

## RESERVATIONS

A \$300 per person US Dollar deposit is required to secure a reservation. Your reservation is not considered confirmed until Pilgrim Tours has received both the deposit and completed reservation form. Reservations are due July 4, 2024 and can be sent to: Pilgrim Tours PO Box 268 Morgantown, PA 19543.

## FINAL PAYMENT

Final payment will be due August 13, 2024. Payment can be made by check, Visa, Discover, or Master Card. Payments not received on time will be subject to a minimum \$200 per person penalty and may result in reservation cancellation without refund. Reservations made after the final payment deadline may result in additional administrative fees and are at the discretion of Pilgrim Tours.

## INCLUDED

Roundtrip airfare from LAX including taxes and fees (air taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change), 7 nights lodging at 4-star Italy hotels & 4 nights lodging at 4-star Austria hotels, Breakfast and dinner daily at hotels, Full time English-speaking Tour Escort, step-on guides as needed, All transportation and entrances as per itinerary, Services of long-distance deluxe motor coach as appearing on itinerary, Baggage handling at hotels (one piece), Whisper/Listening devices, Tips to tour escort, guides, drivers and hotel staff, 1 group arrival transfer and 1 group departure transfer, Pilgrim Payment Processing for check, Visa, MasterCard or Discover

## NOT INCLUDED

All lunches and drinks with meals except as noted in itinerary, Optional Travel Insurance – 6.9% or 9.3% of tour cost (CA rates current as of quote date)

## CANCELLATION

Cancellation in writing must be received by Pilgrim Tours for appropriate refund minus the following fees and any nonrefundable services purchased. Air penalties are not part of the percentages below and vary based on the airline policy. Travel insurance is non-refundable.

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| July 23, 2024 or before:   | \$100 per person                   |
| Jul. 24-Aug. 22, 2024:     | Deposit Amount of \$300 per person |
| Aug. 23-Sept. 6, 2024:     | 40% of tour cost                   |
| Sept. 7-21, 2024:          | 65% of tour cost                   |
| Sept. 22-Oct. 14, 2024:    | 85% of tour cost                   |
| October 15, 2024 or after: | 100% of tour cost                  |

## Pilgrim Tours service fee structure:

When signing up for a tour offered by Pilgrim Tours, a deposit is required to confirm your reservation. Part of the deposit for the advertised tour includes a minimum of \$100 per person service fee assessed by Pilgrim Tours that is non-refundable and non-transferable. The reason for not traveling can be either the traveler cancelling or the tour being postponed, suspended or cancelled due to but not limited to acts of God, war, terrorist acts, political unrest, epidemics, pandemics, or government imposed travel restrictions. In registering for a tour, a tour member agrees to the service fee as well as all terms and conditions as outlined on the tour reservation form.

## PRICING

Quoted tour prices include planning, handling and operational charges and are based on the current rate of exchange and tariffs. In the event of a marked change in foreign exchange rates, fuel costs or tariff rates, tour costs are subject to revision. Such increases will be added to the final billing. Pilgrim Tours reserves the right to vary itineraries and prices, and to substitute facilities and hotels of equal or better quality if necessary.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

These tour programs are operated by Pilgrim Tours and Travel, Inc., 3071 Main Street, Morgantown, Pennsylvania 19543. In common with other companies, Pilgrim acts only as an agent for tour members in arranging vacation services offered on this web site, including transportation, sightseeing, and accommodations through independent contracts. Air carriers, accommodations, and other suppliers (including but not limited to trains, cruises, ferries, motor coaches, hotels, tour guides, and restaurants) providing these services are independent contractors and are not agents, employees, servants, or joint ventures of the Company or its affiliates. All travel documents for services issued by the Company are subject to the terms & conditions specified by the contracted supplier, which are available upon request, and are subject to the laws of the countries in which the services are supplied. Tours postponed, suspended, or cancelled due to but not limited to acts of God, war, terrorist acts, political unrest, epidemics, or pandemics are subject to service fees by Pilgrim Tours. In registering for a tour, tour members agree to the terms and conditions for the tour

they have registered for. Pilgrim Tours reserves the right in its sole discretion to make changes in the itinerary and is not responsible for expenses, loss of time, money, or other incidents resulting from a change of tour scheduling made for tour members. Pilgrim Tours is not responsible for any losses or damages of personal property, injuries, thefts, sickness or unforeseen expenses incurred by any tour member.

## AIR TRANSPORTATION

For your convenience, Pilgrim Tours is happy to book your airfare as part of a group air contract which allows the group to fly together at a set price. A group air contract requires a minimum of 10 passengers flying roundtrip from the same city, on the same air schedule, and on the same dates. Pilgrim Tours does not have the ability to guarantee assigned seating when making group air arrangements. Air carriers are responsible for seat assignments, and most group air contracts assign seats at the airport check-in on the day of departure. Once ticketed, group air tickets are not upgradable to premium economy or business class, and mileage credit is not guaranteed and is subject to the rules of each airline. If interested in an upgrade, please notify Pilgrim Tours at time of deposit and no later than 100 days before travel. All taxes, fuel charges, and security fees are subject to change based on the ticketing date. Passengers wishing to cancel or change their air reservations may be subject to change fees or cancellation penalties. Pilgrim Tours is not responsible for unforeseen flight delays or changes due to war, political unrest, acts of God, epidemics, or pandemics. Air schedules may be subject to change at the discretion of the airline. Pilgrim Tours does not accept liability in the case of any passenger being denied boarding by any airline carrier due to the carrier's overbooking of a flight.

## TOUR MEMBERSHIP & MOBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Tour membership is available to all travelers and will not be withheld if the tour operator can furnish the requirements that an individual may need. Because most of our Retail Tour sightseeing schedules require Tour Members to walk 1-2 miles at a time using a moderate pace and sometimes navigate uneven terrain, we cannot accept persons who cannot do that and instead require special assistance. Should any Tour Member's participation somehow materially add to the tour operator's cost, the Tour Member will be expected to pay any additional costs. The Tour Director retains the right to require any non-sufficiently mobile persons to stay behind when deemed necessary, and also terminate the membership of any member displaying disruptive behavior, delaying or endangering fellow members and/or interfering with the operations of the tour. Private group tours vary in regards to mobility standards.

## PROOF OF US CITIZENSHIP, PASSPORT, VISA & MINOR CHILDREN REQUIREMENTS

All international tours require a current passport. Entrance to most countries requires your passport be valid for 6 months after your return date. Your passport information must be recorded by a Pilgrim Tours agent when making your reservation. Names on airline tickets must appear as shown on passport. Photocopies are not acceptable forms of identification. Minors traveling with either one parent or no parents must have a certified letter of permission from the parent or parents who is/are not traveling. If requested, this letter must be presented. **Non U. S. Citizens are responsible to fulfill appropriate entry requirements of the destination country. Contact the local Consulate of the countries you plan to visit and transit for entry requirement information.**

## BAGGAGE

Although every effort is made to handle passengers' luggage as carefully as possible, Pilgrim Tours is not responsible for and does not assume liability or accept claims for loss of or damage to luggage due to breakage, theft or wear and tear through hotel, group carrier or airline handling. There are limitations by coach and air carrier as to the number and size of bags which can be carried onboard and in bulk storage. However, during the tour, passengers are permitted one checked suitcase and one carry-on bag unless otherwise noted. Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact the airline or refer to the airlines website for detailed information regarding checked baggage policies. This is a fee levied by the airlines, not Pilgrim Tours, and may be subject to change.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE - AVAILABLE FOR ALL PASSENGERS

Pilgrim Tours strongly suggests purchasing a travel insurance plan. Be sure to check with your health insurance provider as many US medical coverage plans may not cover you outside of the country. Insurance costs are based on the total tour cost, including air taxes and charges listed under "Not Included." These charges are added to the final billing. Approximate amounts can be given at time of reservation in order to purchase the appropriate amount of insurance. Travel Insurance is non-refundable.

For a full explanation of Pilgrim Tours Terms and Conditions please visit <https://www.pilgrimtours.com/company/policies.htm>

## ALLIANZ TRAVEL INSURANCE

Choose between the following two insurance plans

### ODYSSEY PLAN: 6.9% OF TOUR COST

Maximize your coverage. To make sure you are eligible for existing medical conditions, purchase your Odyssey Plan at or before final payment.

| Benefits Included                | Amount of Coverage                  |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Trip Cancellation/Interruption   | Trip Cost                           |
| Trip Delay                       | \$1,000 (no receipts: \$200)        |
| Missed Connection                | \$500                               |
| Baggage Loss/ Damage             | \$1,500                             |
| Baggage Delay                    | \$500 (no receipts: \$100)          |
| Emergency Medical & Dental       | \$50,000 (\$750 in dental coverage) |
| Emergency Medical Transportation | \$250,000                           |

### ODYSSEY WITH CANCEL ANYTIME: 9.3% OF TOUR COST

Odyssey with Cancel Anytime must be purchased on date of reservation. This plan will not be available after that date.

| Benefits Included     | Amount of Coverage     |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Odyssey Plan Coverage | Odyssey Plan Limits    |
| Cancel Anytime Plan   | up to 80% of trip cost |

### POLICY QUESTIONS

 ALLIANZ representatives are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week Toll Free at 1.800.284.8300 and refer to ACCAM - F201757.

Odyssey Plan is available for purchase at the time of final payment and does not need to accompany the registration deposit.

Odyssey with Cancel Anytime must be purchased on the date of your reservation.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF ITALY TOUR (WITH OPTIONAL AUSTRIA EXTENSION)

9 Day Tour | October 22-30, 2024

Optional Austria Extension | October 30-November 3, 2024



## Information & Reservations Pacific Church Network

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**Day 1 – Tuesday, Oct. 22: Depart USA**  
Overnight flight to Italy.

**Day 2 – Wednesday, Oct. 23: Arrive Rome**

We arrive at the Rome airport and transfer our lodging for the next three nights. This afternoon we will take an afternoon tour of the Catacombs where thousands of Christians were buried in a remarkable tiered series of galleries.

**Day 3 – Thursday, Oct. 24: Forum, Mamertine, Coliseum, Ostia Antica**

Our guided walking tour begins at the ancient Roman Forum. We will visit the Arch of Titus commemorating his sack of Jerusalem in AD 70. We will view the Mamertine Prison exterior, where tradition says the Apostle Paul was imprisoned. The Roman church would say that Peter was imprisoned here as well, but there is no imperial evidence that Peter was ever in Rome. Next, we visit the Coliseum, where thousands of people and animals perished during gladiatorial games. The Coliseum first opened in AD 80 and within 100 days of its opening, 5000 wild beasts perished here. The slaughter of humans and animals continued for three more centuries. Historians believe the Coliseum could hold between 40,000 and 80,000 people depending on how close seating was. The floor has recently had a plank placed over the middle making it accessible for people to walk over the labyrinth of brick cells, ramps, and elevators used to transport animals and gladiators into the arena. Hear the stories of the games that have fascinated people for hundreds of years. We conclude our day at the ruins of Ostia Antica, providing an excellent example of city life in classical times and the Ostian Gate, today called the Gate of St. Paul.

**Day 4 – Friday, Oct. 25: Vatican Museums, St. Peter's, Scala Santa, Abbey of Three Fountains, St. Paul Outside the Wall**

After breakfast you will begin a full day of sightseeing. First visit Vatican City where you will see the Basilica at St. Peter, the Sistine Chapel and the Vatican Museums with stunning works of art at every turn. After some free time for lunch, you will stop at The Abbey of the Three Fountains, the traditional site of Paul's martyrdom and

the ancient street that he walked on. Next, visit the 4th century Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, the site of Paul's tomb, and the Scala Santa, where Martin Luther made his stand against the practice of indulgences. This fascinating museum houses the Steps from Pilot's Judgment Hall in Jerusalem brought to Rome by Helena, the mother of Constantine. Additional sights include the Arches of Constantine and Titus, Circus Maximus and the beautiful marble monument called the Wedding Cake.

**Day 5 – Saturday, Oct. 26: Frescoes, Assisi, Florence**

After breakfast you will say "Arrivederci Roma" and board your coach and travel through scenic Umbria to the ancient walled hillside village of Assisi. After lunch on your own, you will enjoy a guided tour of this beautiful, medieval town, which will include the Basilica San Francesco, decorated with some of the most renowned frescoes in the world. The stories of the sacrificial life of St. Francis will be an encouragement to us all. Our home for the next two evenings is in the beautiful city of Florence, the heart of charming Tuscany.

**Day 6 – Sunday, Oct. 27: Beautiful Florence, Michelangelo's David**

You will spend the morning enjoying a guided tour of Florence, one of the world's greatest artistic capitals, which will include the Piazza della Signoria, Duomo, Baptistry and a visit to the Accademia Galley, home of Michelangelo's David. A stop will also be made on the hillside overlook across the river from Florence where we will enjoy a panoramic view of the beautiful red-tiled roof cityscape. This afternoon is at your leisure to enjoy shopping, visiting more galleries or strolling on the famous Pont Vecchio, the old bridge which spans the Arno River. Remember that Florence leather shops are the best in the world and bargains on excellent quality goods are abundant. It may be the time to purchase those special Christmas gifts.

**Day 7 – Monday, Oct. 28: Pisa & Verona**

The sightseeing this morning includes a tour of Pisa where you will visit the Baptistry, Duomo and the famous leaning tower in the Piazza dei Miracoli. This afternoon we stop in romantic Verona, medieval setting of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, with a walk through the



VENICE



NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE

historic center/shopping district to see the famed balcony of Juliet. Our lodging for the next two evenings will be in Venice Mestre.

**Day 8 – Tuesday, Oct. 29: Charming Venice**

Start the morning sightseeing in style as your guide takes you by private boat along the Giudecca canal to meet your resident expert. Highlights of your walking tour are St. Mark's Square and the Byzantine splendor of St. Mark's Basilica, lavish Doges' Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Afterwards enjoy Venice at your own pace, or join an optional gondola ride through the picturesque canal system, visit the many charming shops and take photos galore.

**Day 9 – Wednesday, Oct. 30: Home**

This morning we transfer to the airport for our flight home.

**(Austria Extension)**

**Day 1 – Wednesday, Oct. 30: Innsbruck**

This morning we depart Venice and travel north to Innsbruck. Early this afternoon we take in the breathtaking views from the Olympic Ski-jump Stadium amid some of the best mountain scenery Austria has to offer as well as visit the Imperial Hofburg Castle, the Golden Roof and the Old Town. We check into our hotel where we'll enjoy our dinner and overnight.

**Day 2 – Thursday, Oct. 31: Neuschwanstein Castle, Oberammergau, Salzburg**

This morning we travel into Oberammergau, site of the famous Passion Play and magnificently painted houses, on your way to the Rococo-style Chapel in the Meadow and Ludwig II's most luxurious former residence, the Neuschwanstein Castle. (Please note: the castle has very strict timed entries, and it is essential to arrive a good 30 minutes or more ahead of our scheduled entry as obtaining the tickets and making our way to the entrance can take some time.) This afternoon we travel to Salzburg following the Bavarian mountain range.

**Day 3 – Friday, Nov. 1: Salzburg**

This morning enjoy touring Salzburg, "The City of Mozart", along with its Baroque Palaces and plaza. Our local guide will lead us along the cobblestone streets and

we'll visit the Mirabelle Gardens, Mozart's home, and the colorful Getreidegasse. The charm and scenery of this "Sound of Music" village will capture your heart. In the afternoon, we travel to Vienna where we'll enjoy our dinner and overnight.

**Day 4 – Saturday, Nov. 2: Vienna**

Today we will see the Hofburg Palace, once the seat of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the Belvedere Palace, views of Prater amusement park, UN buildings and other vivid reminders of the city's imperial history. We visit St. Stephen's Cathedral the famous cathedral of Vienna. The remainder of the day is at your leisure to wander the streets of this wonderful city.

**Day 5 – Sunday, Nov. 3: Travel Home**

We transfer to the Vienna Airport and fly home today.

*Itinerary subject to change while touring for the best interest of the group.*



VATICAN CITY



FLORENCE

**PRICE PER PERSON:**  
BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

**Italy:**  
**\$2,799.00 + Airfare\***

*\*\$1,295.00 per person.*

**Single Supplement: \$380.00**

**Austria:**  
**\$1,499.00**

**Single Supplement: \$295.00**