

### **Day 1 | Wednesday, November 13: Depart for Rome**

Make your way to your local airport, where you will board your overnight flight(s). Your meals will be served on board.

### **Day 2 | Thursday, November 14: Arrival in Rome**

Welcome to Rome, also known as, “The Eternal City”. Upon arrival at Rome airport, collect your luggage in the baggage claim area, and continue to the Arrivals Hall, where you will be greeted by a tour escort and/or driver. You will make your way to the bus and transfer to your hotel. Following check-in, you will have free time to unpack and refresh. To walk off the “jet lag,” we will take a casual stroll in some old parts of Rome such as Piazza Navona, as well as the St. Peter’s Square. Later in the afternoon, our group will meet in the hotel lobby with your fellow pilgrims and depart for Mass. Following Mass, you will attend a welcome dinner. After dinner, you will have the opportunity to explore the area on your own and then get a good night’s sleep.

### **Day 3 | Friday, November 15: Rome: St. Peter's Basilica – St. Mary Major**

Today we tour St. Peter’s Basilica, built on the site where St. Peter the Apostle was martyred. Here, you’ll have the opportunity to view Michelangelo’s Pieta sculpture, pray at the tombs of Pope Benedict XVI and St. John Paul II. After Lunch, enjoy some free time to explore Ancient Rome and pray at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the first church dedicated to the Virgin Mary in the Fourth Century. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

### **Day 4 | Saturday, November 16: Walking Tour of Rome**

Immerse yourself in the city’s rich history as we visit iconic landmarks such as the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps. Following lunch, is free time on your own. Dinner and overnight.

### **Day 5 | Sunday, November 17: Rome – Orvieto – Assisi**

After breakfast, we will make our way to Orvieto, a city situated on a cliff in the Umbria region. Arrive in Orvieto, a city known for its Duomo and considered one of the most architecturally important in Europe, for its Etruscan roots, and for the museums where one finds collections and displays that range over 2,500 years of history. During this tour, you will walk through Orvieto’s charming, narrow alleys, and small squares. It will be a very memorable experience, perfect for reflecting over while you enjoy a wonderful lunch in Orvieto. After a wonderful afternoon, we will make our way to Assisi for dinner and overnight.

### **Day 6 | Monday, November 18: Assisi (St. Francis)**

As you visit the birthplace of St. Francis, you will become captivated as the atmosphere has not changed since St. Francis began his ministry, in the early 13th-century. You will start your tour at the St. Francis Basilica, visit his tomb of St. Francis, and have the opportunity to view a series of frescoes depicting his life, along with a few of the saint’s possessions. Followed by a visit to the Santuario Della Spogliazione where Blessed Carlo Acutis’ tomb is placed. Carlo is the first millennial to be declared Blessed who loved the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. From there, you will continue on a walking tour through this picturesque town, including the birthplace of St. Francis, and continue to the Basilica of St. Clare, our Patroness and foundress of the Poor Clare Sisters. Enjoy some free time on your own – you may take this time for additional prayer, shop in the many gift shops or enjoy a nice lunch. After lunch, you will board the bus,

which will take you outside of the walls of Assisi, to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. This is where St. Francis spent most of life. This Basilica is made up of two structures, both of which you will visit. The first structure, is the “Porziuncola”, which is where St. Francis founded his order of the Friar Minor (Franciscans). The second, is the “Capella del Transito”, which is the place of St. Francis’ death. During your time here, you will have the opportunity to visit the beautiful Rose Garden where St. Francis and other friars lived, as well as the cave where the Saint retired to pray. Return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight.

**Day 7 | Tuesday, November 19: Assisi - San Damiano - San Rufino**

After breakfast, make your way to the beautiful Basilica of St. Clair. Immerse yourself in the sacred ambiance, seeking spiritual renewal and reflecting on the life and legacy of St. Clare, a beacon of humility, poverty, and devotion. Embark on a contemplative walk to the Sanctuary of San Damiano, retracing the path St. Clare took daily. Reflect on her unwavering faith and commitment to prayer and simplicity as you traverse the serene landscape. After Lunch, visit the Cathedral of San Rufino. Immerse yourself in the grandeur of this historic cathedral, marveling at its architectural beauty and artistic treasures. Offer a prayer or light a candle, seeking solace and inspiration. Free Time in Assisi before Dinner and Overnight.

**Day 8 | Wednesday, November 20: Assisi – Florence – San Gimignano**

After an early breakfast depart Assisi for Florence. In Florence, you’ll visit the Church of the Holy Cross, the Santa Croce, where many nobles are buried, such as Michelangelo, Galileo, and Machiavelli. Following lunch, is free time on your own in Florence before we continue to San Gimignano. Continue to San Gimignano, as the sun dips below the rolling hills, embark on a journey to Torciano winery. Enjoy a guided tour, raise a toast to new friendships amidst breathtaking views, and indulge in a final Tuscan feast.

**Day 9 | Thursday, November 21: San Gimignano**

After breakfast, immerse yourself in the spiritual heart of San Gimignano. Stroll through the majestic Collegiata Church with its breathtaking frescoes, and delve into the serene atmosphere of the Church of San Lorenzo. Discover the town’s medieval past at the Museo San Gimignano 1300 before savoring a delicious Tuscan lunch on your own. Enjoy this last afternoon on your own for final shopping and relaxation. Farewell Dinner and overnight.

**Day 10 | Friday, November 22: Return Home**

Early transfer to Florence airport for return flights home.

**\*206 Tours Disclaimer:**

Occasionally local religious and national holidays, weather, traffic conditions and other events may necessitate changes in the sequence of events or the missing of certain events/places. Though every effort will be made to follow the itinerary, it should be considered as an indication, rather than a contract of events and places to be visited.