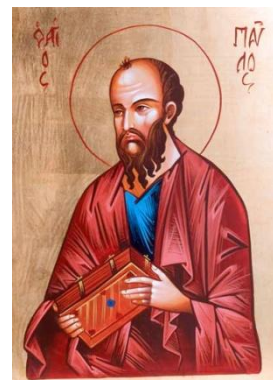


ST PAUL'S FOOT in Italy



Day 1 – Arrival and Rome

Arrival and meeting with the bus, transfer to the city and meeting with the local guide to start with the visit of two of the most significant shrines in Rome which honor St. Paul, the Papal Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls to venerate the tomb of St. Paul, the “Apostle of the Gentiles”. Possibility to celebrate Mass and then the Church of San Paolo alla Regola, the church where Paul lived and worked as a “leather tanner” during his second stay in Rome, the “Mitreo” in the church of “Santa Prisca”, where St. Paul lived with his Greek friends Aquila and Prisca



After lunch we will continue with a walking tour of Ancient Rome. Our guide will lead us from the Roman Forum, Arch of Constantine, and Coliseum to the Pantheon. Along the way we stop to enjoy a refreshing beverage, gelato. Dinner

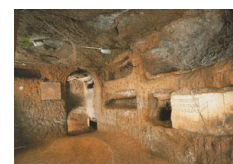
and Overnight Rome

Day 2 - Vatican, Sistine Chapel and Appian Way, Rome



Today we visit the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, and view one of the highest masterpieces of art: the Genesis and the Last Judgment by Michelangelo. We visit the Basilica of St. Peter and famous works of art such as the Pietà by Michelangelo, completing our tour in St Peter's Square.

In the afternoon we proceed to the Ancient Appian Way and visit the St. Sebastian's Catacombs where the bodies of St. Paul and St Peter were laid before moving them to St. Peter's and St. Paul's churches. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.



Day 3 - Rome, Pozzuoli, Roman Amphitheater, Ancient Herculaneum

After breakfast we depart from Rome along the Appian Way. We travel south passing along the sites of the Tres Tabernae (Three Taverns) to the place where Paul met with the Christian brethren and was greatly encouraged (Acts 28:15). Then we drive to the Campania region in southern Italy with its gorgeous landscape and olive groves scattered through this sun-baked coast. Arrival in Pozzuoli where Paul landed and stayed for 7-days with his Christian brethren (Acts 28:13-14) before they began their journey along the Appian Way to Rome. Visit the Roman Amphitheater where Paul landed when he arrived on the mainland of the “Roman Empire”. We will walk the sea-port and visit the Roman Amphitheater.



Time permitting we proceed to visit the ancient site of Herculaneum, a city buried in the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in AD79. Dinner and overnight.

Day 4 – Paestum – Reggio Calabria

Today we visit the archeological site of Paestum, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to 3 of the largest and oldest Greek temples. And then proceed to Reggio Calabria where Paul crossed to the European continent (Acts 28:13). Time permitting upon arrival our tour guide will lead us to the Duomo to view the preserved monument of St. Paul, and then to the Reggio Calabria National Museum to view Italy's iconic Riace Bronzes, discovered in 1972 off the coast of Calabria. These 2,500 year-old ancient Greek statues of warriors are returning to the museum after lengthy restoration work

Overnight



Day 5 - Ferry to Sicily, Syracuse



This morning we embark on a ferry to Messina, upon arrival proceed to Syracuse, the site of Paul's arrival en route from Malta (Acts 28:12). Our private tour of the island includes the sites commemorating Paul's time here and the places where he preached. We visit some of Sicily's most spectacular archeological sites, with ruins from Greek, Roman, Byzantine, and Medieval times, including the best preserved Greek temples in the world. Our archeological journey begins at ancient Syracuse and the largest Greek theater in Sicily, the imposing ruins of the Temple of Apollo, and the Altar of Hieron II, the largest altar in all of ancient Greece, measuring 75' X 650'. We visit the Catacombe di San Giovanni Siracusa. Overnight.

Day 6 Sicily – departure

After breakfast, depending on the departure time of your flight, departure to Catania and guided walking tour of the city centre, from the the famous Fish market to Piazza Duomo to admire the Cathedral of Sant'Agata, patron Saint of Catania. Proceed to the airport for your flight back Home.