

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

11 Days: February 11 - 21, 2019

visiting

Venice • Padua • Florence • Assisi • Rome

hosted by

Fr. Benedykt Pazdan

\$3179 from Chicago

(Air/land tour price is \$2549 plus \$630 government taxes/airline surcharges.)



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Dear Friends,

I wish to invite you on a spiritually inspiring pilgrimage to Italy! Italy's timeless art and architecture, history and symbols representing two thousand years of Christian faith have fascinated travelers for centuries.

Our pilgrimage takes us to Venice, the city of waterways, gondolas and picturesque bridges where we will visit the Basilica of St. Mark with its magnificent mosaics expressing the story of faith, the Doges Palace and the Bridge of Sighs.

On to Florence, home to Michelangelo's David and the finest collection of Renaissance art in the world. Next stop is the small hilltop city of Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Here we will visit the Basilica of St. Francis, the Church of St. Clare and Santa Maria degli Angeli with its 'thornless rose bush.'

We'll end our pilgrimage in Rome, the Eternal City, an artistic and historical gift to the world. We'll visit Vatican City, St. Peter's Basilica, and the Vatican Museums. See Michelangelo's original frescoes in the Sistine Chapel including the famous Last Judgment and the Creation of Man. The highlight of our visit will be an Audience with Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, if available.

Come share in this time of prayerful celebration. I am sure you will be pleased with this tour for it is both high in value and low in cost. Our pilgrimage will be a joyful journey designed to highlight our Catholic faith, help us appreciate its historical past and view the art which was inspired by our Church.

Please look over the brochure and you will see that this 11 day pilgrimage will be a lifelong dream come true. Act quickly! Simply complete the reservation form and forward your deposit to secure your place on this tour.

Sincerely,

Fr. Benedykt Pazdan



TOUR FEATURES

- Round trip airfare from Chicago.
- \$630 Government taxes/airline surcharges.
- Accommodations at first class/select hotels, based on two persons sharing in twin-bedded rooms with private bath.
- Most meals.
- Services of our finest English-speaking guides.
- Comprehensive sightseeing.
- All admission fees, portorage and hotel service charges.
- \$100,000 automatic flight insurance*

*Subject to policy terms and limitations.

YOUR DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

MON, FEB 11 – CHICAGO/ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

Depart Chicago today on board your overnight transatlantic jet flights to Venice, arriving the following day. En route enjoy dinner followed by a full length movie.

TUE, FEB 12 – ARRIVE VENICE

Your exciting pilgrimage begins as you arrive Venice today. Built on 118 small islands lying some four kilometers from the mainland, Venetian highways are made of water and the islands are linked by numerous and picturesque bridges. Upon arrival in Venice, transfer to your hotel. (D)

WED, FEB 13 – VENICE

Enjoy your morning walking tour of Venice Island beginning with a visit of the Basilica San Marco. Other highlights include the Palace of the Doges, the Bridge of Sighs and the Rialto. The afternoon is at leisure to explore this captivating city on your own. (B,D)

THU, FEB 14 – VENICE/PADUA/FLORENCE

Today drive to Padua where you will visit the Basilica of St. Anthony. Continue on through the serene Tuscan countryside to Florence, the cradle of Renaissance Art and former stronghold of the Medici family. From Botticelli to Da Vinci, the city is unsurpassed in art treasures and the glory of its history. Continue to your hotel for overnight. (B,D)





FRI, FEB 15 – FLORENCE

Highlights of this morning's tour include the Piazza della Signoria, where the Neptune Fountain stands, the Church of Santa Croce, the Baptistry with its "Gates of Paradise" doors, and Giotto's Bell Tower. To top it all, visit the Academia, which houses Michelangelo's original statue of David. On to Piazzale Michelangelo for a panoramic view of the city and the Arno Valley. The afternoon is free in Florence to shop along the famous Ponte Vecchio and explore other Florentine delights. (B,D)

SAT, FEB 16 – FLORENCE/ASSISI

Drive south today through the mystical province of Umbria to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Your walking tour includes the Basilica of St. Francis, still surrounded today by ancient walls, the Church of St. Clare and Santa Maria degli Angeli with its 'thornless rose bush.' (B,D)

SUN, FEB 17 – ASSISI/ROME

Today's journey takes you to the Eternal City of Rome. Located in the center of the Region of Lazio, Rome is a reflection of every era. The wonders of Rome surround you . . . a world of art, history and culture that has been attracting visitors since the beginning of Western civilization. (B,D)

MON, FEB 18 – ROME

Your sightseeing tour this morning takes you to Vatican City including visits to the Vatican Museum and Gallery and the Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's magnificent frescoes. End your morning tour at the Basilica of St. Peter. This afternoon tour the Basilicas of St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran and St. Paul's Outside the Walls. (B)

TUE, FEB 19 – ROME

Enjoy a full day at leisure in fascinating Rome. You may venture to some of the city's 400 churches, shop along the Via Veneto, people watch around the famous Spanish Steps, or relax at a trattoria . . . the day is entirely yours to explore the city on your own. (B)

WED, FEB 20 – ROME – PAPAL AUDIENCE

This morning attend an Audience with Our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Afterwards tour the remnants of "Ancient" Rome. Visit the Catacombs and see the legendary Trevi Fountain and the mighty Colosseum. (B,D)

THU, FEB 21 – ROME/CHICAGO

All too soon your pilgrimage is over as you board your flight back to Chicago, arriving the same day. (B)

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



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RELIABILITY: For more than 68 years, we have won an international reputation for reliability. We deliver what we promise. And that is essential for a successful trip.