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SHRINES of ITALY PILGRIMAGE

YOUR CHOICE OF DEPARTURES:

MARCH & NOVEMBER AT \$TBA*

APRIL, MAY & OCTOBER AT \$TBA*

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INCLUDE \$TBA in air taxes and fees,
and fuel surcharges (*subject to change*).

OUR SHRINES OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1 – BOSTON~INTERMEDIATE CITY~ROME: Depart Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our transatlantic flight to Italy (*via an intermediate city*) with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, while in-flight.

DAY 2 – ROME: "Benvenuti a Italia!" Upon our arrival at Fiumicino airport in Rome we will be met by our English-speaking Tour Escort. We will board our private motorcoach and transfer to *Hotel Tiberio* (or similar) for check-in. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to freshen-up prior to dinner this evening at our hotel. Overnight. (D)

DAY 3 – ROME: Following breakfast at our hotel, we will depart for a full day tour of "Christian and Imperial Rome". Our tour will include the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the Basilica of St. John the Lateran, the Holy Stairs, St Paul Outside the Walls, the Appian Way and the catacombs where the early Christians hid themselves to escape persecution. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight (B, D)

DAY 4 – VATICAN CITY: After breakfast at our hotel, we are off on a full-day excursion to Vatican City, where we will attend the weekly Papal Audience given by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI (*pending papal schedule*). Following the Audience we will visit the Vatican Museums, a group of most impressive edifices with hundreds of galleries filled with art treasures. The highlight of the tour will be Michelangelo's masterpiece the Sistine Chapel, a restored mural of the Last Judgment. We end our tour with a visit to the largest church in Christendom, St Peter's Basilica. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 5 – ROME~MONTE CASSINO~SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO: This morning, following breakfast and hotel checkout, we leave Rome and travel south to San Giovanni Rotondo, the town of Padre Pio. En route we will stop at the Abbey of Montecassino, a beautiful town founded by St. Benedict in 529. Upon arrival in San Giovanni Rotondo, we will check into the *Hotel Savoia* (or similar) for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 6 – MONTE SANT'ANGELO: Following breakfast at our hotel, we will have Mass at the tomb of Padre Pio (if available). Following Mass, we visit the sanctuary and the old church where there is the crucifix from which he received the stigmata in 1918. In the afternoon we will visit the Grotto of the Archangel Michael in Monte Sant'Angelo. Return to San Giovanni for devotions, reflection, and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 7 - SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO~LANCIANO~LORETO~ASSISI: After breakfast and hotel check out, we depart by bus to Lanciano where we will see the Eucharistic Miracle and celebrate Mass. Following mass, we will continue to Loreto to visit the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto. We will then continue on to Assisi, where we will check into the *Hotel Giotto* (or similar) for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 8 – ASSISI: This morning, after breakfast, we will visit the Basilica of St. Francis. Here we will see beautiful frescoes by Giotto depicting the life of St. Francis in the interior of the Basilica. We will continue with a visit to the Basilica of St. Clare, where her body lies, and view the

crucifix that spoke to St. Francis and led him to a life of piety. The tour will end with the visit of St Mary of the Angels Basilica the Church where St Francis spent most of his life. Here we visit the Chapel Porziuncola, the rose bush, and the cave where the saint retired for prayer. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 9 – SIENA: Today, following breakfast at our hotel, we will enjoy a full day excursion to Siena, one of Italy's loveliest medieval cities and the birthplace of the Saints Catherine and Bernardine. We will stroll the Piazza Del Campo, one of Italy's finest squares and visit the Cathedral. Finally, we will view the incorrupt head of St. Catherine at the Basilica of St. Dominic. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 10 – FLORENCE~PADUA: After breakfast and hotel check out, we will board the bus and enjoy a brief drive through the beautiful Tuscan countryside, after which we arrive in Florence for a guided tour. We will visit the beautiful Piazza Del Duomo to see the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Giotto's Bell Tower, and the Romanesque Baptistery of St. John. Later, we will visit the Academia Museum to view Michelangelo's most famous sculpture, "The David" and the Holy Cross in Santa Croce Square. After lunch (on our own) we depart to Padua, the city of St Anthony, where we check into *Hotel Biri* (or similar) for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 11 – VENICE: After breakfast at the hotel, there will be a morning sightseeing tour of Venice. This walking tour will begin in Piazza San Marco where there are many galleries, shops, and charming cafés. We will also visit The Golden Basilica of San Marco, the Doge's Palace and cross the Bridge of Sighs, which connects to the Piombi Prisons. After our tour, we will have some free time to shop, explore Venice on our own or take an optional gondola ride. Return to Padua for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 12 – VENICE~INTERMEDIATE CITY~BOSTON: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will transfer to the Venice Airport to board our return flight to Boston (*via an intermediate city*) with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, while in flight. (BB)

OUR 12-DAY/10-NIGHT SHRINES OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE INCLUDES:

- ✈ Round trip motorcoach transportation to and from Boston's Logan International Airport. FREE with a minimum of 35 passengers. Additional charge with fewer than 35.
- ✈ Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Representative.
- ✈ Porterage of luggage at the hotels.
- ✈ Round trip regularly scheduled flights Boston-possible intermediate stop-Rome and Rome-possible intermediate stop-Boston, with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, while in-flight.
- ✈ All transfers and sightseeing aboard a private, deluxe, temperature-controlled motorcoach.
- ✈ 10-nights accommodations at the hotels listed in the itinerary, based-on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA per single. *ONLY 4 singles per tour.*
- ✈ Professional Tour Escort who will accompany our group throughout the tour.
- ✈ Comprehensive sightseeing program as described in the itinerary, including entrance fees where applicable.
- ✈ Expert English-speaking tour guides as required.
- ✈ Mass at the locations described in the itinerary.
- ✈ Substantial buffet breakfast (B), daily, and dinner (D) each evening.
- ✈ All room and meal taxes (for included meals), and gratuities to bellmen. A small per-night city tax may have to be paid directly to the hotel.
- ✈ Complimentary Durgan Travel flight bag and a complete packet of required documentation.

A \$TBA DEPOSIT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE.

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