

# Join St. Thomas Aquinas Church Choir on a Pilgrimage to...



Rome Assisi Florence Pompeii

March 9 - 18, 2011

*Our Daily Itinerary (subject to change):*

## **Day 1: Depart USA**

We depart on our overnight transatlantic flight, with meals and snacks served on board.

## **Day 2: Arrive Rome**

Upon arrival in Rome, we are greeted by our World Cultural Tours representative and escorted to our private luxury motor coach for transfer to our hotel. We check-in to our hotel and enjoy a Welcome Dinner together this evening.

*(D) Grand Hotel Beverly Hills or similar*

## **Day 3: Rome/Performance**

After breakfast this morning, we enjoy a half-day panoramic tour of Rome, including views of the legendary Coliseum, Palatine Hill and Foro Romano (entrance fees not included). We have the afternoon at leisure and dinner is under our own arrangements. Tonight, we have a performance at a local venue.

*(B) Grand Hotel Beverly Hills or similar*

## **Day 4: Rome - Assisi/Impromptu - Rome**

After breakfast this morning, we depart Rome and travel to the small medieval town of Assisi. Perched on a hill in Umbria, heart of Italy, Assisi is most famously known as the birthplace of St. Francis, however within this small town, examples of religious, historical and artistic significance can be found in every corner. Here, we enjoy a guided tour of the city, including a visit and impromptu performance at St. Francis Basilica before returning to Rome. Dinner is under our own arrangements this evening.

*(B) Grand Hotel Beverly Hills or similar*

## 10 Day Tour Includes:

- ❖ Roundtrip Airfare
- ❖ 8 Nights Accommodation
- ❖ Luxury Motor Coach
- ❖ Professional Tour Guides
- ❖ Breakfast Daily
- ❖ Welcome Dinner
- ❖ 2 Additional Dinners
- ❖ Farewell Dinner
- ❖ 3 Concert Performances
- ❖ 1 Impromptu
- ❖ 1 Mass Performance
- ❖ Sightseeing Per Itinerary
- ❖ Air Taxes up to \$300 P/P

\$2,999.00 P/P Dbl. Occ.  
(Plus Air Taxes Exceeding \$300)



## Day 5: Rome Leisure Day OR Optional Florence Excursion

After breakfast this morning, we have a full day at leisure in Rome or an optional excursion to Florence. Located in the heart of Tuscany, a stunning province of hills and mountains, Florence was once the epicenter of the Italian Renaissance and remains one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Our guided sightseeing tour includes visits to the Academy Museum to view Michelangelo's *David*, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the Baptistery, Giotto's Bell Tower, Piazza della Signoria and Piazza Santa Croce. We have some time at leisure prior to returning to Rome. Tonight, we have dinner together at a local restaurant.

*(B, D) Grand Hotel Beverly Hills or similar*

## Day 6: Rome Leisure Day OR Optional Pompeii Excursion

After breakfast this morning, we have a full day at leisure in Rome or an optional excursion to Pompeii. We journey down the "Highway of the Sun" crossing the fertile Roman countryside through the area known as the Castelli Romani. Upon arrival in Pompeii, we have a guided tour of this ancient Roman resort, buried in 79 AD beneath ashes spewed by the still active volcano of Mount Vesuvius. We return to Rome for the evening and dine together at our hotel.

*(B, D) Grand Hotel Beverly Hills or similar*

## Day 7: Rome Leisure Day/Performance

After breakfast, we have a full day at leisure. Tonight, we have our final performance at a local venue. Lunch and dinner are under our own arrangements.

*(B) Grand Hotel Beverly Hills or similar*

## Day 8: Rome/Papal Audience - Optional Vatican Museums Tour/Performance

After breakfast, we transfer to Vatican City where we have the possibility of attending a Papal Audience (subject to confirmation). After the Papal Audience, we have the option of the day at leisure or a guided tour of Vatican City. Our tour begins with a visit to the Vatican Museums, which display an extensive collection of public art and sculptures of the Roman Catholic Church. We continue our sightseeing with a visit to the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica to view Michelangelo's statue of *La Pieta*. Tonight, we have a performance at a local venue in Rome.

*(B) Grand Hotel Beverly Hills or similar*

## Day 9: Rome Leisure Day

After breakfast, we have a full day at leisure. Tonight, we have our Farewell Dinner together at a local restaurant.

*(B, D) Grand Hotel Beverly Hills or similar*

## Day 10: Depart for US

A final breakfast precedes our transfer to the airport in Rome for our return flight home. *(B)*

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

**RESPONSIBILITY:** A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS and must be valid at least six months after your tour return date. Please note that passport cards are not considered valid for international travel. Please send – with each deposit and registration form – a copy of each registrant's passport, if applicable. A visa may be required for non-U.S. citizens traveling internationally; please call our office for more information. • World Cultural Tours (WCT) and other participating affiliates act solely as agents in arranging transportation, hotel accommodations, and other services. We do not assume, and in fact, we expressly disclaim, any liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, consequences resulting from cancellations and/or delays including, but not limited to, schedule changes, strikes, war, political conflict, riots, inclement weather or acts of God. Likewise, we assume no liability for any act, negligence or default of tour guides, including their agents and employees, or any company or person engaged in the transport of passengers, rendering of any service, or conducting arrangements for any tour. WCT reserves the right to cancel any tour due to insufficient participation. Furthermore, WCT reserves the right, at our sole discretion, to modify any itinerary or arrangements based on unprecedented situations that may arise. In the event modifications should become necessary, alterations may be made without penalty to the operator; additional costs, if any, shall be incurred by the traveler. • All registrants are invoiced with single occupancy rates if no roommate is specified. We will adjust rooming lists & invoices accordingly upon written notification of roommate preferences. It is the responsibility of the individual traveler to find a roommate, or group organizer to match unpaired individuals.

**DEVIATION:** If any passenger wishes to deviate from the group by extending or otherwise changing a portion of his/her tour, please visit [www.worldculturaltours.com](http://www.worldculturaltours.com) to submit a Deviation Request via our Contact Us page, no later than 60 days prior to departure. Include as much information as possible in each request. A Deviation Request administration fee (\$50) applies, plus any additional fees charged by the airline and may be submitted online at [www.worldculturaltours.com/billpay](http://www.worldculturaltours.com/billpay) to begin the process of making arrangements. A Tour Consultant will contact you, therefore it is important to include telephone and/or email information.

**INSURANCE:** We strongly recommend travel insurance. We are happy to provide information for travel insurance. Please review the information carefully to understand coverage. **IMPORTANT:** The exclusion for Pre-Existing Conditions will be waived provided the premium is received no later than fourteen (14) days after the initial deposit for your trip and you are not disabled from travel at the time you pay your premium. Please note that travel insurance can not be purchased after final payment has been submitted. Please refer to [www.worldculturaltours.com](http://www.worldculturaltours.com) or call (877) 218-TOUR for more information.

**TOUR PRICES:** All tour prices are based on costs, charges & exchange rates known at time of booking. In case of currency fluctuations (if applicable) of more than 3% WCT reserves the right to adjust the tour price accordingly. Any domestic and/or international departure or arrival taxes, security charges and other types of air or airport or port taxes or any other surcharges not included in the tour price will be the responsibility of the group/passenger. • Online payments can be made, using a credit card, through our website, [www.worldculturaltours.com](http://www.worldculturaltours.com). MasterCard, Visa and American Express are accepted. • A single check or credit card payment may be made for multiple registrants.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Cancellations are effective on date received in writing. • Any unused tour portions & any costs of services that are received while traveling are non-refundable. • Up to 91 days prior to departure, full refund less \$100 administration fee will be made. From 90 days until the date of departure, cancellation fees will be assessed as follows:

- 90-61 days prior to departure – 100% of deposit
- 60-46 days prior to departure – 35% of total tour price
- 45-31 days prior to departure – 50% of total tour price
- 30-0 days prior to departure – 100% of total tour price.

Brought to you by *World Cultural Tours* 2002 Eastwood Rd. Ste. 306, Wilmington, NC 28403

Tel: 1.877.218.8687 [www.worldculturaltours.com](http://www.worldculturaltours.com)

