

# TOUR OF ITALY SEPTEMBER 2022

**DAY 0 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 - DEPARTURE EDMONTON AT 12 NOON**

**DAY 1 - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 - VENICE - ITALY**

Welcome to the Queen of the Adriatic, known for its unique waterscapes and rich cultural heritage. What better way to start your dream holiday than in true Venetian style? Join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant and meet your fellow travellers.

**MEAL(S):** Welcome Dinner. **HOTEL:** Novotel Venezia Mestre

**DAY 2 - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 - PADUA, VENICE**

This morning we head to Padua where we visit the infamous Scrovegni Chapel and get a guided tour of the Basilica of St Anthony. Back in Venice, cruise your way through Venice by private launch to soak up the sights and sounds of what was once one of the world's greatest ports. 'Dive Into Culture', where we see talented tradesmen share their centuries-old glassmaking traditions. Continue past the Bridge of Sighs and the Doge's Palace to St. Mark's Square where we will visit the impressive square and Basilica. After get a real Venetian experience by taking a gondola ride down the canals. Breakfast and dinner included.

**DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 - MILAN**

It's on to the economic powerhouse that is Milan, where we'll enjoy a walking tour with a Local Specialist to explore the city's spectacular sights. We view the ornate Duomo, one of the grandest Gothic cathedrals in the world, the ancient Galleria shopping arcade and the celebrated La Scala Opera House. Visit the Basilica of St. Ambrogio and Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie. It is an outstanding work of architecture and is perhaps even more famous for its connection to Leonardo Da Vinci's fresco of 'The Last Supper' which is preserved inside. The Church is one of Renaissance Arts most important testimonies and has therefore been included as a UNESCO World Heritage site. **Tickets to view "The Last Supper" are NOT included.** This evening, join your companions for a delicious dinner in the hotel.

**MEAL(S):** Breakfast, Dinner. **HOTEL:** Una Hotels Expo Fiera

**DAY 4 - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 - TORINO**

We head to sophisticated Turin. Meet your Local Specialist, we venture through the grand boulevards of this aristocratic city which will reveal the impressive Castello del Valentino and Po River, the longest in Italy. Visit the San Lorenzo Church as well as the former house of Don Bosco who called Turin his home for his studies and where he carried out an important part of his mission. Later we gather for dinner together.

**MEAL(S):** Breakfast, Dinner. **HOTEL:** Blu Hotel

**DAY 5 - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2022 - TORINO**

Places of interest to St. John Bosco in and around Turin guided by a Salesian priest. Breakfast and dinner included.

## **DAY 6 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022 – PISA AND FLORENCE**

This morning we travel south to Pisa where we see the Leaning Tower and the Square of Miracles. Later, we arrive in the cradle of the Renaissance, Florence for our one-night stay. Dinner is included tonight.

**MEAL(S):** Breakfast, Dinner. **HOTEL:** The Gate Hotel

## **DAY 7 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 – FLORENCE AND ASSISI**

Discover the city's rich artistic and medieval history with your Local Specialist. Visit to the Accademia Gallery to see the statue of David by Michelangelo and then to visit Piazza Della Signoria with its impressive sculptures and stunning palazzi as time permits. Marvel at the Baptistery and the multimarble Duomo, with its famous dome before heading to Assisi for the night.

**MEAL(S):** Breakfast, Dinner. **HOTEL:** Frate Sole Hotel

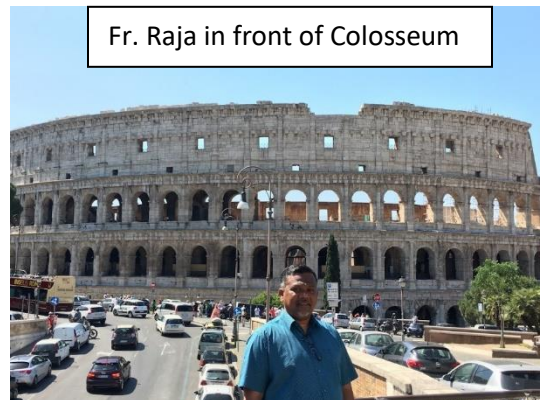
## **DAY 8 - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 – ASSISI AND ROME**

Meet a Local Specialist this morning to visit the tomb of St. Francis and see the beautiful frescoes by Giotto in the great basilica. Once in the eternal city you have the remainder of the day at your leisure to explore or rest up for tomorrow.

**MEAL(S):** Breakfast, Dinner **HOTEL:** Egrife Palae Hotel

## **DAY 9 - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 - ROME**

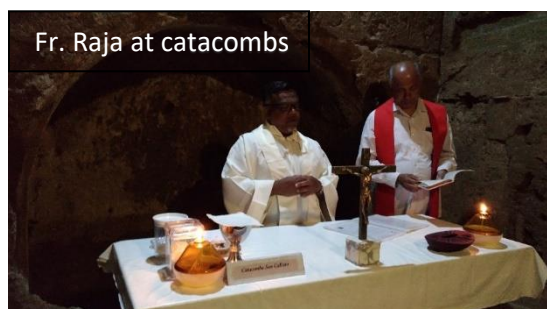
Your Local Specialist takes you on a tour of the Vatican Museums to visit the Sistine Chapel. Later visit St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City, one of the largest and most significant churches in the Christian world where you will view Michelangelo's Renaissance masterpiece, the Pietà. See the Roman Forum and visit the Colosseum, site of ancient gladiatorial contests and public events. Spend time this afternoon visiting the sights of your choice. Breakfast and dinner included.



Fr. Raja in front of Colosseum

## **DAY 10 - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022 - ROME**

Start the day with a Papal Audience (subject to availability). Then visit the Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore. A major papal basilica as well as one of the Seven Pilgrim Churches of Rome and the largest Catholic Marian church in Rome. Next visit Basilica di St Clemete, a Latin Catholic minor basilica dedicated to Pope Clement I. Breakfast and dinner included.



Fr. Raja at catacombs

## **DAY 11 - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022 – ROME**

With so much to see and do, you could explore Rome for an eternity without getting bored. You'll have the day to explore on your own or join a light-hearted Optional Experience revealing all the flavours that would make any Italian mamma proud. This evening we gather for a Farewell dinner with a pizza making demonstration and taste some true Italian pizza (subject to availability). **MEAL(S):** Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

## DAY 12 - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 - ROME

You'll have a hard time saying goodbye to Italy and new friends after a mesmerizing round trip from Rome to the Italy's iconic cities and stunning Tuscan landscapes. Get your final fix of Rome and secure your speedy return by tossing a coin in the Trevi Fountain, then bid your Travel Director and travel companions a fond farewell. **MEAL(S):** Breakfast

### INCLUDED

#### Dining Highlights

- 11 Breakfasts
- 11 Dinners

#### First class travel Highlights

- Audio Headsets provided throughout your holiday to enhance your included sightseeing experiences
- Luxury air-conditioned coach
- Cherry-picked hotels, all tried and trusted
- Variety of Optional Experiences
- City orientation tours
- An expert Travel Director and professional Driver
- All hotel service charges and tips, baggage handling fees and local taxes
- Gratuities to Travel Director, Coach Drivers and Local Specialists.

#### Sightseeing Highlights

- **Venice** Cruise by private boat to St. Mark's Square. Visit a traditional glassblowing workshop on Giudecca Island
- **Florence** Sightseeing with a Local Specialist includes statue of David at Accademia gallery, views of the Cathedral, Piazza della Signoria and Ponte Vecchio
- **Pisa** Visit the Square of Miracles to view the Leaning Tower
- **Rome** Sightseeing tour with your Local Specialist includes a visit to St. Peter's Basilica and the mighty Colosseum. **Papal Audience** is subject to availability. **Catacombs** of St. Callistus (tombs of martyrs from the early Christian church 3<sup>rd</sup> Century) Visit to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – built by St. John Bosco and Visit the **Rector Major** (Superior General) at the mother house of the Salesians of Don Bosco.

#### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- No early check in/late checkout included.
- Domestic, and internal airfares.
- Travel insurance, visas, and items of a personal nature.
- A Wellbeing Director. Expense of any required PCR or Antigen tests.

## Flight Details\* (\*Subject to change)

18 Sept 2022 – AC 168 Departure Edmonton at 12 Noon to Arrive Toronto at 543PM

18 Sept 2022 – AC 816 Departure Toronto at 8PM to Arrive Venice at 1030AM on 19 Sept 2022

30 Sept 2022 – AC 891 Departure Rome at 1130AM to arrive in Toronto at 3PM same day

30 Sept 2022 – AC 175 Departure Toronto at 655PM to arrive in Edmonton at 910PM same day.

Checked baggage allowance is 01pc. Max weight 23 kilos

**Full amount to be paid by 15 Jun 2022. No advance deposit is required.**

**TOUR COST INCLUDING AIR ...\$5970 PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY (master card and Visa only can be accepted).** *Single Room Supplement – to add \$790 to the above total.*

Kindly note there will not be any adjustments to the non-refundable deposits (\$50) paid previously. That money paid to Globus and the Air Consolidator is lost.

Deviations are allowed by Air Canada up to maximum 14 days from return travel date. This means...anyone wanting to travel back later can do so within maximum 14 days from 30 Sept 2022 and the departure must be from Rome. Also, **this needs to be booked now prior to confirmation of the group payment** and no changes will be allowed thereafter. This deviation is also based on availability of seats in the same inventory. Therefore, fare difference can also apply.

