You are invited to join us on a 10-day pilgrimage to Italy led by

Fr. Christopher Heath

Jennifer Clark, Pilgrimage Coordinator

October 8–17, 2024

Travel Package Inclusions

• Round-trip economy class airfare from Los Angeles.
• U.S. departure tax; Customs user fee; security tax and all airport taxes.
• Deluxe motor-coach transportation upon arrival and available for the entire tour.
• Eight (8) nights’ accommodations in twin rooms at first-class hotels throughout.
• Breakfast daily plus (6) dinners, including a farewell dinner with wine and entertainment at a restaurant in Rome.
• Full-time tour manager throughout the entire tour, including arrival and departure transfers.
• Sightseeing with licensed, professional, English-speaking guides as outlined in the itinerary.
• Entrance fees to all sights as noted in the itinerary, and coordination of all liturgies.
• Porter service at hotels throughout your tour (one piece of luggage, per person).

Please refer to Terms & Conditions for items or additional costs not included in the package price.
Dear Friends,

We would like to take this time to personally invite you to join us on a pilgrimage to Italy’s greatest cities and special places dear to Christian hearts. We’ll begin our pilgrimage in Padua and Venice, where we’ll explore this unique lagoon city on the Adriatic Coast and celebrate Mass at the picturesque Basilica of San Marco. We’ll continue on to tour the Renaissance city of Florence, with its famous Duomo and statue of “David” by Michelangelo.

En route to Rome, we’ll stop in the beautiful Assisi, where we will walk in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare. Our pilgrimage will conclude in Rome, where celebrating Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica is sure to be a highlight of the journey. Our tour will take us to all of the highlights of the “Eternal City,” including the Roman Forum, Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Piazza Navona, and, of course, the Vatican Museums. We’ll even enter the heart of Christendom for an audience with our Holy Father.

Best of all, we will be celebrating our faith, forming deeper bonds of friendship, and enjoying the food and customs of another culture! There is nothing like sharing such experiences with friends and family in faith. Please consider joining us!

Fr. Christopher Heath

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Dear [Name],

We are thrilled to invite you to our upcoming pilgrimage to Italy. This will be an unforgettable experience that will allow you to connect with the roots of your faith in some of the most beautiful and historic cities in the world.

Enrollment Deadline: June 15, 2024
Final Payment Deadline: June 25, 2024

**Participant Information**

Please print your name exactly as it appears on your passport. Title: [ ] Mr. [ ] Ms. [ ] Mrs. [ ] Rev. [ ] Bro. [ ] Sr. [ ] Deacon [ ] Other

First _____________________________ Middle _____________________________ Last _____________________________

Address _____________________________ City _____________________________ State ________ Zip _______________

Country of Citizenship (if other than USA) _____________________________ Date of Birth _____________________________

**Tour Costs and Preferred Method of Payment**

Please select one.

- All-Inclusive Package Pricing (Includes round-trip airfare from Los Angeles)
  - I am submitting all payments by check to receive the cash discounted package price of $5,895.00 per person, sharing a twin room
  - I am paying with a credit or debit card. The all-inclusive package price is $6,095.00 per person, sharing a twin room

- Land Only Package Pricing (Does not include airfare or airport transfers)
  - I am submitting all payments by check to receive the cash discounted package price of $4,595.00 per person, sharing a twin room
  - I am paying with a credit or debit card. The Land Only package price is $4,795.00 per person, sharing a twin room

- Optional Scavi Tour (subject to confirmation)
  - I am interested in the optional Scavi Tour on Day 7 for an additional $40.00 per person

**Room Assignments**

(Standard hotel rooms provide two twin beds. Married couples may request a double bed. Single rooms are subject to confirmation. Please select one below.)

- I have a traveling companion and would like to room with (name):
- My spouse and I are requesting a double bed (Rooms with double beds are limited and are subject to confirmation.)
- I am requesting a roommate. I understand a single room may be assigned (plus an additional $1,095.00) if a roommate is not available.
- I am requesting a single room. Single rooms are limited. If confirmed a single supplement of $1,095.00 will apply to total tour cost.

**Deposit and Optional Travel Insurance**

All tour deposits and insurance payments are non-refundable. Insurance may be purchased up until the final payment deadline. However, pre-existing conditions are covered only when the insurance premium is paid with the tour deposit. The “Cancel For Any Reason” upgrade may only be purchased at the time of enrollment with your deposit.

- Enclosed is my $500 non-refundable deposit. I am declining optional travel protection.
- Enclosed is $903 ($500 deposit + $403 travel protection premium) I am purchasing travel protection. View the plan terms and conditions by visiting: https://www.petersway.com/docs/PetersWayProtectionPlan.pdf
- Enclosed is $1,103 ($500 deposit + $403 travel protection premium which includes CFAR add-on) I am purchasing travel insurance plus the CFAR add-on. The Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) insurance add-on allows you to cancel up to 2 days prior to departure for reimbursement of up to 80% of the package price. CFAR must be purchased at the time of enrollment. CFAR cannot be offered to New York State residents as per state law. We strongly recommend purchasing Cancel For Any Reason coverage in order to protect your investment in this tour package. Please read all details very carefully under DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY AND TRAVEL INSURANCE in our Terms and Conditions. This upgrade can only be purchased at time of enrollment.

*Insurance premiums are based on your total tour costs (see Terms & Conditions). Premium adjustments may appear on your final invoice.

**Credit/Debit Card Authorization**

By completing this credit card authorization section, you authorize Peter’s Way Tours to initially charge the tour deposit (or full balance if you are enrolling past the final payment deadline) plus the total insurance cost to your credit/debit card.

I acknowledge that by enrolling with a credit card, I am ineligible for the cash/check discounted price, even if I choose to submit subsequent payments by check.

Name on card: _____________________________ Card Number: _____________________________ Exp. Date: ________ Sec Code: ________

Billing Address: _____________________________ City: _____________________________ State: ________ Zip _________________

Participant Name(s): _____________________________

If the amount to be charged applies to more than one participant, please specify additional names.

I have read and accept all Terms & Conditions as outlined on this brochure.

Signature _____________________________ Date ________________

Parent/Guardian signature is required for minors under 18 years of age.

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All package pricing is based on a minimum of 35 paying participants. If the group does not reach this number, price or programming may be adjusted. Your group leader is solely responsible for any adjustments to package pricing, itinerary, and inclusions. They act on behalf of the group to modify travel plans as needed.

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Day 1  Tuesday, October 8: Depart USA
Depart Los Angeles International Airport on our overnight flight to Venice, Italy via Frankfurt. Complimentary dinner (D), breakfast (B), and beverages will be served on board.

Day 2  Wednesday, October 9: Arrive in Venice I Padua
Arrive at Venice International Airport, proceed through Passport Control, claim our luggage, and meet a Peter’s Way tour manager as we exit Customs. Board our comfortable touring bus and we will be on our way to Padua. In Padua, we’ll visit the Basilica of St. Anthony, with its famous Chapel of the Relics containing the actual tongue and lower jawbone of the saint. The basilica also contains a mixture of Gothic, Romanesque, and Byzantine architecture, holding a huge collection of art treasures. Then, we’ll continue to Mestre, a suburb of Venice, for hotel check-in. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Mestre.

Day 3  Thursday, October 10: Highlights of Venice I Free Afternoon
After breakfast at our hotel, we will be transferred to the pier for a boat transfer to St. Mark’s Square to explore this lovely and famous lagoon city on the Adriatic Coast. Begin our day with a walking tour of Venice’s hub of activity, Piazza San Marco, which is lined with galleries, luxury shops, and charming cafes. Dominating the square is the magnificent St. Mark’s Basilica. Celebrate Mass at St. Mark’s Basilica. After Mass, enjoy a guided visit of the basilica with its shimmering mosaics, precious sculptures, and rare marble. Admire the campanile and clock tower, where Moors have been striking the hours for over 500 years. Continue to the Bridge of Sighs, which connects to the Doge’s Palace and the Prisons Building. The bridge is so named because of the sad laments of the prisoners as they were led one to the other. Visit the fabulous Doge’s Palace and see Giotto’s Tiara, which is a symbol of the Doge’s authority. Continue to the Church of the Frari, where we will visit the Accademia, which holds the superb sculpture of “David” by Michelangelo. Continue to the beautiful Piazza Del Duomo and the delicately patterned green, white, and pink Cathedral of Santa Maria Del Fiore, crowned with Brunelleschi’s magnificent dome. See Giotto’s Bell Tower and the Romanesque Baptistry of St. John, with Ghiberti’s exquisite bronze doors that Michelangelo called the “Gates of Paradise.” Celebrate Mass at the Cathedral or the Franciscan Church of the Holy Cross. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Venice.

Day 4  Friday, October 11: Highlights of Florence
After breakfast at our hotel, leave Mestre and drive south through the gentle Tuscan hills that for centuries have inspired saints and artists, to the Renaissance city of Florence. Check-in at our hotel in Florence. Independent lunch.
Our tour guide will take us to visit the Accademia, which holds the superb sculpture of “David” by Michelangelo. Continue to the beautiful Piazza Del Duomo and the delicately patterned green, white, and pink Cathedral of Santa Maria Del Fiore, crowned with Brunelleschi’s magnificent dome. See Giotto’s Bell Tower and the Romanesque Baptistry of St. John, with Ghiberti’s exquisite bronze doors that Michelangelo called the “Gates of Paradise.” Celebrate Mass at the Cathedral or the Franciscan Church of the Holy Cross. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Florence.

Day 5  Saturday, October 12: Assisi I Sites of St. Francis and St. Clare
Breakfast at our hotel. This morning, we’ll leave Florence for Assisi, one of the high points of any travel experience. After a two and half-hour ride, you will see Assisi on a mountaintop: with its narrow lanes, Shrines of Saint Francis, and overwhelming art dedicated to its young friar, a rich young man who turned to God after an illness and established an order that has grown stronger over the centuries. Late morning, we’ll visit the basilica complex, which is composed of two churches built one atop the other. Beneath both churches is a crypt that houses the tomb of St. Francis. The lower basilica dates from 1228 to 1230, and is richly decorated with beautiful stained-glass windows and paintings by some of the most important artists of the 13th and 14th centuries. In the upper basilica, built from 1230 to 1253, we will marvel at the monumental frescoes painted by Giotto, which depict scenes from the life of the saint. Celebrate Mass at the Basilica. After Mass, we’ll visit the Basilica of St. Clare, the first and most important of the Franciscan movement. View her remains and see the miraculous Crucifix. Independent lunch. Check-in at our hotel in Assisi. Free afternoon to explore Assisi on your own. Optional independent visits include Piazza del Comune, Chiesa Nuova, the home and cloth workshops of Pietro Bernadone and Lady Pica (St. Francis’s parents), the house of St. Clare’s parents, the Bishop’s Palace, or the Sanctuary of the Renunciation, a part of the Church of St. Mary Major. The tomb of Bl. Carlo Acutis is in a sanctuary located on the spot where a young St. Francis of Assisi is said to have cast off his rich clothes in favor of a poor habit. Pray near the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis who had a passionate devotion to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Assisi.

Day 6  Sunday, October 13: Assisi I Rome
Breakfast at our hotel. We’ll visit the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, a great basilica built in 1569 and crowned by Aleotti’s magnificent dome. It encloses the shrine of the “Porziuncula,” or the Little Portion Chapel, around which the first Franciscan community was centered; the place where Clare received the habit from Francis; and the Capella Del Transito, which marks the spot where the Saint died. We will see the statue of Saint Francis in the courtyard where thornless roses bloom from his feet, as he was immediately declared a saint by the pope. Celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. After Mass, we’ll continue to Rome, the “Eternal City.” A stop will be made for independent lunch. Check-in at our hotel in Rome. Free afternoon in Rome. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Rome.

Day 7  Monday, October 14: St. Peter’s Basilica I Vatican Museums I Sistine Chapel I Optional Scavi Tour
After an early breakfast, we will be transferred to St. Peter’s Basilica to celebrate Mass at the Tomb of St. Peter (subject to confirmation) or one of the Grotto Chapels. After Mass we will visit one of the great art collections in the world, the Vatican Museums. Walk through the Sistine Chapel and see the frescoes of numerous Renaissance masters and the inspired ceiling of Michelangelo. End our morning with a more detailed guided tour of St. Peter’s Basilica. Take in the awesome architecture and the statutory adorning this largest of all Christian shrines, including Michelangelo’s magnificent “Pietà.” Pray at the tomb of St. John Paul II in St. Sebastian’s Chapel. In your free time, you may wish to return to the Vatican Crypt to pray near the tomb of St. Peter. Independent lunch and free time in Rome. Optional Scavi Tour (subject to confirmation): The Scavi, or Vatican Necropolis, is the underground excavation under St. Peter’s Basilica. In 1939, Pope Pius XII ordered an excavation beneath the grotto of St. Peter’s Basilica, where many popes are buried. Among the tombs of pagans and early Christians, far beneath the high altar of St. Peter’s, excavators found a shrine amid the rubble. Most scholars concur that the small column is part of a second-century A.D. shrine built by Rome’s small Christian community on the site where St. Peter was buried. Free afternoon to explore Rome on your own. Independent dinner. Overnight at our hotel in Rome.

Day 8  Tuesday, October 15: Walking Tour of Rome I Imperial Rome
Breakfast at our hotel. This morning, enjoy a guided walking tour of historic Rome, to include the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, the Arch of Titus and the Arch of Constantine and proceed to the outside of the Colosseum for a fascinating explanation of its history. Continue to the grandiose white marble monument of King Victor Emmanuel II, often called the “Wedding Cake.” See the Trajan Column and the Market (the ancient Roman equivalent of a department store). Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Rome.

Day 9  Wednesday, October 16: Papal Audience | St. Paul Outside-the-Walls | Catacombs | Farewell Dinner
After an early breakfast, enter the heart of Christendom for an audience with our Holy Father. Pope Francis will greet the pilgrims, deliver his message, pray the Pater Noster, and bless religious articles. Independent lunch. Afternoon is free to visit St. Peter’s Basilica (subject to confirmation) or the Vatican Necropolis. Witness the beauty and splendor of some of the most important of the papal tombs, the Imperial Vestibule (the spot where Nero held his orgies), and the Carafa tombs. Visit the Catacombs, the maze of tunnels hollowed out of volcanic rock where early Christians—persecuted by the Romans—secretly practiced their religious rites and buried their dead. Celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. Paul or the Catacombs. Our farewell dinner will be at a restaurant in Rome. Experience an atmosphere of hospitality and friendship and taste the Mediterranean cuisine in a typical Roman setting with wine and music. Overnight at our hotel in Rome.

Day 10 Thursday, October 17: Return from Rome
After breakfast at our hotel, we will be transferred to Rome’s Leonardo da Vinci Airport for our return flight home. Arrive on the same day.
PAYMENT: All payments will be accepted in the form of check, money order, or debit/credit card. Peter's Way Tours (PWT) reserves the right to increase the package deposit and/or the final payment if, at the time PWT receives the deposit, the U.S. Dollar is in excess of 3% from print date. If a final payment is not received by the balance deadline, PWT reserves the right to cancel your reservation. A $50.00 late fee and possible increase in airfare may apply for late payments. Personal checks will not be accepted for airfare deposits or trip balances paid directly within 60 days of departure. ALL CANCELLATION FEES, PROCESSING FEE, and any other payable benefits (including, but not limited to, fuel surcharges, single supplements, deviation fees, travel insurance payments, or other costs) are non-refundable. PWT shall not be held responsible for any changes made in the schedule of liturgies throughout the pilgrimage. Unless the term “guaranteed” is specifically written on the ticket, invoice, or reservation itinerary, PWT does not guarantee any supplier’s rates, bookings, or reservations. PWT shall not be responsible for any injuries, damages, or losses caused to the passenger’s lack of current and valid entry documents (ie., passport, proof of vaccine, and travel insurance supplier. The Passenger Travel Protection Plan includes coverage for prevention of theft, travel cancellation, trip interruption, accident/sickness expenses, baggage loss, and personal effects, and other benefits. We also strongly suggest that you purchase travel insurance for any such risks and is advised to obtain appropriate insurance coverage for them. PWT does not accept responsibility or liability for minors traveling on the tour.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: It is strongly recommended that all participants purchase insurance policies that could cover all possible expenses for which they may be responsible for the cost(s) if you cancel participation for any reason. It is important that you purchase airline tickets until the group has been confirmed for travel by PWT.

AIRLINE SEATING: Under group contracts, seat selection is not permitted. Requests for seat preferences, which will be honored up to 100 days prior to departure. All first class seats, if available, will be charged a $300.00 fee. If you purchase your own airline transportation and the group does not make any change or cancel for any reason, PWT will not be held responsible for the cost of your airfare.

DEVIATIONS & ITINERARY CHANGES: PWT is pleased to assist clients with special requests. Deviation requests must be submitted in writing at least 100 days prior to departure. Of all carriers, hotel, restaurant, or other independent suppliers.

PHOTO RELEASE: I grant PWT permission to use photos and/or video, taken on this tour, in which I appear. I understand such images may be used in print/online publications, presentations, websites, and social media platforms. I consent and waive all claims for compensation for use, or for damages.

ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS: In the event that PWT pays for any service that is later reimbursed by the travel insurance company, the passenger will be billed the amount reimbursed by the insurance company. PWT shall not be held responsible if we are unable to accommodate passengers for advance check-in/boarding passes/seat assignments. If seat selection is a condition that affects your decision to travel, it is suggested that you purchase the land only package in order to protect your tour package investment. Please read all details very carefully under TRAVEL INSURANCE.

LATE RESERVATIONS: Enrollments received after the deposit deadline are subject to confirmation. Late fees and a possible increase in airfare may apply.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: This travel package includes round-trip economy class airfare from Los Angeles. Flight itinerary and carrier may be subject to change. Estimated departure taxes & fuel surcharges are subject to increase prior to ticketing. All flights are booked under one itinerary. If a traveler does not travel on any of the flights in the group itinerary, PWT will not be held responsible for the cost(s) if you cancel participation for any reason. It is important that you purchase airline tickets until the group has been confirmed for travel by PWT.

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