

❖ **HEART OF ROME TOURS** Presents ❖
EXCLUSIVE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

with Wine Tasting in Tuscany, Umbria, and Castelli Romani regions!

Private Tour for Only 12 People

OCT 21-30, 2018

by Dr. Phillip F. Chavez

\$2,999

for Land Package
Per Person.

Accommodations in Four Star Hotel
located in Heart of Rome.

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Pope Francis!

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land deposit of \$250
enough to reserve
a space.

Dr. Phillip Chavez will lead you on an incredible pilgrimage to Italy, where you will have an extensive experience of Rome, as well as stunning regions in northern and southern Italy. He will guide you to the more important Christian and Ancient Roman sites – and arrange for superb dining and wine tasting encounters. Dr. Chavez spent several years in Rome and offers a personal and exclusive experience you will long remember!

Come on this Pilgrimage if you want to:

- Be in exclusive group and see over 2X what others do!
- Room in Rome Center to be close to most sites
- Experience the amazing interior of Vatican City
- Attend Audience & Angelus Address with Pope Francis
- Be immersed in architecture & history of Ancient Rome
- Visit breathtaking Italian towns and countryside
- Enjoy fine wine tasting in Rome and in 3 Provinces
- See many miraculous images & relics others rarely see
- Get private access into 5+ cloisters of Saints
- Dine outdoors at the best family-style restaurants
- Have personal guidance for your tour preferences
- Receive custom photo album of your trip
- And Much More....
- **Get more VALUE than any other pilgrimage tour!**



Sample Day-By-Day Itinerary

Day 1, Oct 21: DEPART USA

Depart from your airport of preference for overnight flight to Rome. Dinner and breakfast served customarily on flights.

Day 2, Oct 22: ARRIVE in ROME, Getting Acquainted with City

Pilgrims take transfers to hotel per their arrival schedule. Later in day, we take a local walk to acquaint ourselves with the sites, piazzas, and restaurants near hotel. We cover Piazza Farnese, Campo dei Fiori, and Piazza Argentina. We see amazing exterior of the Farnese Palace; take private tour where St. Philip Neri lived and received apparitions; visit inside the Venerable English College, seminary to 44 martyrs, founded during English persecutions; see the “Cancellaria”, the high court of the Church; stand over site where Caesar was stabbed; and visit chapel in generalate of the Pallottine order and view their incorrupt founder, St. Vincent Pallotti at main altar. Dinner outdoors near hotel.



Day 3, Oct 23: St. Peter's Basilica and Vatican City

Breakfast each morning at hotel. After we travel to Vatican and enter St. Peter's Basilica, largest Church in Christendom, built above burial site of St. Peter. Countless marvels here, including the famous Pieta of Michelangelo and stunning Baldacchino of Bernini. We venerate the apostles St. Peter, St. Jude, St. Simon, and several saints. We view the incorrupt St. John XXIII, and visit the gravesite altar of St. John Paul II, where we can attend Mass. Thereafter, time allotted to purchase religious goods in the Vatican area—to be blessed by the Pope Francis at Papal events. We have lunch near Vatican and eat in restaurant at the table frequented by Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI)! After we take tour of the Vatican Gardens and go inside Vatican City to see the hidden structures set within perfectly manicured gardens. You will view not only special shrines, monuments, and fountains, but also special buildings for the Pontifical Commission, various Academies, and Vatican Radio Station. Thereupon, we can enter Vatican museums and Sistine Chapel. Dinner while wine tasting, near Piazza Navona.

Day 4, Oct 24: Papal Audience; Tour of Pantheon Area

We proceed early to Audience with Pope Francis (scheduled every Wednesday, pending schedule of pontiff). Lunch in Vatican area. After hotel rest, we walk into notable farmer's market at Campo dei Fiori. Then onto Piazza Navona, over Domitian's Stadium, arena of chariot races and many martyrs; we view 3 well known fountains of Bernini. In St. Augustine's church we venerate the tomb of St. Monica, and view some miraculous art pieces. We then stop at Gelateria Della Palma for a scoop or 2—over 150 amazing flavors! At St. Mary Magdalene church we get private cloister tour, and see rooms of St. Camillus, his incorrupt heart and other relics. At Santa Maria sopra Minerva, St. Catherine of Siena is buried, surrounded by superb art, including statue of Christ by Michelangelo. Then to infamous Pantheon of architectural wonder—once dedicated to “All the Gods”; main site of Roman pagan worship. We head to Santa Maria in Via Lata church, and explore below where St. Paul lived, and where he was once visited by St. Peter, St. Luke, and St. John. After we tour the Doria Pamphilj Gallery, a palace still owned by the princely Roman family, open to public to admire their incredible art collection, in stately galleries and halls. Dinner near Pantheon.



Day 5, Oct 25: Touring and Wine Tasting in Umbria & Tuscany!

Early breakfast before our day trip north. We first reach the citadel town of Orvieto to visit stunning cathedral which hosts the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena that inspired the feast of Corpus Christi. Here we also visit the medieval church of St. Dominic which houses a desk that St. Thomas Aquinas used when teaching, and a miraculous crucifix that spoke to him. In town we have a light lunch while sampling wines from the region—known since early Roman period for spectacular whites, such as Orvieto Classico. Time permitting, we will descend into the town's “underground city” of a labyrinth of caves and tunnels. Continuing north to Tuscany we stop first for wine tasting at Palazzo Massaini, a winery on a striking private villa. On site the farm grows Chianti, Orcia, and Etruria grapes that we shall sample. After taking photos of the vistas, we proceed to nearby town of Montepulciano. While enjoying the sites and shops on our walking tour, we take in spectacular views while sampling local wines. The notable Brunello is always a winner. We taste at the Cantina Contucci, adjacent to the family Palace in town center. Strolling through the voluminous barrel rooms always a treat. Descending downhill before leaving, we shall peek in a few medieval churches and cloisters. Dinner in Rome.

Day 6, Oct 26: Sites of St. Paul, Outside the Walls of Rome

We take shuttle in morning to the Basilica of St. Paul—one of the 4 major basilica's in Rome: it's size and magnitude never disappoints. The Apostle is buried under the main altar with St. Timothy. We shall enter the cloister and view the art and ancient remains on display. Traveling south we visit “Trefontaine” Trappist abbey, built in 6th C, at site of Paul's martyrdom. At chapel built on the exact site, we view the pillar of beheading & 3 fountains that sprung at execution. Also stands a striking church on abbey property, wherein the founder St. Bernard had a vision of souls entering heaven. Before leaving we peruse shop in the gatehouse which sells chocolate, liqueurs, and other confections made by Cistercian monks. Conveniently across street is shrine of Our Lady of Revelation, maintained by Franciscan order. Approved by the Vatican, she appeared here on April 12, 1947. Entering the cavernous grotto always a moving experience. Afternoon is free to explore Rome on your own. Wine tasting near Vatican, with light dinner.



Day 7, Oct 27: Castelli Romani Region; Evening Rome Fountain Tour

In the morning we journey south by shuttle to the Castelli Romani (“Roman Castles”) region. We first visit Castel Gandolfo overlooking Lake Albano, and take guided tour of the Pope's summer residence. Included are actual private apartments used by the Popes, including bedroom, study, and chapel. Some wine tasting near town center before commuting to town of Frascati, world famous for its white

wines. We walk through part of this notable vacation spot and take a private tour of the historic Casale Minardi estate winery, surrounded by other ancient vineyards and olive groves. The cellar preserves the gear used by generations of winemakers. We enjoy Minardi wines and other products. After return to City, we rest, then commute to top of Spanish Steps for an evening tour of the fountains of Rome. After our spectacular view of the twilight sun setting behind St. Peter's, we descend the Steps and tour area on our way to the Trevi Fountain, especially spirited at night. Then, to the Pantheon to enjoy fountain experience in the piazza. Finally, in Piazza Navona we enjoy the night spectacle of Bernini's fountain wonders. Evenings are tremendous in Rome; and we see much of the City during this tour. Dinner in piazza.



Day 8, Oct 28: Angelus with Pope Francis - Feast of Ss. Simon & Jude

In morning we shuttle to St. Peter's Basilica for Sunday Mass at the tomb altar of Apostles Simon & Jude. After further time in this Basilica, we visit some sites outside Vatican City, including Divine Mercy Shrine. Shopping for final souvenirs or religious items, before our attendance at Angelus Address at noon with Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square. We take lunch, then walk to Castel Sant'Angelo, the conspicuous cylindrical building begun by Emperor Hadrian, to serve as mausoleum for himself & family. Later the building is re-adapted by a succession of popes as fortress and castle. Serving now as a museum, it provides a diverting place to visit, featuring chambers used by the popes and artillery displays of arms & instruments of medieval warfare, catapults, and cannons. A wealth of decoration and art adorn the splendid papal halls. Amazing photo opportunities, overlooking the Vatican and Rome. After, we journey across the "Bridge of Angels" in order to visit sites in the sector. Wine tasting and dinner close to Piazza Navona.

Day 9, Oct 29: Amazing Relics on Lateran and Esquiline Hill

We commute to Holy Cross of Jerusalem Basilica, and view astonishing relics of Our Lord's passion, as well as cross beam of the Good Thief, all recovered from Jerusalem by St. Helen in the 4th century. Then we go to Basilica of St. John Lateran, cathedral church of the Pope where, traditionally held, is the Table of the Last Supper and a table on which St. Peter and early popes offered Mass. Across street we visit Church of the Holy Steps, containing staircase once in Pilate's praetorium. The Savior climbed these steps when judged and condemned. You can ascend these steps, and at top encounter the personal chapel of the popes, in use for centuries—and there view the amazing "Acheropita", a miraculous image of Christ "unmade by human hands." We then travel to Basilica of St. Mary Major, the greatest church dedicated to the Mother of God. Inside are small wooden beams from manger of the Infant Jesus, a miraculous image of the Madonna, attributed to St. Luke, and the resting place of St. Mathias, apostle. Then we proceed to church of St. Alphonsus, headquarters of the Redemptorists, to view original image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Close by, at the church of St. Praxedes, erected over site St. Peter dwelt for a time, we get close view of the pillar on which Jesus was scourged. Also, here lie remains of 2,300 martyrs. After lunch, pilgrims free to visit Colosseum and Roman Forum; or do as you wish on final day of tour. Our last evening set aside for special event in the City, with private entertainment.

Day 10, Oct 30: Our Return Home

After breakfast in hotel, prepare for departure.

ARRIVEDERCI Roma



INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS:

- * **ACCOMODATIONS:** 9 Days / 8 Nights at 4 Star Hotel
- * **MEALS:** 8 Daily Breakfast Buffets
- * **SIGHTSEEING:** Includes a day trip to Tuscany & Umbria; excursion to Castellì Romani region; shuttles to visit the City vistas and historic sites; wineries where accessible; transfers per itinerary.
- * **TOURS:** Includes a Papal Audience and Papal Angelus address with Pope Francis (as per his schedule); tours of 4 major Basilicas of Rome: St. Peter's, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, St. Paul Outside the Walls; and visits to several special Churches, shrines, and private cloisters; the Vatican Gardens and Vatican City.
- * **EXTRA:** Each pilgrim will receive a special custom photo album of trip, and a personalized DVD of all digital photos in which they are included.

BY SHUTTLE & BY FOOT

While we use shuttle and taxi, we do a fair amount of walking at an easy pace. Walking is simply part of a pilgrimage. Participants need not be in great physical shape, but to fully participate in all activities, individuals must be able to walk on their own up to 1 mile at a time without stopping. The total amount of walking on any given day is 1 to 4 miles, with lots of sitting, resting, and eating in-between.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

A non-refundable deposit of \$250 sufficient to reserve space. Non-refundable payment of 50% tour rate per person is required by July 15, 2018. After, enrollment is subject to availability. Final non-refundable completed payment of 50% per person required by September 21, 2018. Pilgrimage rate is based upon double occupancy; single supplement available. Air transportation at traveller's expense; we can help with arrangements. Transfers to/from Rome hotel are arranged for your convenience. Cost included when arriving/departing on specified Tour dates, with 2 or more persons. Tour price includes all government taxes and fees. Pricing does not include tips and gratuities. Payments can be made by personal check (preferred), bank check, or credit card.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO PILGRIMAGE: OCT 21-30, 2018

PRINT LEGIBLY ALL DETAILS AND MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE & MAIL TO:

“HEART OF ROME TOURS”

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For assistance with application contact Dr. Chavez (951) 240-5656

Name as it appears on passport:

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Passport No.: _____

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To secure reservation, 50% of tour rate due per person by July 15, 2018

- Now Reserving __ Space(s) @ \$250 ea. \$ _____
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Enrollment in/payment for this tour constitutes your acceptance of all terms and conditions as stated on this brochure.

PASSENGERS MUST HAVE VALID PASSPORT with expiration date of six (6) months beyond the planned date of return from Italy. Flight arrangements at traveller's expense and responsibility. Heart of Rome Tours and affiliates can offer assistance. Travel Insurance recommended; not included in cost. Heart of Rome Tours and affiliates can present insurance plans, based on total tour rate. If not purchased, traveller *must* acknowledge on application form. VAT for purchases in Italy may be assessed and is not included in tour pricing. Heart of Rome Tours and their agents assume no liability or responsibility for any injuries, property loss, accident, delay, changes in schedule, changes in hotel or incidental damages. Attendance at Papal events subject to change according to scheduling of Pontiff. Dr. Chavez may secure substitute guide according to need. If the pilgrimage does not reach minimum required number prior to departure, or in the event a change is deemed necessary, Heart of Rome Tours reserves the right to cancel, withdraw, or change the tour in whole or in part.