



GOLDEN FRONTIER

HEART OF ITALY November 6 to 16, 2017



INCLUDED IN THE TRIP

- Round trip air between St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City or Indianapolis and Italy. Other major U.S. cities may be available, rates vary, ask our office for price.
- Double occupancy first class four star hotel with private bath
- Three evenings in Florence four star hotel
- Six evenings in Rome four star hotel within steps of Vatican Square
- All transfers and baggage handling
- All breakfasts and dinners in Rome & Florence, except one noted
- Deluxe motor coach throughout Italy
- Escort and all local guides
- All entrance fees for sights listed in itinerary
- Full day sight-seeing through Umbria to Assisi
- Audience with the Holy Father, Pope Francis
- *Up to \$350 fuel surcharge allowance per person

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TRIP

- Airline Baggage Fees or Excess Baggage Charges, Flight Delay/Trip Interruption Expenses
- Optional tours, one dinner noted and lunches not designated
- Government taxes and fees, Airport or Airline taxes, approx. \$180.00
- Fuel Surcharges exceeding \$350 per person, Documentation Fee \$25.00, Airport/Airline Security Fee, E-ticket service fee
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, valet services, wines, liquors, telephone, and after dinner coffee (Coffee is included with breakfast only.)
- Tour Escort gratuities at trip's end
- Evening meal in Rome for guests declining Monte Cassino/Pompeii option

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**Eleven-Day trip to Rome
Florence & Assisi
Vatican City**

**\$3,538.00* including round trip air from
St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City or Indianapolis**

11-Day Heart of Italy November 6 to 16, 2017

Mail this application and fee to GOLDEN FRONTIER, 4100 North Illinois St., Swansea (Belleville), IL 62226. \$300.00 registration fee per person must accompany this application. Cancellations and requests for refunds must be submitted in writing to Golden Frontier and will be issued in agreement with the cancellation policies of this brochure. Terms are printed elsewhere in this brochure. Balance of fee is due no later than 91 days prior to trip departure. Please make your check payable to GOLDEN FRONTIER. Your confirmation will be sent upon receipt of your deposit and application. Husband and wife may use the same application, but enclose double registration fee. My registration indicates acceptance of all terms and conditions of this brochure.

A copy of the inside identification pages of your Passport is required prior to ticketing by enclosing with this application, fax to 618-234-9861, or email to request@goldenfrontier.org with "Passport 2017 Heart of Italy" in the subject line.

Name(s) as on Passport _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home phone with area code _____

Cell phone with area code _____

Email: _____

Single room requested @ \$425.00

I am single and will accept a room mate if GF can find a room mate. If no roommate is found and single accommodations are used, single supplement is charged.

I have dietary restrictions: _____

Add Villa d'Este/Tivoli option @ \$48.00 per person

Add Catacombs option @ \$48.00 per person

Add Monte Cassino Abbey & Pompeii Option @ \$115.00 per person

Airport of Departure: _____

Nick name(s) to use on name tags: _____

My roommate for this trip is: _____

I/We are traveling with friends: _____

Deposit check enclosed, or

Charge my MasterCard VISA Discover

16 digit card no. _____ Exp. Date _____

3 digit security code on reverse of card _____



Our eleven-day pilgrimage trip to Rome includes sightseeing trips in Florence, Rome and Assisi, hotels, meals and round trip airfare to Italy. Also, we will visit historic places and museums of Italy including the Vatican Museum and be in audience with Pope Francis.

November 6 to 16, 2017 *The Itinerary*

Day 1. Our trip departs and we are on our way! During flight we will enjoy a full course dinner, breakfast, and the usual amenities provided by the airline's attentive crew. (Dinner)

Day 2. Our jet touches down in Italy. We collect our luggage and board the coach to transfer to our hotel in Florence. Because of the difference in time, a nap is suggested this afternoon. Get acquainted with our new-found friends and enjoy dinner this evening. (B in flight,D)

Day 3. Florence is the "Jewel of the Renaissance". We will start the day with Mass and then a visit to the Medici Chapel, followed by a visit to see the original David by Michelangelo and the Cathedral Square. Also included is a visit to the leather shops and Loggia della Signoria. (B,D)

Day 4. After morning Mass, the balance of the day is yours to explore. Perhaps the Uffici Gallery with a staggering list of famous artists can take a great part of the day or the Pitti Palace, the largest and grandest of the Florentine palaces will fill the day. The Ponte Vecchio offers gold shops suspended from the sides of the bridge and the New Market offers opportunities to bargain for Florentine leathers, hand decorated stationery, Murano and Venetian glass. (B,D)

Day 5. This morning after breakfast we board our motor coach for a drive through the heart of Italy, through the rolling hills of Umbria. Guarded by the medieval fortress of Rocca, this



purple-fringed hill town retains a mystic air of St. Francis. At Assisi we will visit his tomb. This gentle saint is the patron of Italy. People of all creeds cherish his words, “Where there is hatred, let me sow love, where there is injury, pardon, where there is doubt, faith, where despair, hope ...” Mass will be offered at the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi. Dinner tonight will be in Rome. (B,D)

Day 6. Rome belongs to you. Here stood Caesar, Mark Anthony, St. Peter, St. Paul, Bernini, Michelangelo, and DaVinci. Rome is ancient, modern, sophisticated, religious, and historic. Today you will explore the city as we touch upon her extraordinary facets and major basilicas: Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran and St. Paul Outside the Walls, half-day guided sightseeing tour provided. (B,D)

Day 7. Sunday offers many choices for Mass from the local parish Mass to the principal Mass at St Peter Basilica with choir and sacred music. Normally on Sundays at noon, the Holy Father will make an appearance at his window overlooking St. Peter’s Square to recite the Angelus and extend greetings before imparting his Apostolic Blessing.

This afternoon you may wish to do things on your own or join an optional tour to Tivoli. The option includes transportation and entrance to Villa d’Este with its hundreds of fountains and priced at \$48.00. (B,D)

Day 8. Today is a free day to see additional parts of Rome, museums not offered by our program, or shopping. Today’s dinner is on your own. There is an option to visit one of the marvels of Roman history, the famed city of Pompeii. Covered and preserved by volcanic ash from the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 A.D., this city of the Roman empire has excited the imaginations of the world after it was excavated during the last century. Our coach will take the Sun Route motor way, driving through the regions of Lazio and Campania with a visit to the Abbey of Monte Cassio. Here in the sixth century, the oldest of religious orders in the world

began, the Benedictines. We will also visit a cameo factory and see these beautiful pieces being made. This afternoon, with a local guide we will visit the actual excavations of the destroyed city of Pompeii. Dinner will be provided at a restaurant during our return trip to Rome this evening. Price for the option, including dinner, is \$115. (B)

Day 9. Today we explore the treasures of the Vatican Museum. Here are housed some of the greatest treasures of mankind, original statuary from the 3rd and 4th centuries B.C., the paintings of Raphael, Fra Angelico, Caravaggio, and then the most famous chapel of the world, the Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo’s famed ceiling and Last Judgment. In the afternoon, guests may opt to visit St. Peter Basilica and visit the crypt where the remains of the popes are buried, including St. Peter down through the ages to Paul VI. Tonight a wonderful and festive arrivederci to Rome with dinner at a typical Roman restaurant. (B,D)



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Day 10. This morning will be charged with excitement! Today is our audience with the Holy Father, Pope Francis. As the time draws near for the Holy Father to enter, the moments seem to hang, then applause, he is here! The 266th successor of St. Peter, the Prince of the Apostles, the Chief pastor of the world-wide Catholic Church will soon be receiving us in audience. He will speak to us and then bless any religious articles we have brought with us. This afternoon an optional excursion to the early catacombs of Rome is offered and priced at \$48 per person. Tonight is a dinner at a typical Roman restaurant. (B,D)

Day 11 Ciao to Rome. No tears - that coin in the fountain guarantees our return. So when we say farewell to Rome, we really mean “see you again”. (B,L in flight, S in flight)

Our trip is arranged for adults with seniors in mind. Some historic sites are located on narrow streets inaccessible to large coaches. Some walking may be necessary to visit these sites; comfortable walking shoes are essential.

PRICE for the eleven-day trip is \$3,538.00 per person based on double occupancy. Single supplement is \$425.00 for the eleven-day trip. Price includes round trip air transportation from St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City or Indianapolis. Other major U.S. departure cities may be available, prices vary, please ask our office for rate. \$300.00 deposit per person accompanies registration and is deducted from the total cost. Triple accommodations can be requested. Registration should be made 120 or more days prior to departure. Reservations made 120 days or less prior to departure are subject to availability of airline space. You will receive a bill for final payment. **Balance of fee is due 91 days prior to departure.** **HOTELS** used are comfortable first class hotels with private bath. There is one hotel each in Florence (Hotel Mediterraneo), and Rome (Hotel Michelangelo). The Mediterraneo is located on the banks of the Arno River within walking distance of the sightseeing and shopping areas. The Michelangelo is conveniently located within walking distance of St. Peter's and the Vatican.

One advantage of Golden Frontier is the arrangement of hotels. Although we travel extensively in Italy, the program is arranged to return to one of our two hotels each night, thus eliminating the bother and work of packing and unpacking. This also gives the guest the option of choosing not to participate in some of the programs in favor of individual pursuits.

GROUP SIZE is limited and may have about forty-five guests with their own tour director.

CLOTHING is casual and more simple than in past years. Dress code for the entire trip including evening meals is casual. Some guests bring business casual dress for the Arrivederci to Rome dinner; men's sport coats are optional. Comfortable walking shoes are essential. Gentlemen wear comfortable medium weight clothes. Ladies dress casually by day and slacks are acceptable.

WEATHER in this area of Europe should be very similar to weather in the central U.S. All temperature ranges suggest average overnight lows and daytime highs. November trips range from low 50's to low 70's. It is a good idea to take a jacket or all-weather coat. Light/medium weight jackets, and sweaters that can be layered on and off as the day warms are better than one heavier weight jacket or coat. Temperatures may be cool this time of year. Florence may be cooler; Rome is warmer. A folding travel umbrella is a good item to have on the trip.

THREE OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS are available. **Options are best booked at the time of trip application and ensures adequate coach seating. Options selected during the trip are confirmed space available only.**

Villa d'Este at Tivoli Option - Drive 20 miles to the outskirts of Rome to Tivoli. Visit the famed 16th century residence of Cardinal Ippolito d'Este. Walk the garden and view the hundreds of fountains that made the villa famous. Price including entrance and transportation is \$48.00 per person.

Roman Catacomb option - Drive from our hotel on Appia Antica, Old Appian Way, to St. Domitilla Catacomb. Tour the assembly site of the early Christians and burial city of the dead. Price including admission and transportation is \$48.00 per person.

Monte Cassino Abbey Tour and Pompeii Option - Drive from Rome to Monte Cassino, the home of St. Benedict and the origin of religious orders, visit a cameo factory with artist demonstration, and the excavated city of Pompeii, buried by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79AD. Price including transportation, entrance fees, and dinner on return trip is \$115.00 per person. **A \$8.00 surcharge per option per person applies for any option booked while on tour. No refunds are issued for option cancellations received after trip departs from U.S.**

The participants acknowledge receiving, reading, and agreeing to the terms and conditions set forth below covering the inclusive tour charters to be operated by Golden Frontier.

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS. A \$300.00 deposit per person holds your reservations. **Balance is due 91 days before departure.** Make checks payable to Golden Frontier. MasterCard, VISA and Discover payments are accepted.

PASSPORTS. United States citizens must have a valid Passport. **Passport validity must extend through six months after the completion of the trip.** All others must have valid passports and necessary visas. Visas are not required for U.S. citizens with a valid U.S. Passport. **There are no refunds if you are denied boarding by local officials at the airport or border entry for lack of a valid passport or visas, if required.**

BAGGAGE. Each member is limited to one checked bag not to exceed 62" linear total (height+length+width), 50 pounds maximum weight, and one carry-on bag not to exceed 22" x 14" x 9" and 26 1/2 pounds. Golden Frontier Tours is not responsible for loss or damage to passenger's baggage and belongings. Airlines liability for loss, damage, or delay of baggage in connection with air transportation it provides is limited by its tariff to approximately \$9.07 per pound of checked baggage and is approximately \$400.00 per passenger in case of unchecked baggage or other property.

INSURANCE for trip cancellation, health, and accident coverages is available. A brochure will be sent to all applicants.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS must be requested in writing. Written cancellations received in Golden Frontier's office 110 days and more prior to departure receive a full refund of all monies paid. Cancellations received from 109 to 99 days prior to departure forfeit one half deposit. Cancellations received from 99 to 92 days prior to departure forfeit full deposit. Cancellations received 91 days and less prior to departure receive only those moneys recoverable by Golden Frontier Tours from various suppliers. All refunds are made following completion of trip. Airline tickets are not refundable once purchased. Trip cancellation insurance is available with separate application. Golden Frontier shall not be obligated to refund any portion of a fare for a passenger who must leave the trip prematurely for medical or other reasons. Golden Frontier Tours reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason, including insufficient number of participants. Should this happen, entire guest payment will be refunded automatically without further liability on the part of Golden Frontier. Carrier reserves the right pursuant to U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board requirements to cancel any flight for any reason, including unavailability of fuel. Landing and uplift rights are subject to government approval. Golden Frontier Tours reserves the right to require any individual to withdraw from any tour, at any time, if Golden Frontier Tours determines his acts of conduct detrimental. A complete refund covering daily pro-rated portion of the unfinished tour will be made to such individuals as soon as possible, but without further obligation or liability on the part of Golden Frontier Tours. No refunds are made for unused tour features.

TOUR PRICES are quoted for air transportation between St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City or Indianapolis and Italy and land arrangements based on rates, including foreign exchange rates, expected to be in effect at the time of departure and, accordingly are subject to change. Other major U. S. departure cities may be available, prices vary, our office can advise these rates. Tour prices do not include transportation between home city and airport, air taxes, U.S. customs and immigration fees, airport facility use fees, arrival or departure taxes, flight delay/trip interruption expenses, items of personal nature such as laundry, meals, beverages, after dinner teas, coffees, wines, etc., and gratuities not specifically mentioned.

RESPONSIBILITY. Golden Frontier Tours is the principal and is responsible to the participants in making the arrangements for all services offered herein, except to the extent such services cannot be supplied due to delays, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, or other causes beyond the control of Golden Frontier Tours for any delay or damage to or loss of property or baggage or injury or deaths of persons due to any act of negligence of a direct air carrier, hotel, bus company, or service company of any kind or any other person or persons rendering any of the services being offered in connection with this inclusive tour charter, except due to negligence on the part of Golden Frontier of Swansea. Golden Frontier Tours reserves the right to substitute aircraft equipment, accommodations, or tour features where advisable or necessary during the progress of any tour. Should any substantial changes be made in the tour itinerary prior to departure, participants will be notified and given the opportunity to cancel with full refund provided they do so in writing within seven days after such notice. Should the charter price increase, passengers may elect to cancel without penalty upon notification thereof. Tour members are advised that the provisions of the Warsaw Convention Treaty apply to the air transportation of these tours. The convention in most cases limits the liability to direct air carriers and other air carriers to passengers for death or personal injury to approximately \$10,000 or \$20,000 except to the extent that the direct air carrier has agreed to a higher limit: pursuant to tariffs filed with the Civil Aeronautics Board. Carrier has agreed to proven damages not to exceed \$75,000 per passenger. The tour members are also advised that in the event the air carrier providing the air transportation described herein is delayed in performance or unable to perform, the provisions of the Special as well as the Economic Regulations of the Civil Aeronautics Board tariffs filed by the air carrier with the Civil Aeronautics Board may govern the rights and obligations of the parties. Golden Frontier is legally independent of the Diocese of Belleville. Participants agree to the use of their photo or image which may be taken on this trip in future Golden Frontier publications and presentations without compensation by or claim to CSP.