



## TOUR RELIGIOUS FATIMA & ITALY

**Day 1 – ARRIVAL DAY** - We arrive in Lisbon Airport, where we are met and drive to Fatima. If possible, we celebrate Mass at the Church of the famous Eucharistic Miracle at Santerem. Balance of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. In the evening, we join the International Rosary Procession.

**Day 2 – FATIMA** - This full day is devoted to visiting the Basilica and Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima and nearby hamlets of Aljustrel and Valinhos. We join the English language concelebrated Mass at the Chapel of Apparitions. We visit the birthplaces of Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia, the Laca de Anjo and the Holy Way. In the evening, we join the International Rosary Procession. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Day 3 – LISBON/ROME** – This morning, we transfer to the airport where we board our flight to Rome. On arrival we will tour some of her sites, passing the Roman Fora, the Arch of Constantine, the Coliseum and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We conclude our day at one of the Catacombs, burial place of early Christians. We celebrate Mass here and view the 2nd and 3rd century fresco paintings. Continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Day 4 – VATICAN CITY/ROME** - This morning, we make our way to St. Peter's for an audience with Pope Francis if he is in residence. After lunch on our own we visit St. Paul's Beyond the Walls. This huge, imposing Basilica, second only to St. Peter's and one of the largest churches in the Christian world, contains an unusual gallery of papal portraits: 265 tablets portraying the popes of the past. We celebrate Mass here and return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. - If the Pope is not in residence, can they see some roman ruins or anything else you deem worthy of a visit.

**Day 5 – CIVITAVECCHIA/ROME**—This morning, we drive to the church of St Agostino in Pantano, a suburb of Civitavecchia to simply celebrate Mass and view the famed Weeping Madonna. This white plaster statue which was originally bought from a souvenir stall at the shrine of Our Lady at Medjugorje in Bosnia, was reported in 1995 to have wept tears of blood. Following our visit, we return to Rome where this afternoon, if possible, we enjoy a special tour of the excavations beneath the Vatican where the body of St. Peter was found. Known as the Scavi tour we will visit in small groups of twelve and when not below, we enjoy shopping in this area. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

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**Day 6 – VATICAN CITY/ROME** - Following morning Mass at St. Peter's, we spend this morning seeing the treasures of the Vatican Museum. We marvel at Michelangelo's restored frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica to view the "Pieta". This afternoon we visit two of Rome's major basilicas, St. John Lateran and St. Mary Major. Then we go to St. Peter in Chains to view Michelangelo's possibly most celebrated sculpture, the "Moses". Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

**Day 7 – LANCIANO/SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO** - This morning we visit and pray at Lanciano, the site of the oldest Eucharistic Miracle certified by the Church. After almost eight centuries the Body and the Blood still maintain all the characteristics of fresh human material. We continue south to San Giovanni Rotondo where we celebrate Mass at the tomb of Saint Padre Pio and visit the sanctuary. We transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Day 8 – SAN GIOVANNI/SUBIACO/ROME** – We depart early this morning for Subiaco. It was here that Saint Benedict and his sister Scolastica retired at the end of the 5th Century and built five little monasteries. We visit the Monastery of St. Benedict, which dates from the 13th and 14th centuries. We visit the Sacred Cave where Benedict lived as a hermit for three years. The staircase holds the earliest portrait of St. Francis without his halo or stigmata. We celebrate Mass here. Continue to Rome for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Day 9 – ROME FREE DAY** – After breakfast you have free time for your personal adventure or you can buy our excursions full day or half day. In the evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner at the typical roman restaurant. overnight at our hotel.

**Day 11 – DEPARTURE DAY** - We transfer to the airport for our flight home with unforgettable memories to cherish always.

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