

# Pilgrimage to Italy

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2020

## Day 1 - Depart USA

## Day 2 - Arrive in Rome

Arrive in Rome where you will be met by our local representatives. This afternoon begin your prayer pilgrimage at the **Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls**. The present structure stands over the place where Emperor Constantine built the first church over the grave of Paul the Apostle. Step beneath the surface into the **Catacombs of Callixtus**, built along the Appian Way. You'll also visit **San Sebastian Outside the Walls** before checking into your hotel for dinner and overnight.

## Day 3 - Papal Audience and Christian Rome

Enjoy a **Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square (if the Pope is in residence)**. Explore the **Vatican's Museums** and **Sistine Chapel**. Built by connecting portions of the old Papal residence with newer structures, the museum houses a world renowned collection of art and antiquities. Michelangelo painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel between 1508 and 1512, and later painted **The Last Judgment** between 1535 and 1541 for Popes Clement VII and Paul III. The primary function of the chapel is the **Papal Conclave**, providing the place where the College of Cardinals of the church gathers to select a new Pope. Then walk throughout **St. Peter's Basilica**, the present structure completed in 1590 was built over the Byzantine and Middle Ages structures that marked the **tomb of Saint Peter**. There are more than 100 tombs within the basilica, including most recently deceased Saint John Paul II. Finish the day at the **Pantheon**, built by Marcus Agrippa during the reign of Augustus (27 BC to 14 AD). Emperor Hadrian rebuilt it around 126 AD. The building was given to Pope Boniface IV who converted it into a church - Saint Mary and the Martyrs (Santa Maria Rotunda). Mass continues to be celebrated here.

## Day 4 - Ancient Rome and Basilicas

History is woven through the streets and neighborhoods of Rome as in no other city. Explore the many wonders of ancient Rome as you visit the magnificent **Colosseum**. From the most sacred hill of ancient Rome, **Campidoglio**, view the **Forum**. See the **Circus Maximus**, the **Arch of Titus**, the famous **Baths of Caracalla** and the

**Arch of Constantine**, as well as the **Victor Emanuel Monument** and the **Monti Region**, Rome's most ancient neighborhood which spreads over three of her seven hills. Begin your afternoon with a visit to the **Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran**. Six Popes are entombed here. Next door is the **Holy Staircase** (Scala Santa), brought from Pilate's Palace in Jerusalem by Saint Helena in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century. Climbing the stairs on your knees is a devotion that many pilgrims perform, and a plenary indulgence is granted for completing this feat. Next is the **Basilica of Saint Lawrence Outside the Walls** (San Lorenzo). Saint Lawrence was one of the first seven deacons of Rome, martyred in 258. The Church is built next to catacombs that lead down to his grave. The relics of Saints Justin Martyr and Stephen are also enshrined here. Continue on your pilgrim journey to the **Basilica of Saint Mary Major** (Maria Maggiore). This is the largest Marian church in Rome. Its construction began after the Council of Ephesus in 431 proclaimed that Mary was the Mother of God. Saint Jerome, translator of the Bible into the Latin Vulgate, is buried here.

## Day 5 - Assisi

Your journey continues as you travel to **Assisi**, the charming medieval town once home to Saint Francis. Just two years after his death, the large **Basilica** was started in his memory. At one time, the land on which the church stands was an execution ground for condemned criminals. In his humility, Saint Francis asked to be buried there, and it became known as the **Hill of Paradise**. The church contains his tomb and many great works of art.

## Day 6 - Milan

Fly to **Milan** this morning. Home to great Fashion houses such as Armani, Versace and Dolce & Gabbana. This picturesque Italian city boasts the best of the old world and the new. Enjoy a city tour and a visit to the **Teatrale alla Scala** museum where you can learn about the history of Italian operas and see displays full of costumes and set pieces. This afternoon you may shop and explore on your own or take an optional tour to see Leonardo da Vinci's "**The Last Supper**" mural before checking into your hotel for dinner and overnight.



## Itinerary Continued...

### Day 7 - Milan to Village

Depart Milan and begin your journey to your Tyrolean Village. Drive through the **Brenner Pass** and enjoy spectacular views of the **Dolomites**, a mountain range between Austria & Italy. Check into your hotel in the Tyrolean Village for dinner and overnight.

### Day 8- Innsbruck

This morning visit **Innsbruck**, the capital of Austria's Tyrol region. Innsbruck is famous as the site of two winter Olympics. Follow your guide through the quaint medieval streets of **Old Town** to the sparkling **Golden Roof**. The glittering sloping roof has been an opulent landmark since the 15th-century. You'll view Maria Theresa's **Imperial Palace**, **Triumphal Arch** and visit the **Hofkirche**. Plus, you'll have time to explore the medieval city on your own.

### Day 9 - Oberammergau Passion Play

After the Black Plague that was rampant in Europe left their small village, the grateful people of **Oberammergau** promised God that they would show their gratitude by putting on a **Passion Play**. Over 380 years later you will get to enjoy this one-of-a-kind, six hour musical and dramatic performance. You will have reserved seats, a guided tour of the town and motorcoach transfers to and from the play's theater. Dinner is provided in Oberammergau tonight.

### Day 10 - Return to USA or Enjoy the Village Extended Stay Extension



## VILLAGE EXTENDED STAY \$498\*

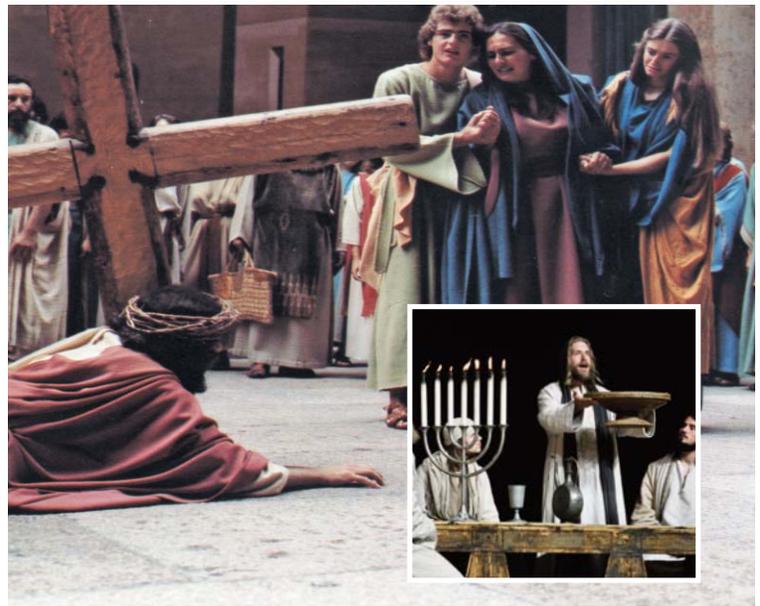
### Day 10-13

Enjoy four additional nights in your quaint Tyrolean Village hotel with breakfast and dinner included each day. You will be on your own for touring during your extended stay. Your extended stay does include a return transfer to Munich airport.

### Day 14 – Transfer to Munich & return to USA

\*All prices reflect a 4% cash discount.  
Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.

## Oberammergau Play History



Since 1634, the most famous Passion Play in the world has taken place in Oberammergau. The tradition, maintained and experienced almost without interruption for over 380 years, of putting on the play about the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ every ten years, will be continued for the 42nd time in 2020. It is regarded as the most important Passion Play in the world. The village at the edge of the Bavarian Alps expects approximately 500,000 visitors for the passion play, over half of which will be international guests. A special law is in effect to insure that all actors of the world's largest amateur dramatic performance come from the village. All participants, from actors playing the big speaking parts such as Jesus, Mary or Judas, through members of the choir, orchestra members, firemen and ushers, must have been born in Oberammergau or lived there for at least 20 years. Over 2,000 Oberammergau villagers will participate in the 2020 Passion Play.

STARTING AT

**\$4,798\*****Select Your Departure Date**

All inclusive prices based out of New York

June 15 • July 13 • August 10

September 1

\*All prices reflect a 4% cash discount.

**YOUR ALL INCLUSIVE PRICE INCLUDES:**

Basic Tour &amp; Guided Sightseeing

Roundtrip International Airfare from New York

Additional baggage &amp; optional fees may apply; see fine print for details

Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes

Subject to change

Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees, Hotel Gratuities &amp; Program Fees

Daily Buffet Breakfast &amp; Dinner, Deluxe Motorcoaches

Passion Play Ticket for Full 6 Hour Performance

First Class Hotels &amp; much more!

**Purchase Domestic Airfare through EO**

Includes Fuel Surcharges, Transfers and Taxes (subject to change)

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or register online at [www.eocatholic.com](http://www.eocatholic.com)****Register Early & Save****\$100**

February 2, 2018

**\$75**

December 31, 2018

**\$50**

June 30, 2019

**EO Guarantee & Lock in your Rate information:**

When booking your trip through EO we guarantee that you will see the Full Passion Play! In 1980, 1984, 1990, 2000 & 2010 EO was the largest distributor of Passion Play tickets. All of our guests were able to attend the full play. Other companies promised tickets but were unable to secure enough. Other companies only allowed their guests to see half the play and forced them to share tickets with other guests. Don't wait until 2030 to see this once-in-a-lifetime, world famous expression of Faith in Action!

Guests that pay in full for their Pilgrimage to Italy & Passion Play program by January 1, 2018 will lock in their rates, which may fluctuate due to changes in ticket pricing, government taxes, fuel surcharges and/or currency fluctuations.

**Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates For All Tours**For a full description of the plan, go to: [www.tripmate.com/wpF427E](http://www.tripmate.com/wpF427E)

Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$ 0 to \$1000	..... \$ 99	\$2501 to \$3000	.....\$299	\$4501 to \$5000	.....\$499	\$6501 to \$7000	.....\$699
\$1001 to \$1500	.....\$149	\$3001 to \$3500	.....\$349	\$5001 to \$5500	.....\$549	\$7001 to \$8000	.....\$799
\$1501 to \$2000	.....\$199	\$3501 to \$4000	.....\$399	\$5501 to \$6000	.....\$599	\$8001 to \$9000	.....\$899
\$2001 to \$2500	.....\$249	\$4001 to \$4500	.....\$449	\$6001 to \$6500	.....\$649	\$9001 to \$10,000	.....\$999

**Schedule of Coverages**

Part A *	Maximum Benefit
Trip Cancellation	.....Trip Cost

Part B	Maximum Benefit
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	.....\$25,000
Medical Expense / Emergency Assistance	.....\$50,000
Trip Interruption	.....Trip Cost
Travel Delay (Up to \$100 Per Day)	.....\$500
Missed Connection	.....\$500
Baggage and Personal Effects	.....\$1,000
Baggage Delay	.....\$100

**Additional Cancellation Protection**

When you purchase this Travel Protection Plan at or before the final payment due date for your Trip, you also receive the Educational Opportunities Tours Pre-Departure Cancellation Waiver Benefit that allows you to cancel your Educational Opportunities Tours travel arrangements up to the day of departure for any reason (excludes no shows and those not permitted boarding). With this Educational Opportunities Tours Cancellation Waiver, your non-refundable land cancellation penalties will be refunded in Educational Opportunities Tours travel certificates. Certain travel programs are not eligible for this benefit, such as cruise and land programs listed and detailed on the Educational Opportunities website ([www.eo.travel](http://www.eo.travel)). Premiums must be paid in addition to initial or second deposit prior to the final payment for coverage to be in effect.

Part A - Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Educational Opportunities Tours. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Co. For New York Residents Only: Part A Benefits are underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ. Benefits are administered by: Trip Mate, Inc., 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO, 64114, 1-800-888-7292 (\*in CA, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency).

**Conditions and Limitations**

This is a brief description of the plan available for all Travel Protection sales for Trips departing January 1, 2013 and after. Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Certificate of Coverage. For example, coverage does not apply to: any Sickness or condition of you, a Traveling Companion or a Family Member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverages (The Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion is waived if payment for this plan is received by Educational Opportunities Tours, Inc. at or before the final payment due date for your Trip or 105 days before departure date, whichever occurs first), suicide, normal pregnancy, war or any act of war. Other Covered Reasons, as defined, includes the following events or their consequences: Cancellation or Interruption of your Trip due to: Inclement Weather, unannounced Strike, mechanical breakdown that causes complete cessation of services of Your Common Carrier for at least 12 consecutive hours; a documented traffic accident while en route to departure; being hijacked or quarantined; jury duty; destruction of your home or destination by fire, flood, burglary or natural disaster; being called to the emergency service of government to provide aid or relief in the event of a natural disaster; a documented theft of passports or visas; a transfer of employment of 250 miles or more; or Revocation of military leave. For further information ask for the Certificate of Coverage which fully details the coverages, provisions, limitations and exclusions of the plan offered and is available to you, upon request, at any time prior to your purchase of the plan. This plan is underwritten by: United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ. Benefits are administered by: Trip Mate, Inc., 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO, 64114, 1-800-888-7292 (\*in CA, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency).

**INCLUDED IN PRICE:**

- Roundtrip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Hotel gratuities
- Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast • Dinner except where specifically not included
- Passion Play Ticket for full 6 hour performance
- Projected Fuel surcharges of \$300 • Projected Government Taxes of \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

**NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:**

- Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule)
- Extensions and optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure
- Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages at meals & baggage fees
- Voluntary "Love Offering" for guide and driver • \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents

**ALSO NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE - will appear on your statement:**

Extension Border taxes, visas, tips and other fees: \$29 Village Stay.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are smaller than doubles. While EOT will try to match roommates, EOT cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$698 during the basic week; \$248 Village Extended Stay

**SAVINGS:**

Early registration discounts or other promotions are deducted from the balance of your bill. Hosts/Co-hosts are not eligible.

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:**

All prices reflect a 4% discount for full payment via check.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

Payment Amount	Payment Due Dates & Notes
<b>\$100</b>	Registrations received more than 24 months prior to departure
<b>\$500</b>	2nd Deposit due 24 months prior to departure. Registrations received 24-12 months prior to departure must include a full deposit of \$600.
<b>\$1,200</b>	3rd Deposit Amount due 12 months prior to departure. Registrations received 12-6 months prior to departure must include a full deposit of \$1,800
<b>Full Payment</b>	Final Payment is due for all guests 6 months prior to departure. If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed
<b>Travel Protection Premium Amount</b>	The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 365 days prior to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to your deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.

**REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED less than 6 months prior to departure:**

We welcome registrations after 6 months prior to departure Registrations received between 180-90 days prior will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 89-75 days prior will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received between 74-60 days prior will incur a \$400 per person fee Registrations received after 60 days prior or less will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

**CANCELLATION FEES:**

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program, provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is insurable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following cancellation penalties: Your deposit is fully refundable up until 12/31/2018, thereafter all guests cancelling will be subject to the following penalties. From 01/01/19 to 240 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$200 non-refundable administrative fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following charges: 239-150 days = \$400; 149-120 days = \$800; 119-90 days = \$1800; 89-76 days= 40%; 75 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

**FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:**

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged, those needing oxygen, wheelchairs, or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting to their experiences. If you have questions, please contact Educational Opportunities Tours Inc. for more details.

**PASSPORT INFORMATION, CONFIRMATION OF ITINERARY & CHECK IN PROCESS:**

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 180 days prior to your trip. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. 180 days prior to your trip you will be contacted to re-confirm your itinerary, travel arrangements and registration information during the preliminary check in process for your trip. Discrepancies in information or failure to check in for your tour may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel.

**PRICE INCREASES:**

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

**AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:**

In order to keep prices low, EOT does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once "printed", airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or travelling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group.

**FLIGHT TIMES:**

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties.

**ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:**

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well. For more information, visit [www.eocatholic.com/travelinfo/airlinefees.aspx](http://www.eocatholic.com/travelinfo/airlinefees.aspx).

**DEVIATIONS:**

Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

**ITINERARY CHANGES:**

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$150 per night; single rooms \$200 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

**VALIDITY DATE:**

This brochure is valid until 11/05/17. If validity date has passed, current brochures may be found at [www.eocatholic.com](http://www.eocatholic.com). Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

**RELEASE INFORMATION**

Payment of deposit indicates permission for EOT or its agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which EOT or its agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies EOT in writing prior to departure.

Except where otherwise stated, EOT acts only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing tickets, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall EOT be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. EOT assumes no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service. EOT does not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold EOT harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party. Florida law will be applicable to any dispute which arises out of or concerns this brochure or your tour. Any and all litigation must be brought only in and for courts in Polk County, Florida to the exclusion of litigation anywhere else in the world.

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