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IN THE VATICAN MUSEUMS**

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**ON A PILGRIMAGE TO UNVEIL THE BEAUTY OF**

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# ITALY

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**OCTOBER 9-16, 2022**

*INCREDIBLE TOUR EXTENSION TO TUSCANY: OCTOBER 16-20, 2022*

TRIP LAUNCHING FOR REGISTRATION IN OCTOBER!



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# itinerary

## DAY 1: OCTOBER 8 | DEPART USA FOR ITALY

(FOR THOSE PARTICIPATING IN PRE-NIGHT)

Depart on independently scheduled overnight flights to Rome.

## DAY 2: OCTOBER 9 | ARRIVE ROME FOR PRE-NIGHT OR DEPART USA FOR ITALY

Upon arrival in Rome, transfer to your hotel (Hotel TBD) for a leisurely evening and overnight in the heart of the city before tour begins tomorrow. If not arriving for pre-night, depart USA on independently scheduled overnight flights to Rome.

## DAY 3: OCTOBER 10 | ARRIVE ROME | WELCOME RECEPTION AND DINNER

Arrive in Rome on independently scheduled flights and transfer on your own to the hotel (TBD). This evening, enjoy views of the Eternal City during a rooftop reception and dinner at Hotel Bernini (or similar) where you will have the chance to meet the Patrons Office staff and Fr. Kevin Lixey. Overnight in Rome.

## DAY 4: OCTOBER 11 | RESTORATION LABS | LUNCH AT CASINA PIUS IV

Following a morning at leisure, visit one or more of the restoration labs such as the Painting, Paper, Ceramic and Metal Restoration Labs. Enjoy lunch as a group at the beautiful Casina Pius IV and walk through the gardens to reach the Vatican Apostolic Library for a tour. Dinner on own. Overnight in Rome.

## DAY 5: OCTOBER 12 | PAPAL AUDIENCE | MOSAIC RESTORATION LABORATORY | LUNCH AT CASA SANTA MARTA

Attend the weekly Papal Audience with special seating (pending the Holy Father's final schedule). Following the Audience, embark on a visit to the Vatican Mosaic Studios, a busy studio for a team of highly skilled artists whose job is to restore and preserve centuries-old mosaics inside St. Peter's Basilica. The studio is also responsible for creating commissioned pieces for private buyers, as well as mosaics that will be given by the Holy Father to visiting dignitaries. Enjoy lunch in the Pope's residence at Casa Santa Marta, adjacent to Saint Peter's Basilica. Late afternoon, evening and dinner on own. Overnight in Rome.

## DAY 6: OCTOBER 13TH | TOUR OF THE THREE CHAPELS | RECEPTION IN CORTILE DEL BELVEDERE

Morning at leisure or for optional tours (possibly Santa Rosa Scavi, St. Peter's Scavi or Secret Archives). This afternoon, embark on an exclusive behind the scenes visit to the Pope's private chapels, two of which are closed to the public. Start with a visit to the stunning mosaic decorated Redemptoris Mater chapel, which was totally restructured and redecorated by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of his 50th priestly ordination anniversary. The Holy Father commissioned this amazing chapel of modern mosaic under the direction of Jesuit priest Fr. Marko Ivan Rupnik. Next visit the Pope's private chapel, the Pauline Chapel, before a visit to the Sistine Chapel after the museums have closed. Along the way, visit the Hall of blessings and the Room of Benediction. The visit will culminate in the Cortile del Belvedere for a reception with drinks and light appetizers. Dinner on own. Overnight in Rome.

## DAY 7: OCTOBER 14 | RAPHAEL TOUR WITH DR. LIZ LEV | DINNER AT HOTEL DE RUSSIE

Embark on a tour of Rome with world famous Art Historian, Dr. Liz Lev, to view some of the most marvelous works created by Raphael that reside in the city. This evening, venture to Hotel de Russie for a sumptuous dinner on the terrace surrounded by beautiful Mediterranean flora in Le Jardin de Russie. Overnight Rome.

## DAY 8: OCTOBER 15 | COOKING CLASS IN CAMPO DI FIORI | CELEBRATION IN THE CONSTANTINE ROOM | PATRONS GALA IN BRACCIO NUOVO

If you so choose, participate in an optional cooking class this morning. You will start in the Campo di Fiori to select fresh ingredients with the chef leading the class. After an explanation and tour through the Jewish quarter, end your walk at a beautiful apartment on Tiburina island for a cooking class. OR, enjoy your morning at leisure to prepare for the evening's festivities and gala farewell. Celebrate Mass with Cardinal Bertello at 5PM followed by a private tour of the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel along with a celebration toast in the Constantine Room and a visit to the Niccolina Chapel. This evening, enjoy the company of your fellow Patrons as you share a glass of prosecco and Gala dinner in the Braccio Nuovo, or "New Wing", of the Vatican Museums. Overnight in Rome.

## DAY 9: OCTOBER 16 | RETURN TO USA OR TRAVEL TO VAL D'ORCIA FOR EXTENSION

Check out of the hotel and depart on independently scheduled flights to the USA or board your private transfer toward the beautiful Val d'Orcia. Upon arrival, check into Castiglion del Bosco, the Ferragamo Estate turned private resort famed for being one of the oldest and most well-preserved estates in Tuscany. The Tuscan Region of Val D'Orcia is a haven for foodies, famous for its Brunello and Nobile di Montepulciano wines, truffles, and pecorino cheese. Welcome dinner with wine pairings. Overnight Val d'Orcia.

## DAY 10: OCTOBER 17 | MONTALCINO | PIENZA | EVENING WINE TASTING

Travel by private mini coach to the beautiful hilltop town of Montalcino and begin the day by celebrating Mass in the local church. Enjoy a brief walking tour and free time followed by a leisurely wine tasting lunch. Following lunch, take a short drive to Pienza, famous for its pecorino cheese and an amazing example of classical Renaissance town design, often described as the ideal city. After time to explore this city by foot on your own, we will enjoy a pecorino cheese tasting. This afternoon, return to the Castiglion del Bosco resort for wine tasting in the private cellar of Massimo Ferragamo, son of shoe scion, Salvatore Ferragamo. Dinner on own. Overnight Val d'Orcia.

## DAY 11: OCTOBER 18 | VIA FRANCIGENA | MONTEPULCIANO

Begin today with a visit to and private Mass at the ancient Benedictine Abbey of Sant'Antimo on the European pilgrimage route to Rome called the Via Francigena. The magnificent Abbey Church was built in the 12th century. After a picnic lunch at the Monastery, depart for Montepulciano and stop en route for truffle hunting! This evening, enjoy an amazing wine paired dinner outside of Montepulciano. Overnight Val d'Orcia.

## DAY 12: OCTOBER 19 | FLORENCE | FRESCO PAINTING

Depart for Florence this morning for a behind the scenes tour of Florence to visit the off the beaten path sites with Art Historian extraordinaire, Dr. Elizabeth Lev. After lunch at a fantastic, converted restaurant, enjoy an introduction to the ancient Renaissance technique of Fresco Painting. The class begins with a brief fresco painting history and is followed by time to create an actual painting! Group farewell dinner this evening in Florence. Overnight Florence.

## DAY 13: OCTOBER 20 | DEPART FLORENCE FOR USA

Check out of the hotel and depart on independently scheduled flights to the USA.

= CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST | = LUNCH | = DINNER | = RECEPTION

\*Itinerary is tentative and subject to change; specified Masses pending confirmation