

ITALY

THE CRADLE OF THE EARLY CHURCH

Led by
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Your Journey Includes:
Roundtrip Airfare
Superior First Class Hotels
Deluxe Motorcoaches
Breakfast Buffet Daily
Dinners as Outlined
Guided Sightseeing

Departure from:
Houston
June 16 - June 28, 2012
\$5779

REGISTRATION DEADLINE 03/16/12

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Enrollment in and payment for the tour, constitutes your acceptance of the Program Conditions and Statement of Responsibility.

The program conditions become a binding contract when your enrollment and payment are received and accepted by Omega Travel in The Woodlands, Texas. Venue for any disputes is Montgomery County, Texas. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the state of Texas.

PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE OF STANDARD PROGRAM: Round trip airfare, transfers with group to/from airport; shared double room in first-class hotel; breakfast daily and dinners as outlined; English speaking guide; transfer to and entrance fees for sites to be visited.

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE: Tips of \$200 to be collected and distributed by tour operator; single room charges (see below); additions or changes to the standard program (see below); individual transfers; travel insurance; laundry, coffee and drinks; excess baggage and items of a personal nature. Price is based upon foreign exchange at time of publication. If rates change before departure, the price of the tour could be affected. Additional charge to pay by credit card is \$232 for double occupancy and \$274 for single occupancy.

FINAL PAYMENT: Deposit of \$500 due with registration. Final payment is due March 16, 2012.

SINGLE ROOMS: When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. Single room supplement is \$1100.

ROOMMATES: You will be charged for a single room if you do not have a roommate and/or Omega Travel cannot match you with one.

MEALS: Buffet breakfast daily and dinners as outlined. All other meals are "on your own".

LUGGAGE: Limit of one suitcase and one carry-on per person, not to exceed 50 pounds or 62 inches total.

TRANSFERS: Transport between airport, hotel and piers is included in the standard program. However, those who request changes from standard program are responsible for their own transfers even when coinciding with group transfers.

CHANGES FROM STANDARD PROGRAM: Changes must be requested and approved in writing by Omega Travel. A minimum of \$150 will be charged and transfers to/from airports, etc. are not included.

AIRLINE TICKETS: Printed 45 days prior to departure, tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your European destination will be jet economy class aboard IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amenable tickets for groups of 10 or more passengers flying together for entire itinerary.

FLIGHT TIMES: Subject to change by airlines without advance notice. Omega Travel is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays.

ITINERARY LENGTH: Because airlines often change flight schedules after brochures are printed, Omega Travel reserves the right to shorten or lengthen the itinerary accordingly and, whenever possible, you will be notified in writing. If changes necessitate extra overnights, there will be additional charges.

CANCELLATION FEES: From the day of registration to 150 days prior to departure the \$100 non-refundable registration fee is the only charge. Thereafter, the following charges apply: 149-120 days: \$500; 119-90 days: 25% of total cost; 89-45 days: 50% of total cost; 44 days to day of departure: 100% of total cost. On or after day of departure, no refund. All refund claims must be received in writing.

INSURANCE: Omega Travel strongly recommends cancellation and trip insurance to cover the above fees. The cost of insurance for this tour is \$305 per person for double occupancy and \$359 for single occupancy. This amount covers the comprehensive insurance package including the pre-departure cancellation and the post-departure trip interruption benefits.

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ROBB ITALY TOUR ITINERARY

Saturday, June 16 - Your pilgrimage begins as you depart the United States on your international flight to Rome.

Sunday, June 17 - Upon arrival, we will be met by our Italian tour escort who will travel along with us for the entire tour. We will transfer to our hotel to relax after the flight. This evening we will have a **welcome dinner** in a typical Roman restaurant, followed by a **panoramic tour of Rome by night**. (B, D)

Monday, June 18 - This morning we will begin our tour by visiting the **Basilica of St. Peters** and the **Vatican Museums** which hold one of the world's greatest art collections. We will see the **Sistine Chapel** with its unique ceiling painted by Michelangelo as well as **St. Peter's Basilica** with **Michelangelo's Pieta**. This afternoon you can stroll around on your own to discover the many secrets Rome has to offer. Dinner will be on your own. (B)

Tuesday, June 19 - Today we will drive south to **Pompeii**, where we will visit the excavation of that ancient city. We will see some of what has been discovered in more than 1,900 years since Pompeii was covered by ashes during the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD. Through the remains and ruins of this ancient city, we can picture the everyday life of the Imperial Age. After lunch (on your own), we will return to Rome and visit the **Catacombs**, burial site for the early Christians. We'll return to the hotel for overnight. Dinner will be on your own. (B)

Wednesday, June 20 – Today we will be exploring the “**Castelli Romani**” (Roman Castles). The name derives from the villages that were built around the Popes’ villas and the palaces of the rich nobles that were built as their summer residences. We will visit **Frascati**, the most famous town of the Castelli, and stop in the area for a refreshing wine tasting with snacks. Frascati is famous for various types of white wine. Later we will go to **Castel Gandolfo**, summer residence of the Pope. The main square of this little town is decorated with a **fountain** and also has the church of **San Tommaso**, both works by **Bernini**. You will visit the lake in **Albano** and, then go to

Marino, lively center and domain of the Colonna family until 1814, the year of the Napoleonic occupation. From there we will drive down the old **Appian Way** which will take us back to our hotel in Rome. Dinner will be on your own. (B, Wine tasting/snacks)

Thursday, June 21 – Today we will travel along the famous **Sun Route** motorway to the medieval city of **Assisi**. We'll enjoy a tour of this beautiful town which is renowned for its 13th-century **Basilica of St. Francis** and **Giotto's frescoes**. After our time in Assisi we'll travel to **Florence** where we'll have dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Friday, June 22 – We will start our day with a guided tour on foot visiting all the major sights of Florence: the **Ponte Vecchio**, **Basilica of Santa Maria del Fiore**, **Piazza della Signoria** and the **Academy Gallery with its famous “David”** by Michelangelo. Our tour will end in **Piazzale Michelangelo** where you can admire Florence this afternoon with our escort, or by yourself. You can wander around this magnificent city - perhaps a little shopping! Dinner will be on your own. (B)

Saturday, June 23 - Today we will drive along the Tuscan countryside to **San Gimignano**, one of the most charming of all Tuscan hill towns. San Gimignano is best known for its medieval towers that dot its landscape. From there we'll drive to the medieval town of **Siena**, truly an art-lover's paradise, with its dazzling gothic cathedral and impressive frescoes. Today we will also enjoy a **wine tasting** in a Castle in the Chianti area. Some snacks will make the red wine produced in that area taste even better. After our wine tasting we'll return to Florence. Dinner will be on your own. (B, Wine tasting/snacks)

Sunday, June 24 – This morning we will drive to the **Cinque Terre**, a rugged portion of coast on the **Italian Riviera** in the Liguria region of Italy, composed of five villages: **Monterosso**, **Vernazza**, **Corniglia**, **Manarola** and **Riomaggiore**. The coastline, the five villages, and the surrounding hillsides are all part of the **Cinque Terre National Park** which is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Over centuries, people have carefully built terraces on the rugged, steep landscape right up to the cliffs that overlook the sea.

Part of its charm is the lack of visible corporate development. Paths, trains and boats connect the villages, and cars cannot reach them from the outside. We will return to Florence for overnight. Dinner will be on your own. (B)

Monday, June 25 – After an early breakfast, we will depart towards **Vicenza** where we will visit the **Andrea Palladio's** most famous creation, **Villa Capra “La Rotonda”**, a Renaissance villa just outside Vicenza. The name “Capra” derives from the Capra brothers, who completed the building after it was ceded to them in 1591. Like other works by Palladio in Vicenza and the surrounding area, the building is conserved as a **World Heritage Site**. We'll have time for lunch (on our own) and then drive to **Padua**, where we will spend the night. If you have the time and energy, check out the **Scrovegni Chapel** with its beautiful **frescoes by Giotto**. Dinner will be on your own. (B)

Tuesday, June 26 – This morning on our way to **Venice**, we will stop in **Mira** for a visit to **Villa Foscari La Malcontenta**, another amazing Palladian villa. The Ionic columns seem to rise from a high plinth so that they are reflected in the water of the river Brenta. The interiors were frescoed by Battista Zelotti and Battista Franco. After our visit there we'll transfer to **Piazzale Rome** in Venice and walk toward the end wall to our hotel on the **Grand Canal**. Dinner will be on your own. (B)

Wednesday, June 27 – After breakfast we'll have a guided tour of **Venice**. We will walk to the **local market** where they sell fresh fruit, vegetables and fish near the **Rialto Bridge**. Our guided walking tour of this fairy-tale city on water will begin with a visit to **St. Mark's Square** and its imposing **Basilica and Doge's Palace**. This afternoon we will visit one of the **Murano glass factories** where master craftsmen will demonstrate their techniques for blowing the famous colored glass into magnificent shapes and objects. This evening we will have our **Farewell Dinner** in one of Venice's many trattorie. (B,D)

Thursday, June 28 – After breakfast at our hotel we will transfer to the airport for our return flight to the USA.

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