancellation of air tickets or other arrangements not made through HLTC. Cancellations due to state advisories and/or state warnings, Pandemic, Epidemic, Acts of War, War, Terrorism, Acts of God, Natural Disaster, Force Majeure or any other circumstance outside the control of HLTC, are not the fault of HLTC. Great effort will be made to accommodate passengers on another trip or to revise itinerary, however, cancellation for any of these reasons will not be eligible for refund.

CHANGES TO ITINERARY: While no changes are anticipated, there may be unforeseen occasions when certain alterations become necessary, either due to changes to the airline schedule or any other reason. Holy Land Travel Center reserves the right to change the itinerary or name alternate dates due to such unforeseen circumstances or emergencies. All Masses are subject to local church schedules and substitution with alternate Mass sites if churches mentioned are not available.

## HOLY LAND TRAVEL CENTER

Travel Registration Form — A Holy Land Pilgrimage

**Host: Fr. Sudhakar Bhastati** Tour #: EVV-101121/12D **Passenger Information:** (As it appears on your passport) First Name: Last Name: \_ (As it appears on your passport) Street: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: ( ) Email: Birth Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_ (Month/ Day/ Year) Sex: □ M □ F Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizen of USA 

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N Other (Specify): Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_ (Must be valid for 6 months post departure!) MM DD YYYY Emergency Contact (In the USA): \_\_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Your Roommate: ☐ I want a single room (limited availability and additional cost of \$699) Desired Name Printed on Name Tag (may be a nickname) (**Please Sign**) I acknowledge that airline tickets are non-refundable, non-transferable, and are subject to airline cancellation fees and policies. Kindly mail registration form with your deposit to: Holy Land Travel Center – 15606 Elm Street, Suite 105, Omaha NE 68130 Tour Price: Cash/Check discount is \$4199. Regular/Credit Card Price is \$4349 ☐ Credit Card (Regular/Full Price is \$4349): Card holder's name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_ Signature Passenger:



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