

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERIES: ITALIAN PILGRIMAGE**

**EXPLORING THE HISTORY AND HERITAGE OF THE REDEMPTORISTS**

**ROME, NAPLES, POMPEII, AMALFI COAST, SCALA, SALERNO, ASSISI, PISA,  
PADUA & VENICE**

**Day 01: May 02 2018 - Canada / Rome or Naples ...**

**Day 02 May 03 - Arrive in Rome – Marianella – Naples**

Upon arrival in Rome after completing all the custom formalities we depart for Naples, situated on a beautiful bay along the Mediterranean coast. Our panoramic drive takes us to Mergellina, Castel dell'Ovo, Plebiscito Square, the Royal Palace, and the MaschioAngioino with its triumphal arch and deep moats. Enjoy (with opportunities to photograph) the famous view of the city, the bay and Mt. Vesuvius. Visit the Hospital of the Incurables before check-in at our hotel. We continue to the nearby town of Marianella to visit the home of St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori (Sept. 27, 1696–Aug. 1, 1787), an Italian Catholic bishop, spiritual writer, moral theologian, founder of the Redemptorists, and Doctor of the Church. He was canonized in 1839 by Pope Gregory XVI. We celebrate Mass here. Dinner and stay overnight at Naples.



**Day 03: May 04 - Pompeii – Amalfi Coast**

Following a buffet breakfast, we drive to Pompeii for a private guided tour of the well-preserved remains of this ancient Roman town, where all life was suddenly stopped by an eruption of Vesuvius in the year 79 A.D. Pompeii provides an extraordinarily detailed insight into the life of a city at the height of the Roman Empire and is one of the most popular tourist attractions of Italy. Celebrate Mass at the Franciscan Basilica of the Rosary, in Pompeii. After lunch, we leave Pompeii and take a spectacular drive along the magnificent Amalfi coast. We will visit Villa Rufolo in Ravello and enjoy a remarkable bird's-eye view of Positano ending the day in Amalfi. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Maiori.



#### Day 04: May 05 - Excursion to Scala

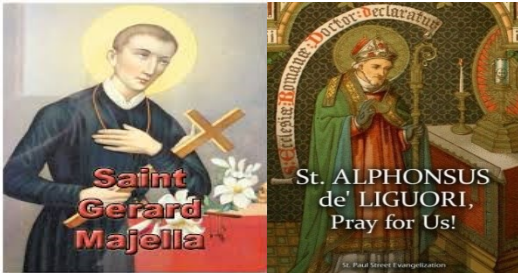
After breakfast at the hotel before we take a short drive to Scala which is located on a rocky hill on the Amalfi Coast.



Upon arrival we visit the 12th-century Cathedral of St. Lorenzo. Visit the convent that first welcomed St. Alphonsus and the five founding fathers of the Redemptorists. We'll also see the Cave of the Revelations, St. Alphonsus' favorite place of meditation and prayer. Here we celebrate Mass. Other sites include the Casa Anastasio, and the house of the Redemptorists. After lunch, balance of the day at leisure to enjoy some free time in Amalfi. After dinner, overnight at hotel in Salerno.

#### Day 05: May 06 - Sites of St. Alphonsus and St. Gerard Majella

After breakfast at your hotel we depart Salerno to visit the town of Pagani, the Basilica of St. Alphonsus, which houses



the saint's tomb, and the Redemptorist house. Visit the Alphonsian Museum and the picture gallery. The Museum was inaugurated in 1990 by St. John Paul II, and houses items associated with St. Alphonsus, including the harpsichord on which he composed the famous Italian Christmas hymn, "Tu Scendi Dalle Stelle." Continue on to the town to visit the hamlet that takes its name from a 16th century church dedicated to the Mother of God, where St. Alphonsus opened one of the first Redemptorist houses. It

was also here in 1755 that St. Gerard Majella died. Celebrate Mass in the Basilica dedicated to St. Gerard Majella. After dinner, overnight in Salerno.

#### Day 06: May 07 - Amalfi – Montecassino – Rome



After breakfast today, we leave for Rome. On the way, we stop to visit the hilltop monastery of Monte Cassino. Explore the famous Benedictine monastery and library on a guided tour. After lunch we visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls where we celebrate Mass and walk through one of the four Holy Doors of Rome. We continue to the nearby Tre Fontane Abbey, where St. Paul was beheaded by order of Emperor Nero. Check into your hotel. Dinner at Hotel. Overnight in Rome.

#### Day 7: May 08 - Papal Audience – Holy Doors of Rome – Relics of Jerusalem



This morning we depart early for St. Peter's Square to attend the Papal Audience and be blessed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Following lunch, we continue our visit of Rome with exploration of St. Mary Major and St. John the Lateran, the cathedral Church of Rome containing sacred relics of St. Peter and Paul and the magnificent sculptures of the twelve apostles. Visit the Holy Stairs from Jerusalem and time permitting the relics of Christ's Passion in the Basilica of the Holy Cross. Overnight in Rome. Dinner is at the hotel. Dinner at Hotel, overnight in Rome.

## Day 8: May 09 - Rome (Vatican)



Overnight in Rome.

Today after breakfast we visit the Vatican Museum, including the incredible Stanzas of Rafael and Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel on a private guided tour along with the new live show. After lunch we will have a city tour (the Roman Forum and the Coliseum we continue with the rest of the city tour and enjoy visiting some of the other major sites including the Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps or Piazza Navone). In the evening we will attend the live show 'MICHELANGELO AND THE SECRETS OF THE SISTINE CHAPEL' the music is written by Sting. Dinner at Hotel.



## Day 9: May 10 - Assisi – Sites of St. Francis and St. Clare

After an early breakfast and drive to Assisi for a guided tour that begins with Basilica of St. Claire, we continue walking down to the Basilica of St. Francis where we celebrate Mass in one of the chapels and have a visit of the Basilica. Our local guide will take us through the Basilica complex splendid with art work divided amongst the upper and the lower Basilica. Visit the crypt that houses the tomb of St. Francis. After Lunch we proceed to Pisa – overnight in Pisa

## DAY 10: May 11 - PISA – PADUA



Today after breakfast check out and drive to Pisa, the hometown of Galileo, and a city which makes the most of its claim to fame its Leaning Tower! (One of the Seven Wonders of the World). It has leaned almost since construction first started, due to the swampy soil beneath it. At a photo stop here; note its striking beauty along with its characteristic tilt. The Duomo's Bell Tower (Cathedral) together with the Baptistery are all a part of the Field of Miracles.

After lunch, we drive through stretches of olive groves and vineyards to the beautiful city of Padua and the magnificent **Basilica of St. Anthony**. Walk through the beautiful Padua Square with its lovely gardens and

fountains. Later after a delicious dinner check into your hotel. Overnight in Padua /Mestre.

## DAY 11: May 12 – VENICE – ST. MARKS SQUARE MURANO GLASS FACTORY



After breakfast, we embark on a full day trip to magnificent **Venice**. We proceed to take a Vaperatto (water taxi) or our own private boat to this charming city built atop 118 tiny islands without streets, crisscrossed by 160 canals and linked by 400 footbridges. Explore all the sights and sounds of **St. Mark's Square**, The Basilica built to house the saints remains, **the Bell Tower and the Palace of the Doges**. Stop for a photograph at the Bridge of Sighs, feed the pigeons or visit the World-famous Murano Glass Factory and learn the art of glass blowing.

Overnight in Padua, Dinner is at the hotel.

**DAY 12: May 13 - GOODBYE ITALY**

Today after an early breakfast, it is time to say goodbye to Italy as your board your coach to the airport for your flight back home. Good times need never end, after your check in formalities are completed, sit back, relax, and enjoy the in-flight services and meals as you relive the high points of your tour.

**2- Nights Naples, 1- Nights Maiori, 2- Nights Salerno, 3-Nights Rome, 1-Night Pisa, 2 -Nights Padua**

**WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:**

AIRFARE: Return economy class group airfare as per the itinerary

ACCOMMODATION: in First Class Hotels (Twin Bedded Room)

MEALS: Continental buffet breakfast, Packed / buffet Continental lunch and dinners as requested.

Services of Royal Orchid Tour Manager or / and Local Guides in select cities.

SIGHTSEEING & ENTRANCE fees, transfers, surface transportation as mentioned by a deluxe AC/ Air cool coach.

**WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE**

Any increase in airfare, Visa Fees, Airport Tax & Govt. Tax and the rate of exchange leading to an increase in surface transportation and land arrangements, which may come into effect prior to departure. The tour price is subject to increase, without notice. The Tour Price is currently calculated at 1 EURO = CAN \$1.5/-

Any expense such as Local Tourist Tax, and of personal nature such as portorage, laundry expenses, wines, mineral water, food and drink not in the regular menus provided by us, mini bar, telephone calls, tips to the drivers, hotel waiters, local guides etc. are to be borne by the passengers. Meals are pre-set and a choice of menu is not available.

Anything not mentioned in "WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE INCLUDES BOX"

Tips: EURO 65 PER PERSON

Any change in date of travel / deviation from original group travel dates, which will result in an increase in airfare and applicable taxes.

**PLEASE NOTE: The above cost is based on a minimum group of 30 passengers traveling together.**

**Tour itinerary/Hotel / Airline/ Flights/Route is subject to change without prior information.**

<b>TOUR COST CAN \$</b>	<b>PER PERSON ON TWIN SHARE</b>	<b>PER CHILD WITHOUT BED (BELOW 12 YEARS) Call &amp; Ask for Quote</b>
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For Inquiry, please contact: Brian Andrade at 778-999-4599

*Non-Refundable deposit \$500 due by Nov 20, 2018*

*Final payment due by Jan 30, 2019.*

**CANCELLATION**

All services such as airline seats / hotel accommodation / ground transportation are pre-booked well in advance. We are liable to pay penalties to all our suppliers/ vendors if these services are released within the mentioned period.

If cancellation is made:

Over 90 days prior to departure - \$500

61 – 45 days prior to departure – 50% of tour package price

90 – 61 days prior to departure - 25% of tour package price

45 days or less prior to departure - 100% of tour package price