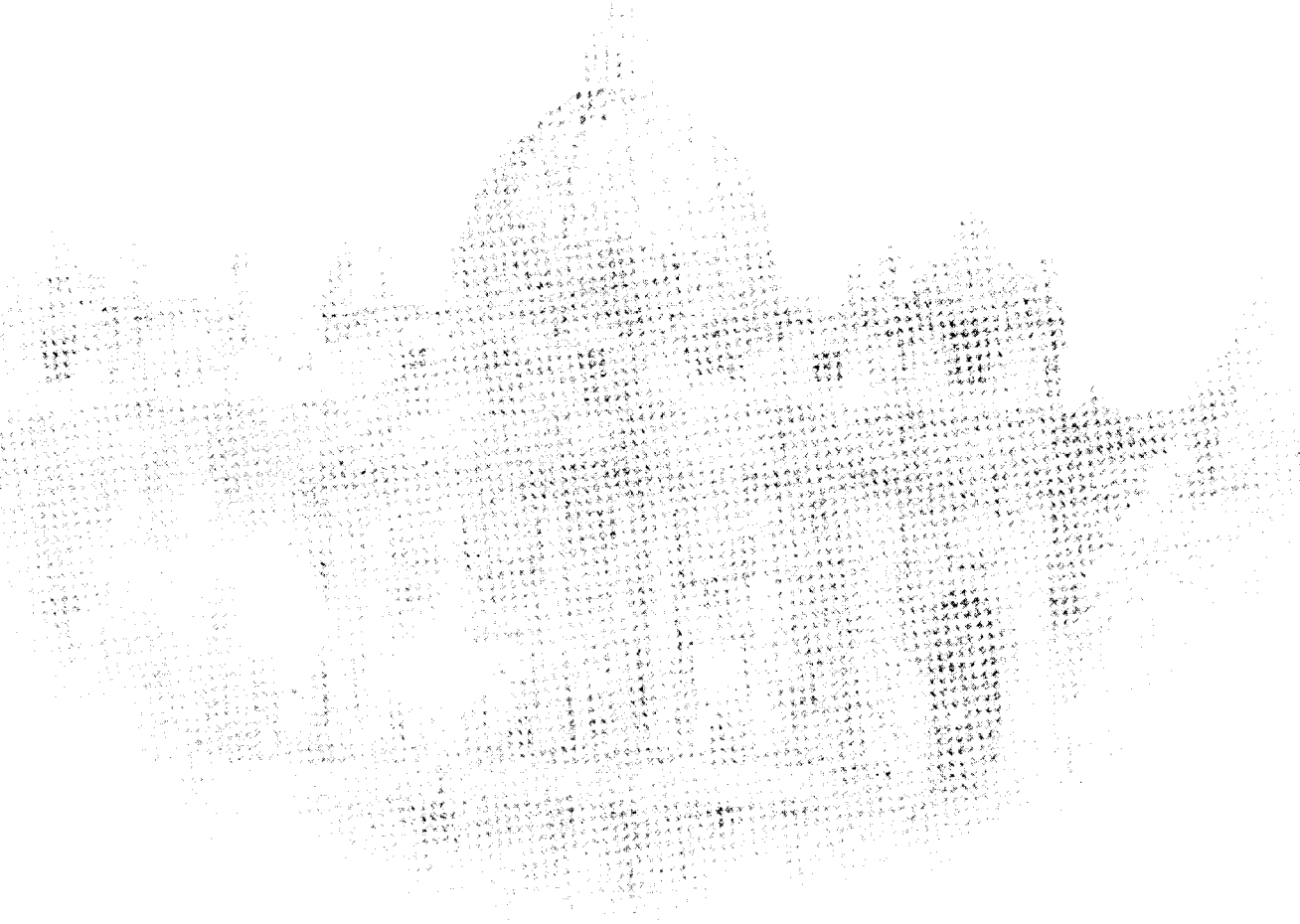


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DAY 1 ~ U.S.A. - Monday, Jun. 16, 2008

Depart on Trans Atlantic flight to Milan, Italy. Complimentary meals and beverages served aboard.

DAY 2 ~ MILAN / PADUA - June 17

Benvenuto a Italia! Arrive in Milan where our professional tour escort will be waiting outside the restricted customs area to meet you and assist you to your private deluxe motor coach. We begin our sightseeing tour visiting the Duomo (Cathedral), La Scala Opera House and Leonardo Da Vinci's painting of the Last Supper. Depart for the scenic drive to Padua ~ home of St. Anthony. Upon arrival, check into hotel. Remainder of the afternoon at your leisure. Tonight we will enjoy a welcome dinner with wine at a local restaurant. Overnight Padua. (D)

DAY 3 ~ PADUA - June 18

Today we visit the School for the Deaf; we celebrate Mass at the "Basilica di Sant'Antonio" (Santo), one of Italy's most renowned sanctuaries, which houses the tomb of Saint Anthony. Activities for the remainder of the day are T.B.A. Dinner and overnight Padua. (B/D)

DAY 4 ~ VENICE - June 19

After breakfast we depart for a full day excursion to Venice for a guided tour of the "floating city". Venice is a collection of 117 islets and islands, crisscrossed by 177 canals. This afternoon we will visit the "Basilica di San Marco" & "Piazza San Marco" (St. Mark's Cathedral and Square), the "Ponte dei Sospiri" (Bridge of Sighs) and "Palazzo Ducale" (Doges' Palace), which is one of the finest examples of Gothic architecture in Europe. Free time this afternoon. Return to Padua for dinner and overnight. (B/D)

DAY 5 ~ PISA / MONTECATINI - June 20

After enjoying breakfast, we depart for Pisa to experience the Leaning Tower. This evening we transfer to Montecatini Terme for dinner and overnight. (B/D)

DAY 6 ~ FLORENCE - June 21

After breakfast, we depart for Florence to visit the highlights of this beautiful city! We will visit the Academy of Fine Arts, which houses Michelangelo's 'David' ~ the Cathedral with Brunelleschi's magnificent Dome ~ Giotto's soaring Bell Tower of pink, white and green marble ~ the Baptistery with Ghilberti's masterpiece (bronze doors) known as "The Gates of Paradise" and the "Basilica di Santa Croce", where Michelangelo and Galileo are buried. There will be free time to browse the wonderful shops or to visit more of the wonders of Florence. Evening return to Montecatini for dinner at the "Corsaro Verde" restaurant; and overnight. (B/D)

DAY 7 ~ ASSISI / ROME - June 22

This morning we depart for the mystical hill town of Assisi ~ home of St. Francis and St. Clare. Celebrate Sunday mass in Assisi and visit the Church of St. Clare, which houses her incorrupt body. We will tour the Basilica of St. Francis with the Tomb of St. Francis and the famous paintings of his life by Giotto. There will be time for lunch, followed by a visit to the Church of Saint Mary of the Angels, containing the famous Porziuncola, the chapel where St. Francis consecrated St. Clare and where in 1226 St. Francis passed from this life into eternal life. Continue onto Rome for dinner and overnight. (B/L/D)

DAY 8 ~ ROME - June 23

Today we visit the magnificent Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel where you will raise your eyes to Michelangelo's "Creation" and "Last Judgment." Take a tour of St. Peter's Basilica and visit the tomb of John Paul II. After lunch (on your own), we take a tour of the catacombs and visit the Piazza Navona which is home to Bernini's wonderful Fountain of the Four Rivers, the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon and the famous Spanish Steps located in the Piazza di Spagna. Dinner at a local restaurant and overnight Rome. (B/D)

DAY 9 ~ ROME - June 24

This morning we will tour Ancient Rome, which includes the magnificent Colosseum, Palatine Hill, and the Roman Forum. There will be time for lunch (on your own) before our afternoon tour of Christian Rome. Our tour includes: the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, the Holy Staircase, the Basilica of St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls, and the Circus Maximus. Dinner on your own tonight. Overnight Rome. (B)

DAY 10 ~ ROME - Wednesday, June 25

Today we will attend the Papal Audience, with the International Catholic Deaf Community, at St. Peter's Basilica! Schedule for the day T.B.A. Tonight enjoy dinner at the "Rinaldo All'Acquedotto" restaurant. Overnight Rome. (B/D)

DAY 11 ~ ROME - June 26

After breakfast, we celebrate Mass with the International Catholic Deaf Community. Day's schedule T.B.A. Overnight Rome. (B)

DAY 12 ~ ROME /U.S.A - Friday, Jun. 27, 2008

After breakfast, we transfer to the Rome airport for our return flight home. Complimentary meals and beverages served aboard. (B)



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A limited number of single rooms are available at supplements for each tour. We cannot guarantee a single room will be available. It is your responsibility to have a roommate or you will be billed a supplement for single occupancy. If your roommate cancels and we do not have another person requesting to share accommodations, you will be billed for the single supplement and are required to pay it. Occasionally there may be a shortage of single rooms, in which case you may be charged a higher supplement for a twin size room.

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