

***In the Footsteps of  
Pope St. John the XXIII in***

# ITALY

***including an optional extension to Paris  
with Deacon Bill Ditewig, Ph.D.***

**12 Days**

**April 15-26, 2024**

**Extension: April 26-29, 2024**



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# WHAT'S THE COST?

**Land Only**  
**\$3,495.00**

**Group Air\***  
**\$1,300.00**

**Total Trip Cost**  
**\$4,795.00**

**Solo Traveler**  
(Additional Cost)  
**\$895.00**

**Paris Extension**  
**\$1,095.00**

**Solo Traveler**  
(Additional Cost)  
**\$295.00**

*Prices are per person*

*\*Group Air Price based on a minimum of 10 passengers*

*Optional extension to Paris is based on a minimum of 15 passengers*

*Prices are valid only if the deposit is received no later than January 2, 2024*

*Final payment due February 14, 2024*



**This active program**  
**requires walking twelve**  
**to fifteen thousand steps**  
**daily, often on uneven**  
**surfaces, cobblestones,**  
**and some stairs.**



## DAILY ITINERARY

### ✚ April 15, Monday, Day 1: DEPART FROM USA

Depart on an overnight flight to Milan, Italy from Newark, JFK or Tampa airports. Dinner and breakfast are served on the plane. Add-on flights and optional upgrades to premium economy or business class are available upon request.

### ✚ April 16, Tuesday, Day 2: MILAN

We'll arrive in Italy in the morning, and enjoy a sightseeing tour of Milan, Italy's business hub and a great draw to many throughout history, from St. Ambrose to Leonardo da Vinci. We meet our English-speaking tour manager at the airport before departing for the Duomo di Milano, the largest Gothic cathedral and second largest Catholic cathedral in the world. We celebrate Mass, after we walk over to see the famous La Scala Opera House located nearby. We settle into our hotel where we have a welcome dinner and an overnight stay in Milan. (Welcome Dinner)

### ✚ April 17, Wednesday, Day 3: MILAN – BERGAMO

After breakfast, we schedule a time to see the Last Supper Fresco by da Vinci (TBC) before departing for Bergamo, located at the foothills of the Alps. This interesting city portends a world-class mix of diverse architecture, impressive art collections, and gastronomy. Bergamo has the impression of being an open-air museum with important artworks everywhere, including some of the best art masterpieces from the Renaissance and Baroque periods. We visit Piazza Vecchia and Santa Maria Maggiore and explore the old upper town, which is enclosed by 16th-century walls. Mass will be celebrated. Tonight Deacon Bill will give a talk about Pope Saint John XXIII following dinner at our hotel. Overnight in Bergamo (B.D)

### ✚ April 18, Thursday, Day 4: BERGAMO: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. JOHN XXIII

Following breakfast, we travel to the small country village of Sotto il Monte. It was here that one of the most beloved Popes, the spiritual and intellectual leader of the Second Vatican Council, was born on November 25, 1881, into a humble family of sharecroppers. Angelo Roncalli, who later became the Holy Father, Pope John XXIII was the firstborn son and the fourth child in a family of thirteen. Today we'll enjoy following in his first footsteps. We see St. Mary's Church where he was baptized as well as other sites related to his youth. As we contemplate the early life of Pope Saint John XXIII, a man who set in motion ideas and forces that not only influenced the Church but the whole world, we will be reminded that out of humble beginnings, the Spirit can accomplish great things. We'll return to Bergamo, the province of Lombardy's capital city, for dinner and overnight. (B.D)

### ✚ April 19, Friday, Day 5: BERGAMO – VERONA – PADUA

Today we travel to Verona and Padua with a stop at a winery in the Franciacorta Valley to learn about Lombardian methods of winemaking. Our

first stop is in Verona, to visit this beautiful medieval city related to the Legend of Romeo and Juliet, where we see the famous balcony. After a break for lunch in Verona and some time to explore the city on your own, we drive to Padua, where St. Anthony, patron saint of lost things is honored. We celebrate Mass at the Basilica built in his honor. Following Mass, we see the tomb of St. Anthony and several of his relics. We drive through the oldest university city in Italy and one of the oldest in Europe, by Pratto Della Valle, and the Basilica of Santa Giustina. We arrive at our hotel in time for dinner and a restful night. Overnight in the Venice area. (B.D)

### ✚ April 20, Saturday, Day 6: VENICE

We enjoy an entire day in Venice, nicknamed La Serenissima, "The Most Serene", which seems fitting as we continue in the footsteps of Saint John XXIII, whose guiding motto was Obedientia et Pax, Obedience and Peace. Saint John became the Patriarch of Venice in 1953 and was raised to the rank of Cardinal by Pope Pius XII. We explore the magnificent Basilica of St. Mark, a Byzantine wonder covered in golden mosaics and art treasures, where during his first homily, he exhibited the warmth, simplicity, and charm that would become his trademark. Here he told the Venetians, "I want to be your lovely brother". The humility is in keeping with Pope John XXIII's preferred designation as a servant of the servants of God. Instead of using a private gondola as befitting Patriarchs of the past, this Patriarch used a public boat to move about. We see the Doge's Palace, home to the political leader of the Republic of Venice. During our visit to this spiritual island, we can't help but remember another Patriarch of Venice, Pope John Paul I, who collaborated with John XXIII during the Second Vatican Council. Mass will be celebrated. In the afternoon you will have time at your leisure to explore the city on your own and take that gondola ride if you wish. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B.D)

### ✚ April 21, Sunday, Day 7: VENICE – ASSISI

After breakfast, we'll travel to Assisi, one of the high points of any pilgrimage to Italy. We visit the Basilica of Santa Maria Degli Angeli. Crowned by the magnificent dome designed by Alessi, this great Basilica was built in 1569. It enclosed the shrine of the "Porziuncola" or the Little Portion Chapel rebuilt by St. Francis around which the first Franciscan community was centered, the place where Clare received the habit from Francis, and the Capella del Transito, which marks the spot where the Saint died. We will see the statue of Saint Francis (whose name was taken by our current Pope) in the courtyard where thornless roses bloom. Here we'll celebrate Mass. Dinner and overnight stay in the magical town of Assisi. (B. D)

### ✚ April 22, Monday, Day 8: ASSISI

This morning we'll visit the Basilica of St. Francis, with our local guide who will take us to explore



the Basilica complex, which is actually composed of two churches built one atop the other. Beneath both churches is the crypt that houses the tomb of St. Francis. The lower Basilica dates from 1228 to 1230 and is richly decorated with beautiful stained glass windows, and paintings done by some of the most important artists of the 13th and 14th centuries. In the upper Basilica, built from 1230 - 1253, we will marvel at the monumental frescoes painted by Giotto, which depict scenes from the life of the saint. Then we walk through the town to the Basilica of St. Clare, the first and most important heroine of the Franciscan movement, to view her remains and see the miraculous Crucifix. During our visit to the Convent of San Damiano, we see the image of the Crucifix in front of which St. Francis knelt in prayer and heard the words "Francis, go and repair my church which, as you see, is all in ruins!"... We celebrate Mass in Assisi and have time to enjoy walking the charming streets of the city of birds and silence on our own. Dinner and overnight in Assisi. (B. D)

#### **April 23, Tuesday, Day 9: ROME**

This morning we depart for Rome driving through the beautiful Umbrian countryside. In the afternoon we visit the Basilica of St. Paul outside the Walls where we celebrate Mass and see the nearby Convent of Tre Fontane, where St. Paul was beheaded. Check into our hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure with an opportunity to taste local food in one of the many trattorias lining the streets around our hotel. Overnight in Rome. (B)

#### **April 24, Wednesday Day 10: ROME – PAPAL AUDIENCE**

We are in the Eternal City, the capital of art, history, and pilgrimage. It was here on October 11, 1962, that Pope John XXIII summoned Vatican II, one of the only 21 councils convened in the more than 2,000 years of Christian history. Early this morning, we are transferred to St. Peter's Square, where we are blessed by the Holy Father during the Papal Audience. Following lunch, we embark on a walking tour of the Baroque squares and fountains of Rome. Starting from Trevi Fountain, where you may choose to toss in a coin to ensure your "Arrivederci, Roma.", we continue to the Spanish Steps where the legend tells us we will meet someone we know, we walk to the Pantheon and then Navona Square with the famous Bernini's fountain of the Four Rivers. We celebrate Mass at St. Augustin's Church, where we can pray on the tomb of his mother St. Monica. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight (B.L.D)

#### **April 25, Thursday, Day 11: ROME – Vatican Treasures-**

We celebrate Mass at St. Peter's Basilica (TBC) and explore the largest church in Christendom, built on the site where St. Peter was martyred. Before we go into the Basilica, we see the five bronze doors, at the entrance. The "Door of Death" is traditionally the door through which bodies of dead popes are taken into the Basilica to be buried in the crypt of St. Peter's. The current Door of Death was commissioned by Pope John XXIII to be redone. While the door was being created, Pope John died. To honor him,

the artist made the final panel to be an image of John XXIII. Inside St. Peter's is a space unsurpassed in beauty, a monument to the long history of the Catholic Church to which pilgrims come from around the world. We see the tomb of St. John XXIII at St. Jerome Altar and pray at the tomb of St. John Paul II. Continue to the Vatican Museum, a group of impressive edifices with hundreds of galleries filled with art treasures, of which we see only a few. We see awe-inspiring relics and works of art donated throughout the centuries as tributes of faith. We'll cover the Gallery of Tapestries, the Raphael Rooms, and the most overwhelming - Sistine Chapel, the private chapel of the Popes, which houses Michelangelo's masterpiece: The Last Judgement. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, we tour the Scavi tunnels located underneath the Vatican. Tonight is our last night of the pilgrimage and we celebrate all the great experiences we had with a farewell dinner accompanied by locally produced wine. Overnight in Rome. (B. L. Special dinner.)

#### **April 26, Friday, Day 12: RETURN TO USA**

After breakfast, we are transferred to the airport for our flight home. (B)

### **OPTIONAL PARIS EXTENSION**

#### **April 26, Friday, Day 12: ROME – PARIS**

We are transferred to the airport this morning for a flight to Paris. Upon arrival, we are greeted by our French guide, who will take us on a panoramic tour of the city, including a stop at the Eiffel Tower and the Notre Dame Cathedral for pictures. Settle into our hotel and enjoy the rest of the day on your own. Overnight in Paris. (B.)

#### **April 27, Saturday, Day 13: PARIS**

After breakfast, we drive to Rue de Bac where we celebrate Mass at the Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and see the incorrupt body of St. Catherine Laboure. Nearby is the Shrine of St. Vincent de Paul, which we visit, followed by a visit to St. Chapelle, a gem of Gothic style which was built to house the precious relics, including Christ's crown of thorns acquired by Saint Louis. We return to the hotel, where we have dinner and stay overnight. (B.D)

#### **April 28, Sunday, Day 14: PARIS**

Today morning we board our motorcoach for a visit to Sacre Coeur (Sacred Heart Basilica) and the bohemian quarter of Paris. In the afternoon we have leisure time to explore the city on our own, perhaps visit a museum or take an optional tour of Versailles. Tonight we have our last dinner together in a local restaurant. Overnight in Paris. (B. Special dinner)

#### **April 29, Monday, Day 15: RETURN TO USA**

After breakfast, we are transferred to Paris airport for our flight home. (B)

### **YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES**

- Roundtrip airfare from New York to Milan x Rome to New York (Orlando or Tampa group air available for a minimum of 10 pax traveling together)
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- First-class hotels for 10 nights
- Service charges and hotel taxes
- Buffet breakfast daily
- 2 lunches in restaurants
- 7 hotel dinners at the hotels (standard 3-course menu, beverages available at an additional cost)
- Farewell dinner in a restaurant with wine
- All transfers with a private A/C motor coach as per itinerary
- Professional English speaking tour director throughout
- Sightseeing tours as per itinerary
- Entrance fees included to sites specifically listed (outside view means no entrance is included)
- Luggage handling at hotels (one piece per person in/out)
- Select International Tours Travel Portfolio
- Confirmation of daily Mass
- Whisper sets for groups of 30 or more passengers
- We recommend you consider purchasing CFAR Travel Protection

### **RATES DO NOT INCLUDE**

- Personal expenses
- Medical Insurance
- Any items not explicitly mentioned in the listed inclusions
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted
- Gratuities for the guide(s), driver, and wait staff (please refer to the suggestions we will make available to you)
- Church donations

### **BAGGAGE CHARGES NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP COST:**

- Any airline baggage charges
- Baggage handling at train stations, airports, and hotels in excess of one suitcase per person
- Any charges incurred due to excessive luggage including the cost of an additional baggage vehicle or portage charges



## **Important information regarding your trip:**

### **Group Air:**

Select International Tours is a tour company that specializes in group travel. A group is ten or more people traveling together. For each group we negotiate and secure group air contracts with all major airlines departing from the designated airport. This enables us to keep all passengers within a group traveling together, in most cases utilizing best air rates.

Group air contracts differ from individually purchased airline tickets in many ways. When group air contracts are negotiated, we deposit a certain number of seats to hold the space and GTD the rate. Unused seats must be released at least 90 days prior to departure to avoid a \$ 100.00 per unused seat penalty.

It is important to receive your registration by the deadline stated on the flyer. Once the seats are released back to the airlines, we may be able to accommodate passengers at a different air rate or on a different airline.

Group air contracts limit types of deviations allowed and in some cases issuing tickets at individual rates may be necessary. Individual rates & reservations are not GTD until the tickets are issued. In order to issue an individual ticket we must receive full payment. Taxes and fuel costs are subject to change until the tickets are issued.

### **Domestic add-on tickets:**

We can assist you with domestic air to connect with our international group air if you wish. Indicate on the registration form which airport you wish us to research air from. We are not responsible for fees or charges incurred in case dates change or the trip is cancelled. However, when buying a domestic add-on ticket through Select we may be able to assist in case of changes.

We will provide you with best schedule to connect with the flight (we are not able to help you with tickets that do not connect directly to the international flight) and the best price we can offer. Our information will be sent to you by e-mail. We require an acceptance within 24 hours of our offer along with full payment otherwise the rate is subject to change based on availability. We cannot quote any domestic air requests more than twice.

### **Business Class and Economy Plus Seats:**

We are happy to assist you with business class and economy plus seats. Passengers must be registered on one of our trips to receive a quote. We will quote the available rate which is subject to change until we receive payment to purchase the seats. Usually Economy Plus Seats require the group tickets to be issued before the ability to upgrade.

**Passport and Visa information:**

All airlines require us to submit valid passport information including full name (first, middle and last), date of birth, gender, country, in which your passport has been issued and passport expiration date. To ensure that we can provide this information accurately, we require a photo copy of each person's passport traveling on each tour. Your passport must be valid 6 months from the trip return date. It is the passenger's responsibility to check if visas are required for the destinations visited and to obtain any necessary travel documents. Select International Tours does not provide information or assistance about passports or visa requirements.

**Frequent Flyer Numbers:**

Select International cannot assist if you wish to reserve air using FF miles. We can update your record with Frequent Flyer #'s only if you note the number on the registration form. Otherwise please call the airline directly.

**Seat Requests & Seat Changes**

Select International Tours DOES NOT provide assistance with passenger's seating preferences or specific seat requests. Due to the large number of passengers we work with, we are unable to provide this service unless the request is due to a medical issue. In this case, we will request a seat with the airline but cannot guarantee that the seat will be confirmed. Please understand that although requests are being made directly with the airline, not every request is guaranteed or granted by the airline. If you would like to have a seat number assigned, it is best to contact the airline directly upon receipt of your ticket confirmation # or change your seats at the time of check-in at the airport prior to departure.

**“Land Only” (not purchasing group air with Select International Tour Package:**

We understand that some passengers may wish to purchase their own air transportation. Arranging transportation on your own may give you the ability to use flight miles for your ticket, secure the seat you desire/require, or deviate from the group. We offer land only prices on all our tours.

Airport transfers are not provided for passengers purchasing land only (not purchasing air with us) if arriving or departing at any time different from the group. If you wish to enjoy the benefit of the group transfer, please be sure you are at the airport at the same time as the group. On certain itineraries airport transfers, may be very costly as the group may be traveling a far distance from the airport on the first or last day.

If the flight schedule you purchase arrives or departs at a time different from the group, it is your responsibility to join the group either at the airport or at the first hotel.

If you register for the air and land package and convert to land only, a \$ 100.00 service charge will be assessed should the change be made within 90 days of departure.

**Flight cancellations or delays:**

In case your flight is cancelled or delayed please work with the airline directly at the airport to be rebooked on the first available flight out. Once you know your new flight and time of arrival contact the emergency number provided in your travel documents to notify your guide of the delay. Your travel documents will contain an emergency number and the guide's phone. Any incurred costs are out of pocket and not included in the trip cost. The cost of private transfers in case of delays are not covered as part of your trip cost. You may file a claim with your Travel Protection Insurance company or with the airlines upon your return. Receipts will be required.

**Single rooms:**

A limited number of single rooms are available on each trip. If you wish to share a room let us know at the time of registration. We will attempt to connect you with another person looking to share. The cost of Travel Protection insurance will be adjusted to reflect the single supplement as insurance cost depends on total trip cost. Should we not be able to accommodate all single room requests and you are not able or willing to share, a complete refund will be provided.

If your roommate cancels, and the room is converted into single usage, a single supplement will be charged.

**How much walking will there be on this trip?**

This active program covers a good amount of ground each day. The days are busy, usually starting with a wake-up call around 7AM and departure by 9AM or earlier. We aim to be back at the hotel between 5PM and 6PM. Times may vary depending on destination and program.

Expect from three to four hours walking on some touring days. The pace is moderate, however you will encounter some uneven surfaces, stairs, steps, cobblestones, and significant slopes. Some tours require walking in the open air with no shade and no seating available.

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### SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE COVERAGE AND OTHER NON-INSURANCE SERVICES

Benefit	Maximum Benefit Amount
Trip Cancellation**	up to 100% of the non-refundable insured Trip Cost*
Trip Interruption**	up to 150% of the non-refundable insured Trip Cost*
Single Supplement	Included
Trip Delay – 6 hours	to a maximum of \$1,500 (up to \$150/day)
Missed Tour or Cruise Connection	up to \$500
Baggage & Personal Effects	up to \$1,500
Baggage Delay – 24 hours	up to \$400
Political or Security Evacuation and Natural Disaster Evacuation	up to \$100,000
Emergency Accident & Sickness Medical Expense	up to \$50,000
Medical Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains Benefit	up to \$150,000
Optional Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR)***	up to 75% of the non-refundable insured Trip Cost*
Non-Insurance Worldwide Emergency Assistance Services	Included



Coverages may vary and not all coverage is available in all jurisdictions.

\* Subject to maximum benefit amount of \$10,000.

\*\* For \$0 Trip Cost, there is no Trip Cancellation and Trip Interruption is limited to \$500 return air ticket cost only.

Trip Cancellation/Trip Interruption benefits are only payable if a trip is cancelled/interrupted due to a covered peril.

\*\*\* CFAR must be purchased within the time sensitive period and you must cancel your trip no later than 48 hours prior to scheduled departure date of your trip. This benefit does not cover penalties associated with any air or other Travel Arrangements not provided by Travel Supplier or the failure of Travel Supplier to provide the bargained for Travel Arrangements due to cessation of operations for any reason. Additional cost applies. Not available to residents of NY.

### PER PERSON RATES

Cost of Trip	Rates	With CFAR*	Cost of Trip	Rates	With CFAR*
\$0-\$500	\$40	\$62	\$4,501-\$5,000	\$382	\$589
\$501-\$1,000	\$73	\$112	\$5,001-\$5,500	\$439	\$677
\$1,001-\$1,500	\$107	\$164	\$5,501-\$6,000	\$468	\$721
\$1,501-\$2,000	\$146	\$224	\$6,001-\$6,500	\$506	\$780
\$2,001-\$2,500	\$184	\$283	\$6,501-\$7,000	\$545	\$839
\$2,501-\$3,000	\$229	\$353	\$7,001-\$8,000	\$583	\$898
\$3,001-\$3,500	\$283	\$436	\$8,001-\$9,000	\$660	\$1,017
\$3,501-\$4,000	\$313	\$482	\$9,001-\$10,000	\$750	\$1,155
\$4,001-\$4,500	\$335	\$517			

The above rates are for trips up to 30 days – for each day over 30 add \$6 per person per day.

All of the above rates are for the plan which includes insurance and non-insurance services.

\*Optional Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) benefit not available to residents of New York State.

## EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS

**Unless otherwise shown below, these exclusions apply to You, Your Traveling Companion, or Family Member scheduled and booked to travel with You.**

**The following exclusion(s) apply(ies) to the Trip Cancellation and Trip Interruption.** We will not pay for any loss or expense caused due to, arising or resulting from: 1. a Pre-Existing Medical Condition, as defined in the plan document.

**The following exclusions apply to Medical Expense benefits:** Benefits are not payable for any loss or expense caused due to, arising or resulting from: 1. routine physical examinations or routine dental care; 2. traveling for the purpose or intent of securing medical treatment or advice; 3. Alcohol or substance abuse or treatment for the same; 4. Normal pregnancy (except Complications of Pregnancy) or childbirth, or elective abortion; 5. a Mental, Nervous or Psychological Condition or Disorder unless Hospitalized or Partially Hospitalized while the plan is in effect; 6. Your participation in Adventure or Extreme Activities, riding or driving in races, or participation in speed or endurance competition or events, except as a spectator; 7. Your participation in an organized athletic or sporting competition, contest, or stunt under contract in exchange for an agreed-upon salary or compensation. This does not include athletes participating in exchange for a scholarship or tuition.

**In addition to any applicable benefit-specific exclusion, the following general exclusions apply to all losses and all benefits.**

We will not pay for any loss or expense caused due to, arising or resulting from: 1. suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury of You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member or Business Partner booked and scheduled to travel with You, while sane or insane; 2. being under the influence of drugs or narcotics, unless administered upon the advice of a Physician as prescribed; 3. activities, losses, or claims involving or resulting from possession, production, processing, sale, or use of marijuana, illegal drugs, alcohol or substances are excluded from coverage; 4. war or act of war, including invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities between nations (whether declared or undeclared), or civil war; 5. the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation by You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member, or Business Partner; 6. directly or indirectly, the actual, alleged or threatened use, discharge, dispersal, seepage, migration, escape, release or exposure to any hazardous biological, chemical, nuclear radioactive weapon, device, material, gas, matter or contamination; 7. piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of any aircraft.

**Additional Limitations and Exclusions Specific to Baggage and Personal Effects and Baggage Delay:** Benefits are not for any loss or damage caused by or resulting from: breakage of brittle or fragile articles; wear and tear or gradual deterioration; confiscation or appropriation by order of any government or custom's rule; theft or pilferage while left in any unlocked or unattended vehicle; property illegally acquired, kept, stored or transported; Your negligent acts or omissions; or property shipped as freight or shipped prior to the Scheduled Departure Date; or electrical current, including electric arcing that damages or destroys electrical devices or appliances. We will not provide benefits for any loss or damage for the following items: a. Animals; b. automobiles and automobile equipment; c. boats or other vehicles or conveyances; d. trailers; e. motors; f. aircraft; g. bicycles, except when checked as baggage with a Common Carrier; h. household effects and furnishings; i. antiques and collectors' items; j. any type of eyeglasses, contact lenses, artificial teeth, dentures, dental braces, dental bridges, or hearing aids; k. artificial limbs or other prosthetic devices; l. prescribed medications; m. keys, money, stamps, tickets and documents (except as otherwise specified covered in the plan); n. securities, stamps, tickets and documents (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided in the plan); o. professional or occupational equipment or property, whether or not electronic business equipment; p. telephones or wireless devices, computer hardware or software.

**The plan also contains exclusions that apply specifically to the Political or Security Evacuation coverage and the Natural Disaster Evacuation Coverage.**

**Excess Insurance:** Insurance provided by this plan shall be in excess of all other valid and collectible insurance or indemnity or as required by state law. If at the time of the occurrence of any loss there is other valid and collectible insurance or indemnity in place, We shall be liable only for the excess of the amount of loss, over the amount of such other insurance or indemnity, and applicable deductible. Recovery of losses from other parties does not result in a refund of plan cost paid.

### **Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion Waiver**

The Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion will be waived if the protection plan payment or deposit is received within the time sensitive period and you are not disabled from travel at the time you pay the plan cost based on Physician assessment.

## **PLEASE REFER TO THE PLAN DOCUMENTS FOR A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGE.**

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**DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENT:** A deposit of \$500.00 per person by check should accompany the enrollment form and a copy of your passport picture page by **January 2, 2024. Final payment is due by February 14, 2024. A late payment fee of \$100 will be charged per person for all payments received after the final payment date. Please mail your payment to: Select International Tours, 85 Park Ave., Flemington, NJ 08822 Attn: Margot Jensen, 800-842-4842, margot@select-intl.com.**

**Your passport must be valid through October 29, 2024. Reservations will not be processed until we have passport copies.** Prices quoted are based on payments by check. Prices: **\$3,495.00** for land only (air not included); **\$1,300.00** for group air; **\$4,795.00** for land and air; **\$895.00** for solo traveler, additional cost, (in room by yourself); **\$1,095.00** for Paris Extension; **\$295.00** for solo traveler, additional cost, (in room by yourself). For credit card prices add 4%

**PILGRIMAGE PRICES:** Prices are based on minimum 20 passengers. Prices may be adjusted in the event of fewer than 20 passengers, changes in currency conversion rates, or amendments in local government taxes and/or fuel surcharges. Prices are in US dollars. For European travel an exchange rate of US \$1.05 per Euro is assumed.

**SOLO TRAVEL:** A limited number of single rooms are available. Prices are based on two people per room. We do not guarantee roommates but will do our best to connect you with a someone willing to share.

**LAND ONLY OPTION:** Land only services start and end at the hotels and do not include any airfare. You are welcome to transfer from the airport with the group if you arrive at the same time, otherwise, transfers are not included.

**TOUR CANCELLATION POLICY:** Individual deposits are refundable except for a \$350.00 per person handling fee for cancellations made 90 days or more before departure. A \$500.00 non-refundable fee will be assessed if the reservation is canceled between 90 and 60 days prior to departure. Within 60 days of departure all payments are non-refundable regardless of reason for cancellations. All airline tickets are non-refundable once issued. All cancellations must be in writing. Unused portions of the trip are not refundable. If a roommate cancels, the cost of a solo supplement will be added to your invoice. You may be eligible for a refund through your travel protection. Refer to the U.S. Policy by State on our website.

**TRIP CANCELLATION PROTECTION:** We strongly encourage you to purchase a **Travel Protection Plan**, for the protection of your travel investment. Please consider purchasing this plan at the time of initial deposit in order to be covered for pre-existing conditions.

Visit [www.travelinsured.com/agency?agency=47406&p=SEL21](http://www.travelinsured.com/agency?agency=47406&p=SEL21) or call 844-440-8133 for details and costs for the Select International Travel Protection Plan with optional Cancel for any reason (CFAR). Please note that CFAR is not available in NY State. The plans contain insurance benefits underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company. The plans also contain non-insurance Travel Assistance Services that are provided by an independent organization.

**AIRLINE, SEATING AND SPECIAL REQUESTS:** To best accommodate our pilgrims, we often utilize Group Air Reservations. These allow more predictable transfer and tour schedules. However, when booking Group Air, the airline (not

Select International Tours) controls seating assignments. If you require very specific seats, we suggest that you book your own airfare and take advantage of our "Land Only" options. You may communicate directly with the airline to request seating changes, provide mileage program information, or change passenger contact information once you receive ticket numbers—approximately three (3) weeks prior to departure. We work with instant purchase airline tickets and or group rates. If you switch from air and land to land only within 90 days from departure you will be charged a \$100 service fee in addition to any airline charges. All special needs and requests due to medical or dietary restrictions must be requested in writing at least 60 days prior to departure. Business class and Premium Coach seats are available upon written request; as are add-ons from your hometown airport. If you require very specific airlines or schedules, we suggest that you book your own airfare and take advantage of our "Land Only" options.

**WALKING:** Our trips require daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, steps, and uneven terrain. We recommend preparing oneself, by walking before the trip. Anyone needing assistance is required to be accompanied by a qualified and physically-able travel companion. We are not responsible for any medical condition that occurs prior, during or after the trip.

**SAFETY PROCEDURES:** Select International Tours has undertaken a reasonable inquiry, with all the suppliers (including airlines, hotels, bus companies and other service providers) used on our trips to ensure they have instigated the best available procedures regarding the pandemic- protective policies advised by local government and health authorities. The client understands and agrees that the supplier(s) may not apply those policies as diligently as the policies suggest. In addition even if the supplier makes a good faith effort to enforce its good practices, some travelers may simply refuse to cooperate. Therefore the client agrees not to hold Select International Tours or group leaders responsible should they or anyone on the trip contract COVID-19 or any other illness during or after the trip.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** By accepting this confirmation, you agree that the Group Leaders and Select International Tours, Inc. have no responsibility for any acts or omission of the travel suppliers in your itinerary and during your trip. We have no special knowledge regarding the financial conditions of the suppliers, unsafe travel conditions, health hazards, or weather hazards at locations traveled. We are not responsible for flight delays or cancellations or any charges incurred due to unforeseen circumstances. Unused portions of the trip are non-refundable. For information about destination climate, risks, and safety please consult the appropriate on-line resources. For health information consult the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. You are responsible for checking passport, visa, vaccination, or other entry requirements of your destinations. Itineraries are subject to change. We are not responsible for any damaged, lost, or stolen articles. We are not responsible for any sickness, injury, or death during or after the trip. Travel documents will be mailed out approximately three (3) weeks before departure. Please review them carefully for any errors.

**SHIPPING & HANDLING:** \$15.00—not included in package price—will be added to each invoice. Your invoice will confirm the trip registration.

**In the Footsteps of Pope St. John the XXIII in Italy and an extension to Paris with Deacon Bill Ditewig, Ph.D.**

**Trip Code: 24MJ04ITBD**

**April 15-26, 2024 Extension: April 26-29, 2024**

## THE BENEFITS OF REGISTERING ONLINE FOR YOUR PILGRIMAGE:

Over the last several years, our clients have requested more control over the trip booking process, payments, and, most importantly, communication about the trips. Our response to these comments and requests had taken two years to implement, but we are happy with the results. Select has committed to a major financial and time investment in building an online reservation system that is easy to navigate using your home computer, tablet, or smartphone. We have addressed most of the requests and suggestions provided by clients. The benefits of the new system to you are a simplified registration process, the ability to access your information at your convenience, review your payment history and get trip information while easily communicating with your Account Manager and group leader.

When you register online, you will receive regular email updates about your trip and useful tips and tricks for making your international travel more comfortable and enjoyable. And best of all, you can register online even if you prefer to pay by check or wire transfer; just choose that option upon checkout.

We understand that some people are not comfortable with technology and prefer to register via mail-in paper registration, regardless of the many benefits of registering online. To make that easy, we have created a generic registration form on our website at <https://selectinternationaltours.com/register-online/>. You may download and print the form, fill it out and mail it with your check to Select International Tours. However, before you choose to register by mail, please know that we cannot communicate with people who do not register online as frequently and seamlessly. And you may miss some important communication regarding balances and trip preparation, as well as communication from your group leaders. We want you to be in charge and be comfortable with the registration process; our job is to inform you so you can choose the best system for you.

To learn how easy it is to register online, please view THIS SHORT 6-minute VIDEO that explains the process at <https://selectinternationaltours.com/register-online/>.

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