



CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE

CELEBRATING 45 YEARS



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*Inviting Alumni, Family and Friends
of Christendom College on a
Lenten Pilgrimage to Italy*

This pilgrimage features visits to Rome, Florence, Assisi and Orvieto, daily Mass in the most sacred churches of Italy, and an exclusive touring program through the great heritage and culture of Roman Catholicism.

— Monday, March 6 - Thursday, March 16, 2023 —

\$3900.00, AIR-INCLUSIVE FROM WASHINGTON DULLES (IAD)

For more information or to register please visit prometours.com/christendom-college/ or contact Ms. Emma Trist at office@prorome.com or at (434) 953 1112

THE ITINERARY



Monday, March 6 Departure

Today the group will meet at Washington Dulles at 3:00 PM. Our flight Air France 055 is scheduled to depart for Paris (CDG) at 6:30 PM. Bon voyage!

Tuesday, March 7 Arrival, Orvieto and Florence

At 8:05 AM we are scheduled to arrive in Paris. Following a brief layover we will then board Air France flight 110, with scheduled departure at 9:25 AM. Upon arrival in Rome (FCO) at 11:35 AM, we will be met by our tour director and private bus and depart immediately for Florence.

Upon arrival in Florence we will check-in at the Grand Hotel Baglioni, a beautiful four star hotel located in the heart of Florence. After checking-in we will depart for the Basilica of Santa Maria Novella for Mass. We'll then return to the hotel for a welcome dinner on the rooftop terrace!

Mass Santa Maria Novella

Wednesday, March 8 - Florence

Today begins with a private Mass in the church of San Marco followed by a tour of the adjacent monastery, where we will marvel at Blessed Fra Angelico's great frescoes. We're then off to the Accademia Museum for a private tour of Michelangelo's David.

In the late morning we will enjoy a walking tour of Florence, beginning near the Arno River at the Ponte Vecchio and concluding high above the city on top of Brunelleschi's dome. Along the way we will visit some of the most sacred sites of Florence, such as the church of Sant'Ambrogio, the Basilica of Santa Croce, the Basilica of San Lorenzo and the Badia Fiorentina.

Mass Basilica of San Marco

Thursday, March 9 - Assisi

Following breakfast we're off to Assisi! Upon arrival we will visit the very birthplace of the Franciscans, and the place where St. Francis passed into eternity nearly 800 years ago - the Porziuncola chapel, located within the magnificent Papal Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli. Here we will celebrate Mass.

Following our visit to Santa Maria degli Angeli, we will check-in at the lovely Hotel dei Priori, a three-star hotel located just next to the birthplace and childhood home of St. Francis of Assisi. There we will have free time for lunch followed by a guided tour of Assisi, which includes visits to the Basilica di Santa Chiara, the Cathedral of San Rufino, and many other incredible churches and burial sites. On this tour we will explore the life and legacy of Saint Francis and Saint Clare, walking in their footsteps and praying at their tombs.

Mass Basilica di Santa Maria degli Angeli

Friday, March 10 Rome

Today begins with Mass at the Tomb of Saint Francis within the Basilica of San Francesco. We will then depart for Rome. Upon arrival in Rome we will check-in at the three-star CIAM guesthouse, a religious guesthouse located within extraterritorial Vatican property and overlooking Saint Peter's Square!

Following check-in we're off to Saint Peter's Square where we will meet the president of Christendom College Dr. Timothy O'Donnell for an exclusive tour of the Square and the Basilica. Following the tour we will then depart for a special evening in celebration in honor of the 45th anniversary of Christendom College!

Mass - Tomb of Saint Francis, Basilica of Saint Francis



ITINERARY CONTINUED



Saturday, March 11 - Rome

Today we will embark on the “Seven Churches” pilgrimage. This features the seven most important basilicas of Rome that date back to the very first centuries of the church. These are the very churches where the early martyrs are buried and thus over time became the holiest sites and most magnificent buildings of Rome and the world.

Our tour begins with an early morning Mass in Saint Peter’s Basilica. We’ll then visit the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, the burial place of Saint Paul and the second-largest church in the world, second only to St. Peter’s. Following our time at St. Paul’s, we’re off to the Basilica of Saint Sebastian followed by a tour of the Catacombs of Saint Sebastian. Upon conclusion of the subterranean tour, we will rendezvous aboveground for lunch. The restaurant of choice is Cecilia Metella, a hidden gem nestled in a garden and overlooking the Basilica of St. Sebastian.

After a hearty pranzo at Cecilia Metella, we’re off to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, the most important Marian church in the world and home to some of the greatest relics of Christianity, such as a piece of the manger that Jesus was born in! We’ll then visit the church of Saint Lawrence, the burial place of Saints Lawrence, Stephen and Justin Martyr.

Following our tour of Saint Lawrence, we will visit the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem, where the relics of Our Lord’s passion are preserved. Our day then concludes with a visit to the Cathedral of Rome, “the Lateran.” Built by Constantine in the 4th century, this church is known as the “Mater et Caput” - the mother and head of all the churches in the entire world, as it officially became the seat of the bishop of Rome upon legalization of Christianity under the emperor Constantine the

Great. We’ll then return to the CIAM for dinner and overnight.

Mass Saint Peter’s Basilica

Sunday, March 12 - Rome

Today we will depart for Mass in the church of Saints Cosmas and Damian in the Roman Forum. We will then enjoy a guided tour of the Colosseum, the world’s largest ancient amphitheater and one of Rome’s most sacred spaces, made holy by the blood of the martyrs who died here.

Following lunch we will embark on a tour through the jaw-droppingly beautiful historic center of Rome. Prepare to witness some of the most incredible buildings and monuments ever built, such as the Pantheon and the Fountain of the Four Rivers. In the evening we’ll enjoy dinner together at Sor’Eva, a wonderful Roman restaurant near our hotel.

Mass Saint Cosmas and Damian

Monday, March 13- Rome

This morning we will celebrate Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica. We will then descend below the earth on the Scavi Tour, a subterranean tour beneath St. Peter’s Basilica that will take us all the way back to the first century - to the tomb of St. Peter! The rest of the afternoon is free - enjoy!

In the evening we will meet near the Pantheon for a wonderful outdoor dinner at Le Cave di Sant’Ignazio.

Mass Saint Peter’s Basilica

Tuesday, March 14

Today we will enjoy a day-trip to the hilltop town of Orvieto, a medieval city which sits on top of an enormous volcanic plug some 60 miles north of Rome. Here we will attend Mass in the Duomo (Cathedral) of Orvieto, one of Europe’s most magnificent Gothic edifices and home to the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena. We will learn the incredible story behind the Feast of Corpus Christi and will even be able to venerate the Miracle!

Following Mass we will enjoy a group lunch at Tipica Trattoria Etrusca. After lunch there will be free time for prayer, exploration and shopping. We will then return to Rome for a free evening.

Wednesday, March 15

Our day begins with a Papal Audience in St. Peter’s Square. If we are lucky you may even be able to meet the Pope, as he frequently stops the Popemobile in order to welcome people. Following the Papal Audience there will be free time to enjoy lunch in the beautiful Borgo Pio neighborhood of Rome!

Following lunch we will enjoy a guided tour of the Vatican Museums. On this tour our guide will take us on a fascinating journey through some of the greatest wonders ever created by man, including Michelangelo’s Sistine Chapel. We will then rendezvous at the hotel for a farewell dinner together.

Thursday, March 16

In the early morning we will depart for Rome’s Fiumicino airport. Our flight Air France 1205 is scheduled to depart at 10:00 AM for Paris (CDG). Upon arrival at 12:15 PM we’ll enjoy a brief layover before boarding Air France flight 054. Scheduled to depart at 1:30 PM, we’ll then touch down at Washington Dulles at 5:30 PM. Welcome home!



▶ Cost

\$3900.00 per person

Single Room Supplement: \$800.00

▶ Payment Schedule

\$200 due at registration

\$1850.00 due October 15

\$1850.00 due December 15

▶ Price Includes

- Roundtrip Airfare on Air France in Economy Class (no choice of seats)
- Luggage included (one carry-on, one personal item, one checked bag)
- Six nights (Double Standard Room) at the three-star CIAM, Rome
- Two nights (Double Standard Room) at the four-star Grand Hotel Baglioni, Florence
- One night (Double Standard Room) at the three-star Hotel dei Priori, Assisi
- Private ProRome Tours tour manager 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 daily lunch or dinner (without choice of menus)
- Deluxe A/C Coach throughout the tour for all transfers according to the above itinerary
- Audio guiding system

▶ Price Does Not Include

- Personal expenses
- One daily meal (lunch or dinner)
- Beverages at meals
- Trip Insurance (available for purchase through ProRome)
- Gratuities (suggested \$100.00 total per person for the driver and tour manager)



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