



PROROME

# The Avalon School Pilgrimage to Italy



Join us on Pilgrimage to Italy next June.  
Featuring Rome, Vatican City and Assisi

— June 12-22, 2022 —

\$3200.00, air-inclusive from Washington Dulles IAD

For more information or to register please visit [prometours.com/avalon-school/](https://prometours.com/avalon-school/)  
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# THE ITINERARY



## Sunday, June 12

Today we depart for Italy. Group members should meet at the TAP Portugal check-in desk at Washington Dulles (IAD) at 2:30 PM. TAP flight 232 then departs at 5:30 PM, arriving at Lisbon (next day) at 5:55 AM. We then depart Lisbon at 7:25 AM on TAP flight 834 for Rome, Italy.

## Monday, June 13

Upon arrival at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci international airport at 11:20 AM, our tour director and a private

motor-coach will meet us and bring us directly to our private villa, the Villa Magnolia, a beautiful villa complex located less than one mile from the Vatican. This incredible campus is completely surrounded by walls, and includes a beautiful garden, a barbeque grill and a private chef!

After settling in we'll enjoy lunch at the villa together. We're then off to St. Peter's Basilica where we will enjoy a group tour. We'll then enjoy an early pizza dinner before heading back to Villa Magnolia to catch up on sleep.

## Tuesday, June 14

Today begins with a subterranean tour of the Catacombs of St. Sebastian. This will be followed by a visit to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. We'll also visit the site of St. Paul's martyrdom at Tre Fontane. After lunch we will explore the great medieval quarter of Rome that is "across the Tiber," Trastevere. Here we will visit the churches of St. Cecilia, St. Chrysogonus and St. Mary's in Trastevere. We'll also enjoy a scavenger hunt in search of interesting places, such as the well where Pope Saint Callixtus was thrown down and martyred. We're then back to Villa Magnolia for dinner!

## Wednesday, June 15

Today we will attend an audience in St. Peter's Square with the Pope! We will then catch a bus over to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major. From here we will embark on a walking tour on which we will venerate some of the holiest relics found anywhere in the world. Churches on this tour include the Major Basilica of St. Mary Major, the Basilica of Santa Prassede, the Major Basilica of St. John Lateran, the Holy Stairs and the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem. In the evening we'll return to Villa Magnolia for dinner.

## Thursday, June 16

Today we will enjoy a comprehensive visit through ancient Rome. We'll begin underground, with the subterranean houses beneath the Basilica of Sts. John and Paul. Following lunch we will explore the Colosseum and Roman Forum. We'll then head back to the Villa Magnolia for dinner.

## Friday, June 17

Today we explore the mountains outside of Rome, the Castelli Romani! Here we will go mountain biking and enjoy a swim in the breathtaking lake of Albano. In the evening we'll head back to Roma for dinner at the Villa Magnolia.



## ITINERARY CONTINUED



### Saturday, June 18

Today begins with Mass in St. Peter's Basilica. We will then enjoy a comprehensive guided tour of the churches, piazzas and temples of the Campus Martius, the ancient "Field of Mars." This tour will take an in depth look into the Counter Reformation, exploring the lives of St. Philip Neri and St. Ignatius of Loyola. Along the way we will visit the churches of the Gesu', Sant'Ignazio, Sant'Agnese and San Luigi Francese. Our day will conclude with evening visits to the Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps.

### Sunday, June 19

Today begins with Mass in the Chiesa del Gesu, the burial place of Saint Ignatius of Loyola! We'll then depart for the Scavi Tour, a subterranean tour beneath St. Peter's Basilica that will take you all the way back to the first century - to the tomb of St. Peter! Following lunch we will explore the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel.

On this tour our guide will take us on a fascinating journey through some of the greatest wonders ever created by man! Our day's tour concludes with a climb to the top of the cupola of St. Peter's Basilica - nearly 500 feet in the sky! We're then off to dinner.

### Monday, June 20

Today we'll depart by private coach for Assisi. Prior to reaching the actual medieval city center of Assisi we will visit the original home of the Franciscan order and the place of St. Francis's death at the Porziuncola chapel inside the great baroque Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. We will then proceed to Assisi and check-in at the lovely three- star Hotel dei Priori, located just next to the birthplace and childhood home of St. Francis of Assisi! Following check-in we will visit the tomb of St. Francis and then attend Mass in the Basilica built over his tomb. We will then visit the Basilica of St. Claire followed by a visit to her incorrupt body in the crypt below.

### Tuesday, June 21

Our last day in Italy features a hike up into the mountains where St. Francis first fled the world! We'll enjoy a picnic lunch high in the mountains before heading back down to Assisi for dinner and a final evening together.

### Wednesday, June 22

Today we will depart for Rome Fiumicino Airport (FCO) at 7:00 AM. Flight TAP Portugal 841 departs FCO at 12:05 PM and is scheduled to arrive in Lisbon at 2:15 PM. After a brief layover, we'll then board TAP Portugal flight 235, with scheduled departure at 5:10 PM. At 8:25 PM we will touch down in Washington Dulles. Welcome home!





## ▶ Cost

\$3200.00/per person

## ▶ Payment Schedule

\$200.00 - Due at Registration

\$1500.00 - Due January 15, 2022

\$1500.00 - Due March 15, 2022

## ▶ Price Includes

- Round-trip airfare from Washington Dulles in economy class on TAP Portugal
- One check bag, one carry-on and one personal item.
- Seven nights accommodation (Double/Triple/Quadruple Apartments) at the private Villa Magnolia, Rome
- Two nights accommodation (Double/Triple Standard Room) at the three-star Hotel dei Priori, Assisi
- Private tour director throughout the course of the trip
- Professional qualified English-speaking guide for all visits according to the above itinerary
- Tours and all entry-ticket prices
- Daily breakfast and dinner (without choice of menus)
- Water at meals
- Deluxe a/c coach throughout the tour for all transfers and visits according to the above itinerary
- Audio guiding system
- All tips or suggested gratuities (\$200.00 value)

## ▶ Price Does Not Include

- Daily lunch
- Any personal expenses
- Any drinks during included meals other than water
- Trip Insurance (Available for purchase through ProRome)



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