

# *A Journey to Italy* *Including the Shroud of Turin*



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***9 Days: April 13 to 21, 2010***

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## *An Invitation to Join Us*

Many, many years ago I had the great privilege of visiting the Holy Shroud of Turin in the Cathedral there—I think it must have been 1978 or 79. Although there was then, and still is now, some scientific controversy about whether it could be the burial shroud of the Lord, I was moved to tears when I saw it and knew in my heart that I was “that close” to something that had itself been “that close” to the Lord himself, guarding and protecting his dead body as he awaited the resurrection. This pilgrimage to pray before such a holy relic will be the same for you. I know we eat and drink the Lord’s body and blood almost on a daily basis, but to see, and be entrapped in the wonders of the Shroud itself will be a most memorable spiritual experience.

So, what else is true? Well, Milan, Turin and Rome – three great cities, and Italy – a great experience awaits you! We shall visit the famous Leonardo “Last Supper” (subject to ticketing), travel by Italian superfast train, and visit St Peter’s, Michelangelo’s Sistine Chapel, the Coliseum, the Spanish Steps, and lots of other great places in Rome. Your memories will last for ever. We stay in first class hotels, eat at superb restaurants, pray before awesome relics and have – along the way – some great fun! You will meet interesting people, enjoy fascinating times, come to know more about our Catholic Church, and be renewed in your spiritual life. ***Come and join us! Ci vuole una vita!*** The Italians say – it means “you need a lifetime,” well, we only have 9 days but we’ll do our best to give you 9 days you’ll never forget.



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## *Our Daily Itinerary*

*Fr. Steve*

**TUE, APRIL 13, DAY 1: DEPART USA:** We depart en route to Milan with complimentary meals and beverages served aloft.

**WED, APRIL 14, DAY 2: ARRIVE MILAN & VISIT OF THE CITY:** We arrive at Malpensa Airport outside Milan. We are met by our Catholic Travel Centre tour escort and driver who will accompany us throughout our trip. We explore the city of Milan – the See of Ss. Ambrose, Charles Borromeo and Pope Paul VI. We start with a visit to the Duomo, the most magnificent Gothic building in Northern Italy. Here we celebrate the opening Mass of our pilgrimage. We will also visit La Scala (the famous opera house), the Basilica di Sant’Ambrogio (“the most interesting church in Milan and the prototype of the Lombard basilica and the Tomb of St. Ambrose”). We proceed to our hotel for check-in once our rooms are prepared. Dinner will be served at our hotel in Milan. (D)

**THU, APRIL 15, DAY 3: MILAN: EXCURSION TO TURIN:** Early this morning we make a visit to the Church of Santa Marie delle Gracie to view Leonardo da Vinci’s painting of the Last Supper (subject to final confirmation). After our visit, we depart on our excursion to the city of Turin. We will see Piazza San Carlo, Po Street, and Mount of the Capuchin Monks. We then have the opportunity to view the Shroud of Turin in the St. John the Baptist Cathedral (subject to final confirmation). Reputed to be the burial cloth of Christ, it is an amazing sight. It is a linen cloth 14 feet, 3 inches long by 3 feet, 7 inches wide bearing the distinct image of a crucified man. The last time the shroud was displayed publicly was during the Jubilee Year of 2000. The rest of the afternoon is on our own. We return to Milan for dinner and the evening. Mass will be celebrated today at a church to be advised. (B, D)

**FRI, APRIL 16, DAY 4: MILAN / ROME VIA TRAIN / SANTA PRASSEDE, ST. ALPHONSUS & SANTA MARIA SOPRA MINERVA:** We depart on the morning train from Milan to Rome. We arrive in Rome in the early afternoon. After dropping our luggage at the motor coach, we walk to the ancient church of St. Prassede. This site is a “titulus” – a private house where Christian services were held in antiquity. The present building dates to 822, although the nave was altered in the 13th century.

We also make a stop at the Church of St. Alphonsus, which bears the original icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. We board our motor coach and continue on to Church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, housing the remains of St. Catherine of Siena. Here we celebrate Mass. Later this afternoon we head to our hotel for check-in, dinner, and the evening. (B, D)

**SAT, APRIL 17, DAY 5: ROME: ST. PETER’S BASILICA, SCAVI & VATICAN MUSEUM:** Early this morning we celebrate Mass in the Vatican Grottos located beneath St. Peter’s Basilica. We will also pay a visit to the Tomb of John Paul II. We will then enjoy a tour of the Vatican Museum, an incredible collection of art accumulated by the popes, and the Sistine Chapel, featuring Michelangelo’s masterworks.

This afternoon we visit the Basilica of St. Peter with our local guide. We will see Michelangelo’s famous statue of the Blessed Mother holding her crucified Son. We know it as The Pieta. We take some time for lunch on our own.

We will also have a guided visit and tour of the Scavi, the underground excavations beneath St. Peter’s Basilica (these tickets are always subject to final confirmation 48 hours before the proposed visit). Dinner is on our own this evening. (B)



**SUN, APRIL 18, DAY 6: ROME: SANTA SUSANNA, ANGELUS PRAYER & WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC SITES:** We begin with a celebrated Mass at the Church of Santa Susanna. Then we transfer to the Vatican City for the Noon Angelus prayer with Pope Benedict XVI (subject to the Holy Father's schedule). We take some time for lunch on our own.

This afternoon we enjoy a walking tour of the historic center of the city, starting at the Trevi Fountain, where we toss our traditional three coins. From here we continue to the Piazza Trinita dei Monti at the top of the Spanish Steps, affording a romantic panoramic view of the city of Rome. Our tour continues across the city to the Pantheon and we finish our walk at the Piazza Navona. Dinner this evening is on our own. (B)

**MON, APRIL 19, DAY 7: ROME: COSMAS & DAMIAN, SAN CLEMENTE, COLISEUM, FORUM & LEISURE TIME:** This morning we start our walking tour at our hotel and make our way to the Church of Ss. Cosmas and Damian named for brothers who were martyred in northern Syria during the third century. In 527, Pope St. Felix IV converted two buildings in the Roman Forum into this Christian church, the first time this had been done. Here we celebrate Mass.

After Mass, we enjoy a walking tour of the Forum. The saying goes that Rome was the center of the world, and the Forum was the center of Rome. It served as the religious and civic 'hub' of the city.

After our visit of the Forum, we walk over for our tour inside the Coliseum. Its real name was the Flavian Amphitheatre, after the emperors who built it in the first century after Christ. Coliseum refers to the 'colossal' statue of Nero that at one time stood at the entrance.

Our last stop of the day, just down the street, is the Basilica of San Clemente. The Basilica is named after Clement, the fourth pope, who was martyred by being tied to an anchor and drowned. Some of the frescoes in the church tell the story of his life. We return by foot to our hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure. Dinner this evening is at our hotel. (B, D)

**TUE, APRIL 20, DAY 8: ROME: VENERABLE ENGLISH COLLEGE, WALKING TOUR OF TRASTEVERE & LEISURE:** This morning we transfer to the Venerabile Collegio Inglese where we celebrate the final Mass of our journey. After Mass, Fr.

Steve will lead a walking tour of Trastevere for those interested. The balance of the day is at leisure. This evening we gather at a local restaurant for our farewell dinner. (B, D)

**WED, APRIL 21, DAY 9: RETURN USA:** This morning we transfer to the Rome airport for our return flight to the United States, with memories to last a lifetime. (B)

*Note: While no changes are anticipated, there may be unforeseen occasions when certain alterations become necessary to this itinerary, either due to changes in airline schedules or for other reasons. All Masses are subject to local church schedules and substitution with alternate Mass sites if churches mentioned are not available.*

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To make your reservation, simply complete the enclosed registration form and submit along with \$400 payment (mailed to the address shown on the bottom of the registration form). You will receive General Information (including *How to Obtain a Passport*), an invoice, and further information from Catholic Travel Centre via mail, usually within two weeks of our receipt of your deposit. *Please submit your registration form early, as all space is available on a first-come basis only.* Registrations are processed in the order they are received by Catholic Travel Centre.

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### FINAL PAYMENT

Final payment is due **90 days prior to departure**. This payment should be sent directly to Catholic Travel Centre. Instructions will appear on your invoice.

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**DOCUMENTS:** US citizens require a valid passport. Other nationalities please inquire with the appropriate embassies. Passports must be valid for six months beyond the tour's return date.

**REGISTRATION AND DEPOSITS:** A deposit of \$400 per person is required upon registration along with a signed copy of the registration form. Registrations cannot be taken by telephone. Registrations are processed in the order received by CTC. Balance of payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Late payment is subject to \$50 late fee. Late registrations (fewer than 90 days) must be accompanied by full payment by cashiers check only (including the optional passenger travel protection program payment, if applicable), plus a \$50 late fee and are subject to availability. CTC reserves the right to cancel reservations that are not paid in full 75 days prior to departure and to charge cancellation fees/penalties indicated below. A \$25 fee will be charged on all checks returned by our bank.

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**INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION FEES & REFUNDS:** All cancellations must be received by CTC in writing via certified mail or facsimile. CTC will process your refund, minus a cancellation fee according to the following schedule:

- 1) \$150 if cancelled at least 150 days prior to the tour's departure date;
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- 3) \$400 plus any non-refundable amounts paid to and/or penalties assessed by airlines, hotels, or other suppliers of travel services (up to the total cost of the tour) if cancelled 89 to 8 days prior to the tour's departure date;
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**DEVIATIONS:** Deviations from the group flight itinerary are not possible. If you wish to make your own airline arrangements and purchase the 'land only' version of the tour package, please contact your group coordinator for the 'land only' pricing.

**AIRLINE SEATING, FREQUENT FLYER & MEAL REQUESTS:** Seating is on a group basis only. CTC cannot accommodate any individual requests. CTC advises that you contact the airline for frequent flyer miles and special meal requests two weeks prior to departure.

**BAGGAGE:** Baggage is at risk at all times. We strongly suggest that you bring only one piece of checked luggage and one carry-on. Porterage is included at hotels only for one piece of luggage; the passenger is responsible at all times for carrying carry-on luggage. No porterage at airports.

**ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS:** Based on double/twin accommodations with private bathroom facilities (limited number of single rooms available). No reduction for triple rooms. Triple room consists of twin/double room plus a rollaway bed, and confirmation is based on availability. If no roommate is available for you or your roommate cancels prior to departure, a single supplement surcharge will apply. Meals are menu of the day as shown in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner).

**SIGHTSEEING:** By private motor coach with English-speaking guide/escort. Entrance fees included per final itinerary.

**PRICES:** Pricing is based on exchange rates, fares applicable at the time of quotation and on minimum number of paying passengers stated in the brochure, and is therefore subject to change.

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