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PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Including visits to Venice, Padua, Florence, Siena, Assisi, Orvieto and Rome!

March 28 - April 7, 2017

GEORGE'S
INTERNATIONAL TOURS

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Day 1 - March 28: Depart U.S.A.

Our pilgrimage begins as we depart on our overnight flight to Venice. Meals and refreshments will be served aloft.

Day 2 - March 29: Arrive Venice

After arrival in the Venice, we will be met by our local tour manager and transfer to our local hotel. The city of Venice was built on 118 islands crisscrossed by 160 canals and linked by 400 footbridges. There are no roads, only canals; no traffic, only water taxis and gondolas.



Day 3 - March 30: Venice

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Venice by foot, first visiting St. Mark's Square and the St. Mark's Basilica, built to house the remains of St. Mark. Continue to the elaborate pink and white marble Doge's Palace, residence of the rulers of Venice and seat of the Government. See the State Apartments and the Great Council Hall which houses the "Paradise" by Tintoretto.

Day 4 - March 31: Venice / Padua / Florence

This morning we will depart Venice and drive to Padua, where we will visit the Basilica of St. Anthony. Then proceed to Florence and check-in at our local hotel. The remainder of the day will be free.



Day 5 - April 1: Florence

This morning our tour of Florence is an artful experience as we take in the Ponte Vecchio, the Duomo, the Baptistery with its renowned bronze doors, the Galleria Dell' Academia featuring Michelangelo's statue of "David", Santa Maria Novella Church and Santa Croce Church. The remainder of the afternoon is free.



Day 6 - April 2: Florence / Siena / Assisi

In the morning we will depart Florence and drive south to Siena, home of St. Catherine. Our first stop this morning and a highlight of our tour will be the Basilica of St. Francis where we'll venerate the Eucharistic miracle of Siena. Then we'll celebrate Mass at St. Dominic's, St. Catherine of Siena's parish church where she attended daily Mass and went into ecstasy. Adjacent to the church is her home, which we'll tour and see the cell where she fasted and prayed. Then we'll stroll the ancient Gothic streets which converge on the Piazza del Campo, one of the most beautiful squares in the world where we can stop for lunch. Continue our drive south to Assisi, the home of St. Francis and St. Clare.



Day 7 - April 3: Assisi / Rome

This morning we will visit and celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis where the saint lies in rest and visit the Basilica of St. Clare. Then proceed to St. Mary of the Angels Basilica which is the site of the Porziuncola, the tiny church in the woods where St. Francis began his

ministry and where St. Clare began her religious life. We will then depart Assisi and drive to Orvieto where we'll visit Signorelli Chapel in the Cathedral of Orvieto and venerate the sacred Eucharistic miracle. See the steps of the Papal summer residence where Pope Urban IV held up the blood-stained corporal and announced his intention to institute the Feast of Corpus Christi. Continue our drive south to the "Eternal City" of Rome.



Day 8 - April 4: Rome

A full day of exploring Rome begins with Mass at St. Peter's Basilica. Our guide then takes us through the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel with its awesome frescoes painted by Michelangelo. In the afternoon our sightseeing includes visits to St. Mary Major Basilica, St. John Lateran, the Holy Stairs, the Old Appian Way and the St. Sebastian Catacombs.



Day 9 - April 5: Rome

This morning we will experience a highlight of our Roman stay, attendance at the Papal Audience at St. Peter's (subject to the Holy Father's schedule). Join thousands of pilgrims from throughout the world to listen to the Holy Father and receive His Blessing. After lunch continue our exploration of Rome with a visit to the Renaissance section of the city. See the Trevi Fountain where a coin thrown over your shoulder will guarantee you another visit to Rome; the Pantheon; Piazza Navona with the famous Bernini's fountains; and Campo de' Fiori, one of the most colorful street markets in Rome.



Day 10 - April 6: Rome

This morning our sightseeing of Rome includes visits to the Roman Forum, the Colosseum, St. Peter in Chains featuring Michelangelo's "Moses" and St. Paul Outside the Walls, where Mass will be celebrated. The remainder of the day is free for personal activities. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 11 - April 7: Rome / U.S.A.

This morning we will transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.

TOUR COST

\$3,690.00

per person based upon double occupancy

For single occupancy please add \$550.00.

This price includes:

- ✘ Roundtrip airfare from New York JFK Airport on nonstop flights to/from Italy
- ✘ Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- ✘ Accommodation in First Class/4 star hotels
- ✘ All hotel taxes and service charges
- ✘ Breakfast and dinner daily
- ✘ Farewell dinner in Rome
- ✘ Arrival and departure transfers
- ✘ Baggage handling at hotels
- ✘ Land travel by deluxe motorcoach
- ✘ Comprehensive sightseeing with professional local guides
- ✘ Professional tour manager
- ✘ All entrance fees as per itinerary
- ✘ Daily Mass

The preceding price does not include gratuities of \$140.00 per person, but these will be included on your invoice.

Airfares from other departure cities throughout the United States are available upon request.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

Reservations and Payment: Please complete the attached Reservation Application and return it with your deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. Final payment is due 65 days prior to departure.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$50.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 61 days prior to departure, \$250.00 will be charged. If canceled 60 - 31 days prior to departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 7 days prior to departure \$700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking. Additional cancellation charges may apply depending upon the cancellation terms of our suppliers.

Refunds: Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel related services, all sums paid to George's International Tours for such services will be promptly returned to the passenger, provided the passenger has not caused such cancellation and is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger. This refund provision does not apply where George's International Tours has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund. In such a situation, George's International Tours agrees to provide passenger with a written statement accompanied by a copy of the bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

Trust Account Disclosure: California law requires certain sellers of travel to have a trust account or bond. George's International Tours has such a trust account.

Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"): George's International Tours is a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"). You, the passenger, may request reimbursement from TCRC if the Seller of Travel was registered and participating in the TCRC at the time of sale and the passenger is located in California at the time of payment. Please be advised that passengers purchasing from outside of California are not covered by the TCRC. Eligible passengers may file a claim with TCRC if the passenger is owed a refund of more than \$50 for transportation or travel services which the Seller of Travel failed to forward to a proper provider or if such money was not refunded to you when required. The maximum amount which may be paid by the TCRC to any one passenger is the total amount paid on behalf of the passenger to the Seller of Travel, not to exceed \$15,000. A claim must be submitted to the TCRC within six months after the scheduled completion date of the travel. A claim must include sufficient information and documentation to prove your claim and a \$35 processing fee. You must agree to waive your right to other civil remedies against a registered participating Seller of Travel for matters arising out of a sale for which you file a claim with the TCRC, if you were located in California at the time of the sale. You may request a claim form by writing to: Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation, P.O. Box 6001, Larkspur, CA 94977-6001; or by faxing a request to 415-927-7698.

Travel Documents: A passport with a minimum of 6 months validity remaining is required of all U.S. citizens. U.S. citizens do not require an entry visa for entry to Italy. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need an entry visa. George's International is not responsible for entry visas or passports.

Tour Cost: All quoted prices are based upon airfares, tariffs and currency exchange rates at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. Should the minimum number of 20 tour members not be reached, the right is reserved to increase the tour cost accordingly.

Tour Documents and Tickets: Final tour documents are mailed, provided we have received full payment, within 3 weeks of departure.

Baggage: Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. You will be responsible for paying to the airline any additional charges for additional checked baggage or overweight baggage (if excess weight is permitted). George's International Tours is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

Air Transportation: Air travel is in economy class on Delta Airlines (or any other IATA carrier). Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing. Fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice.

Hotels: Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking.

Travel Insurance: We strongly recommend that you have comprehensive travel insurance. Insurance may be purchased directly through George's International Tours and registration forms will be provided upon receipt of your deposit or you may purchase online at www.georgesintl.com. George's International Tours acts only as an intermediary between you and the insurance provider and in no event shall George's International Tours be liable to any person or entity whatsoever for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, exemplary, compensatory, consequential, or punitive damages related to insurance coverage purchased.

Not Included: Gratuities (\$140.00 per person will be included on your invoice), passport/entry visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of the included meals, additional baggage in excess of airport allowance, optional sightseeing tours, and all expenses of a purely personal nature.

Responsibility Clause: The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. George's International Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries.

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Please refer to www.georgesintl.com for further disclosures concerning travel risks, travels with special needs or disabilities, and arbitration.

Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.

For further information on this pilgrimage please contact:

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GEORGE'S INTERNATIONAL TOURS

RESERVATION APPLICATION

Pilgrimage to Italy (March 28-April 7, 2017)

Group Reference Number: 032817A-I

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

Name (as printed on your passport): First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____	
Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):	
Passport number:	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Passport date of issue:	Passport date of expiration:
Country of citizenship:	Date of birth:
Street address:	
City:	State: Zipcode:
Home phone:	Work phone:
Mobile phone:	Email address:

ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

Please check one: Double occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy (\$550.00 additional) <input type="checkbox"/>
If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:
If choosing single occupancy, would be willing to share a room with another person? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Please list the name, relationship and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:

Please enclose a deposit of **\$300.00 per person** made payable to **George's International Tours** and mail to:

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