

What's Included

- *International roundtrip airfare: Detroit > Rome*
- *Papal Audience*
- *4 star hotels*
- *Continental breakfast daily*
- *6 dinners (w/ wine)*
- *7 lunches*
- *English speaking, Catholic guide*
- *Luxury Motor Coach*
- *Entrance to museums and activities per itinerary*
- *Mass each day with Fr Ptak in beautiful churches*



Rome - Sorrento - Amalfi
April 2-10, 2018

\$3,590/person *(double occupancy)*



St Sebastian- Pilgrimage to Rome, Sorrento and Amalfi

Day 1 Monday, April 2 - Depart for Rome

Depart USA on overnight flight to Rome, Italy. Meals served on board.

Day 2 Tuesday, April 3 - Rome, Ostia Antica, & St Paul Outside the Walls

Meet your guide and start your pilgrimage with a visit to **Ostia Antica** - a large archeological site that was the location of the harbor city of ancient Rome. At the mouth of the River Tiber, Ostia was Rome's seaport, but due to silting the site now lies 2 miles from the sea. The site is noted for the excellent preservation of its ancient buildings, magnificent frescoes and impressive mosaics. Attend **Holy Mass** at Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls before checking into our 4-star hotel. Afternoon at leisure before dinner. (L|D)

Day 3 Wednesday, April 4 - Papal Audience, Vatican Museum and St. Peter's Basilica

The Audience with the Pope consists of small teachings and at the end of the Audience, the Pope will pray the Our Father, and will impart his Apostolic Blessing upon the crowd. The Vatican Museums contain masterpieces of painting, sculpture and other works of art collected by the popes through the centuries. St. Peter's Basilica is one of the holiest sites in Christendom, standing on the traditional site where Peter - the first pope - was crucified and buried. **Holy Mass** - Santa Maria alle Fornaci church or near the hotel (TBD). (B|L|D)

Day 4 Thursday, April 5 – Montecassino & Sorrento

This morning, we travel to the Abbey of Montecassino, founded in 529 by St Benedict making it one of Europe's oldest monasteries. After a guided tour and Mass, we will continue to the beautiful city of Sorrento located on Naples Bay. Enjoy an afternoon and evening at leisure exploring the many sites such as the Duomo, Basilica di Sant'Antonino, Centro Storico (historic center), and the Vallone dei Mulini. (B|L|D)

Day 5 Friday, April 6 – Amalfi Coast

Today we enjoy a boat tour up the incomparable Amalfi Coast including stops in Positano and Amalfi. In Positano we'll visit the Chiesa di Santa Maria Assunta, stroll the beautiful streets and waterfront, and enjoy a famous Limoncello. Amalfi is home to the Duomo di Sant'Andrea housing relics of St Andrew, fabulous shops and restaurants. Lunch in Amalfi before our boat ride to Sorrento and motor coach back to Rome for dinner and overnight. (B|L|D)

Day 6 Saturday, April 7 - Imperial Rome and Papal Basilicas

Morning guided tour of the Roman Forum and Colosseum (outside only) and the Mamertine Prison (tradition tells us both St. Paul and St. Peter were imprisoned here, Peter before his crucifixion). Tour the St Sebastian Catacombs and celebrate **Holy Mass**. Afternoon guided tour of **St Mary Major** and **St John Lateran** Basilicas. St John Lateran being the oldest consecrated church in western Christendom and the official basilica of the Bishop of Rome (Pope Francis). (B|L|D)

Day 7 Sunday, April 8 – St Peter's Basilica and Baroque Rome

This morning we celebrate Mass and the anniversary of St Faustina's canonization at St Peter's Basilica. After lunch, a guided tour of the Pantheon, Piazza Navona, Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps. Evening at leisure. (B|L)

Day 8 Monday, April 9 - Castel Gandolfo

Half day guided tour of the **Pontifical Villas of Castel Gandolfo**. Now a museum, it had served for centuries as a summer residence and vacation retreat for the Pope. Return to Rome for afternoon of leisure. (B|L|D)

Day 9 Tuesday, April 10 - Return Home

After breakfast, transfer to Rome airport for our flight back home after a life changing spiritual journey through Italy. (B)