

## **12 Day Holy Spirit Pilgrimage to Italy**

Visiting Rome, Pietrelcina, San Giovanni Rotondo,  
St. Michael's Cave, Cascia, Roccaporena, Assisi, Montefalco, Padua & Venice

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> – June 14, 2013**

### **YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:**

- Round trip air from Houston  
First Class 3 & 4 Star Hotels
- Breakfast & Dinner Daily
- Air-conditioned motor coach
- English speaking guide
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Porterage of one piece of luggage at hotels
- All taxes and service charges
- Daily Mass and Rosary

### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Mass at St. Paul Outside the Walls
- Tour of Ancient Rome
- Basilica of St. Mary Major
- Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel & St. Peter's Basilica
- Pietrelcina home town of Padre Pio
- Church of Santa Ana where Padre Pio was baptized
- Visit of the Tomb of Padre Pio
- Basilica of Santa Maria delle Grazie
- St. Michael's Cave
- Basilica of Cascia to see the incorrupt body of St. Rita
- Shrine of St. Rita in her hometown Roccaporena
- Basilicas of St. Francis & St. Clare
- Tombs of St. Francis & St. Clare in Assisi
- Basilica of Our Lady of Angels
- The Porziuncola (the little church St. Francis built)
- Basilica of St. Anthony of Padua
- Church of St. Lucy to see her body
- St. Mark's Basilica
- Walking Tour of Venice

**Pilgrimage Price: \$ 3,599.00 Double per person \$ 3,559.00 Triple per person  
\$ 700.00 Single Supplement**

### **ITINERARY:**

**Mon, June 3<sup>rd</sup>: Houston/Rome** - Depart Houston airport on your overnight flight to Rome. Dinner served in flight.

**Tue, June 4<sup>th</sup>: Rome** - Upon arrival in **Rome** we are transferred to our hotel. En route we stop at *St. Paul Outside the Walls* for Mass. Remainder of the day is free to enjoy Rome on your own.



**Wed, June 5<sup>th</sup>: Papal Audience & Ancient Rome Tour** - This morning we go to St. Peter's Square for the *Papal Audience* (provided the Holy Father is in residence). This afternoon we have a *Tour of Ancient Rome* including the *Coliseum*, the *Forum* and the *Monument to Victor Emmanuel*. We leave the bus at *Piazza Navona* and walk to the *Trevi Fountain* passing the *Pantheon* along the way. We stop for a visit of *St. Mary Major Basilica* where we see the *Manger of Our Lord*.

**Thu, June 6<sup>th</sup>: Guided Tour of Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel and Saint Peter's Basilica**



The Vatican Museum offers an opportunity to reveal the educational dimension of art according to an iconographic-pedagogic program. *"The Museum truly displays a continuous interweaving between Christianity and culture, between faith and art, between the divine and the human"*.

The tour follows an itinerary which includes: the Pio Clementino Museum, the Gallery of the Candelabras, the Gallery of the Tapestries and the Gallery of the Geographical Maps, the Raphael Rooms, the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica.

After your tour you have a free afternoon to explore Rome on your own.

**Fri, June 7<sup>th</sup>: Rome/Pietrelcina/San Giovanni Rotondo** - Morning departure to **San Giovanni Rotondo**. En route we stop at **Pietrelcina**, *birthplace of Padre Pio*. We visit his home, the *Church of Santa Ana*, where he was baptized and we have Mass at *Santa Maria degli Angeli*. We stop at **Piana Romana**, where *Padre Pio received the invisible stigmata*, before continuing to San Giovanni Rotondo. Upon arrival we visit the *Basilica of Our Lady of Grace*. During our stay in San Giovanni Rotondo we visit *Padre Pio's Tomb*.



The new crypt where Padre Pio now rests.

**Sat, June 8<sup>th</sup>: St. Michael's Cave** - This morning we visit **St. Michael's Cave**. In the year 492 a man named Gargan was pasturing his large herds in the countryside. One day a bull fled into the mountainside, where at first it could not be found. When its refuge in a cave was discovered, an arrow was shot into the cave, but the arrow returned to wound the one who had sent it. Faced with so mysterious an occurrence, the persons concerned decided to consult the bishop of the region. He ordered three days of fasting and prayers. After three days, *the Archangel St. Michael* appeared to the bishop and declared that the cavern

where the bull had taken refuge was under his protection, and that God wanted it to be consecrated under his name and in honor of all the Holy Angels.

**Sun, June 9<sup>th</sup>: San Giovanni Rotondo/Cascia/Roccaporena** - Morning departure to **Cascia**. Cascia is the home of St. Rita of Cascia and her incorrupt body lies in the Major Basilica. Below in the Minor Basilica is a Eucharistic Miracle and the remains of Blessed Simone Fidati. At the time of the miracle a certain priest had lost his respect for the Eucharist and when going on a call to administer the Holy Sacraments to an ailing peasant took a Consecrated Host and placed it between the pages of his breviary. When he opened the book, he saw that the Host had turned red with fresh blood and was impregnated with the two pages between which it had been placed! The priest sought out for counsel Blessed Simone Fidati, a pious priest of the time. He recognized the priest's error and gave him absolution. He took the two pages, putting one in a tabernacle in Perugia and the other in Cascia. The miracle is commemorated each year on the Feast of Corpus Christi in Cascia. There are those who look at the bloodstained page and see the image of Christ. After our visit we continue to **Roccaporena**, *birthplace of St. Rita*. We visit her home and the *Shrine of St. Rita*.

**Mon, June 10<sup>th</sup>: Assisi** - Morning departure to **Assisi**. En route we stop in **Montefalco** to visit the *Convent of St. Clare of the Cross to see her incorrupt body and the Cross on her incorrupt heart*. Upon arrival in Assisi, we visit the *Basilica of Our Lady of Angels to see the Porziuncola (the little church St. Francis built)*. After our visit we go to the upper city to see the *Basilicas of St. Francis and St. Clare*, where we see the *Tombs of the two Saints*. Remainder of the day is free.

**Tue, June 11<sup>th</sup>: Assisi** – Free day for private devotions and to explore this medieval town on your own.

Around 1000 BC, large groups of people settled in this area. These were the Umbrians. They lived in small fortified villages on high ground. Around 450 BC the Umbrian villages were taken over by the Etruscans. Then the Romans took control of central Italy in the *Battle of Sentinum* in 295 BC. They leveled out some land in terraces and built a large town called *Asisium* on the side of Mount Subasio. This town became *Assisi*. Some buildings still can be seen from the Roman times. They include the walls, the main piazza, and the Temple of the Goddess Minerva, which is now the Church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva. In 238 AD all the people of Assisi became Christian because of the teaching of Bishop Rufino. It is believed that Bishop Rufino's body is buried under the Cathedral Church of San Rufino in Assisi. Assisi is a **Unesco World Heritage Site**.

**Wed, June 12<sup>th</sup>: Assisi/Padua** - Morning departure to **Padua**. Upon arrival we visit the *Basilica of St. Anthony of Padua to see the Tomb of St. Anthony*.

**Thu, June 13<sup>th</sup>: Venice** - Today we are transferred to **Venice** for our short cruise along the Grand Canal to the *Church of St. Geremia and St. Lucy to view the body of St. Lucy*. Next, to St. Mark's Square for a tour including *St. Mark's Basilica* with its Byzantine and European architectural styles and dazzling mosaics. We stop to pray at the tomb of St. Mark before continuing our *Walking Tour of Venice*. We have free time for lunch (on our own) and shopping before our late afternoon return to Padua.

**Fri, June 14<sup>th</sup>: Venice/USA** - Morning departure to Venice airport for your return flight to the USA.

## Reservation Form

<b>Tour No. ITA0603</b>		
Name (as it appears on your passport):		
Address:		
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Will your room be a: ( ) single (limited) ( ) double ( ) triple		
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Are you a US citizen? ( ) Yes ( ) No		
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Passport No.	Issue Date	Expiration Date
Name of Parent or Guardian		Telephone Contact
<p>Please return this form with your check to:</p> <p><b>LITTLE FLOWER TOURS &amp; TRAVEL, LTD.</b></p> <p><b>145 Fieldstone Road,</b></p> <p><b>Staten Island, New York 10314</b></p> <p><b>☎ 718-761-1251 or outside NY call 888-843-7373</b></p> <p><b>A \$300.00 DEPOSIT IS DUE AT TIME OF BOOKING</b></p> <p><b>AN ADDITIONAL DEPOSIT OF \$ 400.00 IS DUE ON January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013</b></p> <p><b>FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE March 21, 2013</b></p>		
<p><b>TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Cancellation made by passengers.</b> Of the \$300.00 deposit, \$300.00 is non-refundable in case of cancellation. 70 days to 46 days a \$700.00 penalty is imposed. 45 days to 16 days a \$700.00 penalty PLUS any penalty imposed by the airlines and hotels. 15 days or less may result in loss of entire cost, depending on what we can recover. Once travel has commenced, no refunds for unused portions can be made. <b>TRAVEL INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE AND ADVISABLE If you have a pre-existing condition, it is important that you take Travel Insurance within 10 days of booking.</b></p> <p><b>In the event that a group does not travel due to low participation, passenger deposit will be returned 30 days after cancellation.</b></p>		
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<b>ITA0603</b>	<b>12 Day Italy Pilgrimage</b>	<b>\$ 120.00 Double/Triple Students \$ 215.00 Double/Triple Adults \$ 240.00 Single</b>

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