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with Optional 2-Night Venice & St. Anthony of Padua Pre Tour Extension

September 28 – October 8, 2027



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11 Days • 14 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 4 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Rome, Catacombs, Holy Stairs, Basilica of Saint Mary Major, Vatican Museum & Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, Papal Audience, Assisi & Basilica of Saint Francis, Porziuncola Chapel & Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels, Holy House of Nazareth in Loreto, St. Rita's Sanctuary in Cascia

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 NH Hotel Villa Carpegna, Rome

Days 4 – 7 Hotel Cenacolo, Assisi

Days 8 – 10 NH Hotel Villa Carpegna, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Tuesday, September 28, 2027 Overnight Flight Travel on an inspirational journey to some of the most fascinating religious sites and relics in the world.

Day 2: Wednesday, September 29, 2027 Rome, Italy Your tour opens in Rome, the spiritual center of the Catholic faith. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. This evening, savor regional flavors as you join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Thursday, September 30, 2027 Rome Begin your exploration of Rome's most revered Christian sites with a visit to the Cathedral of Saint John Lateran and its ancient Baptistry. Continue to the *Scala Sancta*, the Holy Stairs, believed to be the very steps that Christ climbed when he appeared before Pontius Pilate. Then, visit the Marian Basilica of St. Mary Major, before concluding your day at Saint Praxedes, one of Rome's oldest churches, where you have the possibility of celebrating Mass.* (B)

Day 4: Friday, October 1, 2027 Rome - Santa Maria degli Angeli, Assisi Travel north to the region of Umbria, known as "the green heart of Italy" and where St. Francis spent most of his life. Pause for lunch at a family-owned winery nestled in the countryside. This afternoon, visit the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, where you explore the *Porziuncola* – the small chapel that is the founding site of the Franciscan Order. Stroll through the rose garden, where tradition holds that the miracle of the thorny bush took place. Then pause for a moment of reflection at the Chapel of the Transitus, where St. Francis of Assisi passed away. You'll have the opportunity to celebrate Mass* at the basilica before checking into your hotel in the early evening. Settle in for a four-night stay before spending an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 5: Saturday, October 2, 2027 Assisi - Loreto - Assisi This morning, journey across the Apennine Mountains to the Marian shrine of Loreto, a site so sacred that more than fifty Popes have made a pilgrimage here. Pause for a moment of devotion at the statue of the Madonna di Loreto, especially venerated as the universal patroness of air travelers. Then, visit the shrine of the Holy House of Nazareth, which is believed to have been miraculously transported by angels from the Holy Land in 1294. The Holy House is revered as the place where the Virgin Mary was born, lived, and received the Annunciation. You have the opportunity of celebrating Mass* at the basilica before returning to Assisi in time for dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 6: Sunday, October 3, 2027 Assisi Guided by a local expert, set out on a morning-long walking tour of the medieval hilltop town of Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Spend time at the church of St. Clare, pausing for a moment of reflection at the crucifix from which Jesus spoke to Francis. Visit the Sanctuary of the Spoliation that now enshrines the tomb of St. Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint who used his skills in website design to document and share Eucharistic miracles. Then, explore the 13th-century basilica of St. Francis, where you can see many of his possessions and a series of famous frescoes depicting his life. You can celebrate Mass* at the basilica before an afternoon at leisure to spend in prayer and meditation or exploring more of this charming hilltop town on your own. (B)



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† Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 7: Monday, October 4, 2027 Assisi - Roccaporena - Cascia - Assisi

This morning, travel along the winding roads of the Nera Valley to the hamlet of Roccaporena, the birthplace of St. Rita. Visit the humble home where the patron saint of impossible causes was born, and see the small church of San Montano where she was married. You will have the opportunity to celebrate Mass* in Roccaporena before continuing on to Cascia for a visit to the basilica that houses St. Rita's earthly remains. Return to Assisi in the early evening, in time for dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 8: Tuesday, October 5, 2027 Assisi - Rome This morning, say *ciao* to Assisi and travel back to Rome where you visit the Catacombs. Upon arrival, follow the steps down to the underground tunnels where early Christians, martyrs and saints gathered to worship and bury their dead. You have the possibility of celebrating Mass* in one of the garden chapels before continuing to your hotel. Then, settle in for a three-night stay and an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 9: Wednesday, October 6, 2027 Rome - Vatican

Museum - St. Peter's Basilica Today, explore the Vatican Museum,** including the Sistine Chapel where the Pope is elected and where Michelangelo's famous *Last Judgment* mural is located. End your visit in St. Peter's Basilica, the world's largest church. Feel the grace around you as you meander along towering marble columns and stand in awe before the *Pietà*, Michelangelo's renowned sculpture of the Christ and the Virgin Mary. The afternoon is yours to explore more of the Eternal City. You may celebrate Mass* at a local church before an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 10: Thursday, October 7, 2027 Rome - Papal Audience

Early this morning, attend the weekly Papal Audience*** in the Vatican City to receive the blessing given by the Holy Father. The afternoon is yours to do as you wish. This evening, gather for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant, celebrating the end of a memorable pilgrimage to Italy. (B, D)

Day 11: Friday, October 8, 2027 Rome - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close in Rome. (B)

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Per Person Rates: \$1,299.00 USD double, \$1,499.00 USD single, land & air inclusive

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit
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Important Tour Information:

Book Now rates valid until Mar 29, 2027, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).

To complete the visit of the Vatican Museum and St. Peter's Basilica, you must be able to walk and stand on your feet for a total of 5 hours with only 1 break (approximately 20 minutes). There is no seating available during the tour and no air conditioning in the museum, which is often overcrowded. The amount of walking varies according to the crowds on the day of your visit, but you must expect to be walking a minimum distance of 2.6 miles (4.2 kilometers) in addition to climbing down about 120 steps to exit the Vatican Museum and up another 30 steps to reach St. Peter's Basilica.

Italy imposes strict limits on tour bus circulation, and mandatory drop off and pick up points, especially in historic areas such as Rome, the Vatican City, Assisi, Loreto and Cascia. The same applies for the optional tour sightseeing outlined in the itinerary. All these areas require navigating large crowds, extensive walking over cobblestones, uneven and often narrow sidewalks, and occasionally unpaved terrain with loose gravel.

The catacombs are located underground. They are only accessible via a staircase with handrail, but it requires climbing 50 steps down and 50 steps back up. The steps are uneven and of different heights. Once inside you must follow the catacomb guide at all times. Due to safety rules, it is not possible to interrupt the visit and go back up on your own. For these reasons, the visit may not be suitable for individuals suffering from claustrophobia. It is possible to wait for the group outside the Catacombs.

The Holy Stairs (*Scala Sancta*) is made of 28 steps and can only be climbed on your knees, but there is a side-staircase that you can walk up. There is no elevator at the site.

In Assisi, you must be prepared to walk a minimum of 1.6 miles (2.5 kilometers), mostly uphill. Once you reach the Basilica of St. Francis, you will tour both the "lower" and "upper" churches which are connected via an internal staircase. The pavement of the "lower" church is very irregular due to its age. To access the "upper" church you will need to climb a total of 52 steps. The tomb of St. Francis can only be reached via three flights of stairs (27 steps) equipped with handrails. There are no elevators or escalators inside the Basilica.

The included activities are not suitable for travelers using motorized scooters, wheelchairs, walkers, or Zimmer-frames.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at the time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

*If you are traveling in a group without a priest, we cannot guarantee daily Mass. However, you'll be able to attend Mass on most days, but the Masses will be in public churches and presented in Italian.

***The Papal Audience is, at times, unavailable due to the Pope's travel schedule or health. You will depart the hotel around 6:00 a.m. to get in line to attend the Papal Audience. This requires standing in line for

approximately 1 hour without any seating or restrooms available. The Audience takes place in Italian, at times with brief salutations in English and other languages.

**Due to the unpredictable nature of the events schedule at the Vatican, on certain dates it may be necessary to visit the Vatican Museums at a different time or even on a different day. For example, when the Vatican option falls on a Wednesday, the order of included and optional tour days may be reversed. The Vatican Museum is closed on most Sundays and on all Catholic holidays. There is no air conditioning in the museum.

Modest dress (covering your knees and shoulders for women and long trousers for men) is required when visiting religious sites, sanctuaries, basilicas, etc.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Prepaid tipping is not available on our tours therefore payment of customary end-of-trip gratuities for your Tour Manager, driver, hotel housekeepers, and cruise ship waitstaff should be handled individually when applicable during the course of your tour.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Travel Requirements:

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department's latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Collette will provide all necessary information, updates, and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs), if required, approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

ETIAS is not currently active and has been postponed for visitors traveling to countries within the Schengen Area. The European Union will provide several months' notice before implementation. For the latest information about ETIAS, including who needs to apply and when it will be required, please visit the official ETIAS website: <https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias>

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of March 22, 2027 are based upon availability. Final payment due by June 30, 2027. Deposits are refundable up until March 29, 2027.

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**For important reservation information visit
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1467297>.
You can also find this information on your tour documents.**

This form is intended for use by the Group Leaders only. Please note that Collette is unable to process this form

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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: ☐ Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

Please reserve an upgrade to Elite Airfare for an additional rate of: ☐ Premium Economy \$1,690 ☐ Business Class \$4,190

Service is limited and not available on all flights or carriers. Other restrictions may apply. Please note: if you purchase an upgrade, we cannot guarantee the same flight schedule as the group. Upgraded class of service is for the international portion of the journey only.

Elite Air pricing (Premium Economy, Business Class, or First Class) is valid until 8 months prior to departure, after which rates are subject to change and will be quoted based upon availability.

Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? () Yes () No

"Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA's "prohibited items" web page: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>."

TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$599 () No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

EXTENSION: I wish to purchase "2-Night Venice & St. Anthony of Padua" () Yes () No

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Collette

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Optional 4 Days 2-Night Venice & St. Anthony of Padua Pre Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$1,299.00 USD double, \$1,499.00 USD single, land & air inclusive

2 Meals: 2 Breakfasts

Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to Italy to get an early start on your pilgrimage with an exploration of Northern Italy's most revered shrines.

Day 2: Mestre, Italy

Arrive in Mestre, your gateway to the Venetian lagoon. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Settle in for a two-night stay and spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for an orientation briefing before an evening on own.

Day 3: Mestre - Venice - Mestre

Enjoy a full day tour of Venice. Start your day with a commuter train ride into town before making your way to St. Mark's Square in a motorboat. Join a local expert for a walking tour. You'll partake in a glass-blowing demonstration at a local foundry and explore St. Mark's Basilica, which enshrines the body of Saint Mark the Evangelist under the high altar. Although Saint Mark was originally buried in Egypt, tradition claims that two Venetian merchants stole the saint's body from Alexandria and relocated him to Venice in 828 A.D. You will have the possibility of celebrating Mass* here. Enjoy free time in the afternoon to explore the canals on your own before returning to your hotel on the mainland. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Mestre - Padua - Rome

Start your morning with a stop in Padua and spend time in the Basilica of Saint Anthony. A sprawling church of iconic domes, this Franciscan sanctuary is visited by millions of pilgrims each year. You will have the possibility of celebrating Mass* here before embarking on your afternoon-long transfer to Rome. Arrive in the Italian capital in the early evening and join your fellow travelers for the main portion of the tour. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Important Tour Extension Information:

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3. This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable as is climbing 3 flights of stairs. You can handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. You can expect some longer days balanced with free time. This level is not a fit for travelers that require mobility assistance devices.

The space on this extension is limited. Applicable charges may apply at time of request. Extension space may be increased to accommodate large groups, but it is not guaranteed.

Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 6 travelers is not met to operate.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at the time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

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Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

When traveling in a group of less than 16 people, Wi-Fi may not be available on the motorway transfers.

Air inclusive rate is valid for travelers who have purchased our air package for the full tour, depending on the air schedule selected. Rate may vary for those who have purchased their own air.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Prepaid tipping is not available on our tours therefore payment of customary end-of-trip gratuities for your Tour Manager, driver, hotel housekeepers, and cruise ship waitstaff should be handled individually when applicable during the course of your tour.

Tour Extension Travel Requirements:

Collette will provide all necessary information, updates, and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs), if required, approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

Breakfast is not provided on the last morning for travelers leaving before the hotel breakfast room opens.



Special Needs Form

Please complete this form, sign and return it to us within 14 days of receipt.

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TRAVELERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made. *Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travelers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travelers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds.

****To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.***

Reservation # _____

Name: _____ Male or Female (circle one)

Are you traveling with a wheelchair? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your wheelchair collapse? Yes No
- Can you stand and climb steps to board the coach without it? Yes No
- Are you capable of lifting your own wheelchair? Yes No

If you are not capable of lifting your own wheelchair who will provide assistance?

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your wheelchair:

Height _____ Length _____ Width _____

Are you traveling with a walker? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your walker collapse? Yes No

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your walker:

Height _____ Length _____
Width _____

Tour Managers and drivers do not provide assistance lifting, pushing or carrying wheelchairs or walkers. Motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

Are you requesting any hotel room accommodations? Yes No

If "YES" Please indicate if one or more of the following is required in the washroom.

- Walk-in shower Yes No
- Grab bars Yes No
- Raised toilet seat Yes No

Please provide any details in reference to the nature of your request.

Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

Do you understand and accept? Yes No

Collette cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

Are you traveling with an oxygen tank? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane. Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
- You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.

This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

The Americans with Disabilities Act only applies in the United States. Many international destinations cannot accommodate passengers' requests. Collette will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored on international destinations.

Collette also regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member with special needs for walking, dining, or other special personal needs. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for the assistance.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

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Reason: _____

Tour: _____ Reservation # _____

TS/Group: _____

Tour Date: _____