

## PILGRIMAGE TOUR ROME, VATICAN, PADUA, ASSISI

### Day 1



Late afternoon arrival Rome.  
Transfer to hotel.  
Dinner and overnight.

### Day 2



Breakfast at Hotel. Commence full day tour of Vatican and Rome. Visit **St. Peter's Basilica**. The Papal Basilica of Saint Peter is officially known as the Basilica Papale di San Pietro in Vaticano and commonly known as **St. Peter's Basilica**, is located within the Vatican City. It has the largest interior of any Christian church in the world, holding 60,000 people. It is the symbolic "Mother Church" of the Holy Catholic Church and is regarded as one of the holiest Christian sites. It can only be described as "the greatest of all churches of Christendom. It is the burial site of Saint Peter, who was the first Holy See and the first in line of the papal succession.

Your tour will take you to see the Burial places of Popes in the crypt of the Basilica and the most recent: the tomb of pope John Paul the Second. You will visit the **St. Peter's Square** with the magnificent Obelisk at the center of the square, admits the array of colours of the Swiss Guard.

After lunch commence a tour of the eternal city **Rome**. In its 2000 years, Rome has acquired a marvelous concentration of history, architecture and legend. While visitors are awed by the city's magnificent temple, churches, piazzas, mausoleums, baths and arches Romans seem unaffected by the city's intimate link with the past. Known as the Eternal City you will find masterpieces of Roman architecture in the world famous **Colosseum**. **Circus Maximus**, **Quirinal Palace** and the **Trevi Fountain**. These monuments mark Rome as the capital of Italy and the cultural center of the ancient world. Together with its modern charms, it is one of Europe's most exciting cities. Dinner and overnight hotel in Rome.

### Day 3



Breakfast at Hotel.

After breakfast leave hotel for **Assisi**. You are scheduled to arrive in Assisi at 1100hrs. Assisi is one of the most interesting cities in Italy with much historical value. Upon arrival you will visit the **Assisi Cathedral**. This church has been a major church and has been important in the history of the Franciscan Order. In this church Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Clare and many of their original disciples were baptized. After time spent at the church commence a tour of Assisi. Lunch in Assisi.

After lunch proceed to **Padua** for dinner and overnight stay.

## Day 4

Breakfast at Hotel.

Visit **St. Anthony's Basilica**. The name of St. Anthony became celebrated throughout the world, and with it the name of Padua. The inhabitants of this city erected to his memory a magnificent church; whither his precious relics were transferred. When the vault in which for thirty years his sacred body had reposed was opened, the flesh was found reduced to dust but the tongue uninjured, fresh and of a lively red colour. St. Bonaventure, beholding this wonder took the tongue in his hands and kissed it explaining "O Blessed Tongue that always praised the Lord, and made others bless Him, now it is evident what great merit thou hast before God".

The fame of St Anthony's miracles has never diminished, and even at the present day he is acknowledged as the greatest thaumaturgist of the times. His Miracles:

- The first is that of a horse, which, kept fasting for three days, refused the oats placed before him, till he had knelt down and adored the Blessed Sacrament, which St. Anthony held in hands.
- The second most important miracle is that of the poisoned food offered him by some Italian heretics, which he rendered innoxious by the sign of the cross.
- The third miracle worthy to mention is that of the famous sermon to the fishes on the bank of the river Brenta in the neighbourhood of Padua.
- On the day of preaching in the square *des creux des Arenes* at Limoges, he miraculously preserved his audience from the rain.
- At St. Junien during the sermon, he predicted that by an artifice of the devil the pulpit would breakdown, but that all should remain safe and sound. And so it occurred.

Upon the completion of the visits transfer to the airport.

