

St. Pio Church, S. Giovanni



St. Peter's Basilica, Rome

Rialto Bridge, Venice



Rosa Mystica Symbol of the Virgin Mary

Pilgrimage to

ITALY

May 29 - June 7, 2007

Cost per person in twin from Jacksonville: **\$2,995**

\$250 air taxes & fuel surcharges, subject to change

Escorted by:

Sister Joan Grace Gabbin and Winnie Walsh

*Catholic priest will accompany the pilgrimage and celebrate **daily Mass**.*

*See **Pope Benedict XVI** at the papal audience in St. Peter's Square on Wednesday, June 6th.*

Please join us in exciting Italy on this pilgrimage encompassing wonderful

Cost Includes:

- Round trip air from Jacksonville;
- 8 Nights at 4 star hotels indicated on page 2 in private room with two beds & private bath;
- Breakfast daily; 6 hotel dinners;
- Comprehensive sightseeing by private deluxe coach with English speaking escort, local guides, entrance fees;
- Hotel taxes & services;
- Portorage of one bag per person.

Limited Single Rooms may be available at a supplement of \$900

NOT INCLUDED: Items not specified above, e.g. lunches & 2 dinners (6/5 & 6/6); optional sightseeing; optional cancellation insurance (\$175), group gratuities (we recommend collecting \$90 per person prior to departure); items of a personal nature, passport & visa (if applicable) fees; air taxes & fuel surcharges, which will be added to final invoice—\$250 effective 10/06, subject to change.

- ◆ Venice
- ◆ Rosa Mystica
- ◆ Padua
- ◆ Assisi
- ◆ Loreto
- ◆ Lanciano
- ◆ San Giovanni
- ◆ Montecassino
- ◆ Rome
- ◆ Vatican City

To Join, Call:

904-280-7321 (Sister Joan) or **904-285-5740** (Winnie)

Email: srjoangrace@aol.com

Add \$175 per person optional Cancellation Insurance to above rate at time of deposit to cover cancel fees in event of medical emergency.

BOOKING FORM

Grp #2722 Pilgrimage to Italy: May 29-June 7, 2007. Enclosed is deposit of \$____ (\$350 per person + \$175 optional insurance) for __# of persons due immediately to secure your place. Final payment is due on receipt of invoice on Monday, March 26, 2007.

Checks payable to: **GTA TOURS**

Mail to:

**Sr. Joan Grace Gabbin
PO BOX 931
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32004**

Name: (Mr./Mrs./Ms) _____
Enter your legal name as it appears on passport—no nicknames, please!

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

___Twin Room ___Single Room @ \$900 Supplement ___Triple Room

Sharing room with _____

Valid U.S. Passport Required

Home Telephone _____

Business Telephone _____ E Mail: _____

YOUR ITINERARY

MAY 29/TUE - DEPART JACKSONVILLE.

MAY 30/WED - ARRIVE VENICE, the colorful and romantic city of canals and gondolas. Transfer to St Mark's Square and enjoy free time for lunch on your own, or perhaps take a gondola ride at additional cost. (D) **HOTEL PLAZA** in Mestre, www.hotelplazavenice.com.

MAY 31/THU – ROSA MYSTICA & PADUA. In the morning depart westward to Rosa Mystica Shrine in Montichiari. It was here in 1947, that the Blessed Mother appeared to a nurse, Pierina Gulli, the vision having a three-fold message: worship, reconciliation and penance. In the afternoon visit the Shrine of St. Anthony in Padua. Overnight is in Venice. (B,D)

JUN 1/FRI – VENICE/ASSISI. Today you travel through the spectacular Tuscany Region into the lovely Umbrian Hills to Assisi, the peaceful city of St Francis. There will be free time on the beautiful, main square for lunch on your own and to explore the medieval streets. Visit the tombs of St. Francis and St. Clare, Our Lady of the Angels and Portinucula. Evening departure to hotel in Osimo. (B,D)
Palace del Conero Hotel www.hpconero.com

JUN 2/SAT - ASSISI/SAN GIOVANNI ROTUNDO. Travel on the Adriatic coast today, to **Loreto, to see the house of the Holy Family.** Continue to **Lanciano, the site of a Eucharistic miracle.** Continue to San Giovanni de Rotundo to learn about the great mystic St. Padre Pio, canonized by Pope John Paul II in Rome in June 2002. (B,D) Stay at **Savoia Regency 1 Hotel**
www.savoiaregencyhotel1.com

JUN 3/SUN—SAN GIOVANNI ROTUNDO. Full day is set aside to reflect on the life and sainthood of Padre Pio. In the morning visit St. Pio Shrine. In the afternoon travel to nearby St. Angel to visit the Basilica and cave. (B,D)

Visit the tombs of St. Francis Assisi & St. Padre Pio: two of our great, mystic saints!



St. Padre Pio

St. Francis of Assisi

JUN 4/MON – SAN GIOVANNI/ROME. In the morning, depart for the eternal city of Rome stopping at the world famous abbey of **Montecassino**, where St. Benedict found the Benedictine Order. On arrival in Rome, transfer to your hotel, located steps away from St. Peter's Square. (B,D)

STARHOTEL MICHELANGELO
www.starhotels.com

JUN 5/TUE - ROME. Walk to St. Peter Basilica for a guided tour of this amazing edifice. Visit the grotto, where the tombs of former popes, including John Paul II, are found. Next, board coach for an orientation tour of ancient Rome, stopping for photo opportunity at the Roman Forum and Coliseum. Free time for lunch on your own at the Trevi Fountain. In the afternoon, visit Tre Fontane Church, believe site of St. Paul's execution and the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls to visit St. Paul's tomb. In the evening, perhaps walk through medieval Rome from the Piazza Navona, on to the mysterious Pantheon and the Spanish Steps. (B)

JUN 6/WED - ROME. Today, walk to St. Peter Square to join the Faithful from the world over **for an audience with Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI.** In the afternoon, enjoy a tour of Rome's basilicas of St. John Lateran (Holy Stairs) and St. Mary Major and visit the very interesting Holy Cross Church. (B)

JUN 7/THU – RETURN TO JACKSONVILLE. (B)

B-Breakfast; D-Dinner. Itinerary Subject to Modification. Mass will be celebrated at selected sites.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

TOUR PRICING reflects a cash discount, there is a 3.5 % surcharge for payment by credit card—Mastercard or Visa.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Regularly scheduled economy class service on any IATA or ARC carrier. Air transportation based on fares in effect OCT '06, subject to change.

TARIFF & EXCHANGE FLUCTUATIONS: All tour prices herein are quoted in U.S. dollars and are based on tariffs and exchange levels in effect OCT '06. Rates are subject to adjustment in the event of any changes in these tariffs and exchange levels.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Rooms with two beds and private facilities throughout.

DOCUMENTS: Carry valid U.S. passport and another photo ID.

CANCELLATIONS: Refunds will be handled promptly and will be made for cancellations received in writing up to 90 days prior to departure less a \$100 administration fee. In addition, airline tickets are nonrefundable from the day they are issued, which is sometimes several months before departure. Cancellation fees: 90-45 days prior: \$800; 45-10 days prior: up to total cost.

BAGGAGE: One (1) standard size checked suitcase and carry-on that will fit under aircraft seat.

GROUP SIZE: Rates herein are based on a minimum of 31 passengers.

RESPONSIBILITY: The travel agent and the tour operator, GTA TOURS d/b/a/ GTA TOURS, POB 1008, Madison, CT 06443, Tel: 203-245-8980, or their agents act(s) only as

agent(s) in all matters connected with the making and securing of reservations for transportation, accommodations, tours and/or other arrangements and assumes no responsibility for liability in connection with the service of any train, vessel carriage, aircraft or other conveyance which is used, either wholly or in part, in the performance of its duty to the passengers; neither this travel agency nor any of its representatives shall be, or become liable for any act, error or omission, or for any injury, loss accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any defect in any vehicle or through neglect or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out the purpose for which ticket or coupons have been issued. In the event that it becomes necessary or advisable, for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made. Additional expenses if any, shall be borne by the passengers; conversely, refund will be made to the passengers if any saving is effected thereby. Also, in the event that sufficient persons are not secured for a particular tour, we reserve the right to cancel said tour, and a refund of monies paid will release the company of any further obligation. All arrangements for accommodations, transportation and sightseeing are made by the tour operator and/or their agents. The passage contract in use by companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchase of these tours and/or passage by the airlines concerned and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance.