

Siena Main Square



St. Peter's Basilica, Rome

Rialto Bridge, Venice



Pilgrimage to

# ITALY

May 12-22, 2008  
September 8-18, 2008  
October 20-30, 2008

Cost per person in twin :

See Pope Benedict XVI at the papal audience in St. Peter's Square on Wednesday.  
Mass celebrated daily at selected sites.

## Cost Includes:

- Round trip air;
- 9 Nights at first class hotels indicated in itinerary on page 2 in private room with two beds & private bath;
- Breakfasts daily; 5 hotel dinners;
- Festive dinner at Sibella Restaurant in Tivoli on May 30;
- Comprehensive sightseeing by private deluxe coach with English speaking escort, local guides, entrance fees;
- Hotel taxes & services;
- Portage of one bag per person.

Limited Single Rooms may be available at a supplement of \$950

**NOT INCLUDED:** Items not specified above, e.g. lunches & 3 dinners 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.

Led by:  
(Your Name & Organization Here)

Please join us in exciting Italy on this pilgrimage encompassing wonderful

- ◆ Rome
- ◆ San Gimignano
- ◆ Vatican City
- ◆ Siena
- ◆ Assisi
- ◆ Ravenna
- ◆ Florence
- ◆ Venice

To Join, call \_\_\_\_\_: Tel:

Email:

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 Pilgrimage to Italy with . 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

Checks payable to: **GTA TOURS**

Mail to:

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_Twin Room \_\_\_Single Room @ \$950 Supplement \_\_\_Triple Room

Sharing room with \_\_\_\_\_ **Valid U.S. Passport Required**

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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## YOUR ITINERARY

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**DAY 1 MON—DEPART USA.** Transfer by coach to Houston airport for connecting flights on Air France.

**DAY 2/TUE—ARRIVE ROME.** Meet English-speaking escort and transfer to **HOTEL MICHELANGELO** ([www.starhotels.com](http://www.starhotels.com)) located steps from St. Peter's Basilica. En route stop at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls for a brief visit. (D)

**DAY 3/WED - ROME.** Today, join the Faithful from the world over at the Vatican for an audience with Our Father, Pope Benedict XVI. In the afternoon, there is a panoramic tour of ancient Rome, stopping for photo opportunities at the Roman Forum and Coliseum. **Enjoy a festive welcome dinner at Sibella Restaurant in the lovely Roman suburb of Tivoli.** (B,D)

**DAY 4/THU – ROME.** Morning tour of St Peter Basilica and the Vatican Museum, housing art works of the great masters and the Sistine Chapel, where popes are elected. Afternoon sightseeing tour, visits the major Rome basilicas: St Mary Major, St John Lateran (Holy Stairs), the Coliseum and St Sebastian Catacomb. (B)

**DAY 5/FRI – ROME/ASSISI.** In the morning, travel northward to the lovely city of Orvieto to visit the spectacular Cathedral, site of a Eucharistic miracle. Continue to the Umbrian Hills and the charming town of St. Francis, Assisi. Enjoy some free time on the glorious main square. (B,D)

**San Francesco Hotel**  
[www.hotelsanfrancescoassisi.it](http://www.hotelsanfrancescoassisi.it)

**DAY 6/SAT – ASSISI.** Sightseeing tour includes the basilicas of St Francis and St. Clare and Our Lady of the Angels Church. The afternoon is free to relax in the prayerful atmosphere of the town – or, perhaps, optionally travel to nearby Perugia, a lovely and art filled city. (B,D)

**DAY 7/SUN – ASSISI/FLORENCE/SIENA.** Our coach continues this morning to Tuscany and to Florence, the fabulous Renaissance city on the Arno River. Take a walking tour to include the Academy, to view Michelangelo's famous David, and the main square. See Giotto's Bell Tower, the Duomo and Baptistery. Continue to nearby Siena, where Saint Catherine, a Doctor of the Church, lived and composed her moving writings. (B,D)

**Hotel Athena.** [www.hotelathena.com](http://www.hotelathena.com)

**DAY 8/MON – SIENA & PISA.** In the morning, see the main square, famous for its horse races, and St. Catherine Convent. In the afternoon, visit San Gimignano, a city of beautiful spires surrounded by splendid Tuscan countryside. It has been declared a UNESCO World Architectural Heritage site. Return to Siena for overnight. (B)

**DAY 9/TUE – SIENA/RAVENNA/**

**VENICE.** Today, travel to the art treasure city of Ravenna on the coast, for a guided tour including St. Vitale Church where fabulous world famous early Christian frescoes are found. In the late afternoon depart for romantic Venice, the city of canals and gondolas. Dinner at **HOTEL PLAZA—Mestre** [www.hotelplazavenice.com](http://www.hotelplazavenice.com) (B,D)

**DAY 10/WED - VENICE.** Guided morning walking tour of beautiful St Mark Basilica and Doges Palace. Afternoon is free to shop and explore the beautiful, historic city. Perhaps visit the world famous Murano Glass Factory. (B)

**DAY 11/THU – VENICE/U.S.** (B)



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

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### 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

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