

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL

# ITALY PILGRIMAGE

*visiting*

Venice • Florence • Assisi • Rome

*hosted by*

Fr. W. H. McCain

13 Days: March 21 - April 2, 2011

\$2899 from San Francisco



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Dear Friends,

No matter where I have traveled in the world the one place people are always interested in visiting is Italy.

For many, especially Catholics, *bella Italia*, holds a special place in their imaginations and their hearts. Whether it is the ancient empire of the Caesars upon which many of our modern institutions and buildings are constructed or the Renaissance world of daVinci, Michelangelo and Raphael, Italy has drawn artists, poets, and pilgrims from every time and place to revel in her beauty and mystique.

An opportunity is now being made for you to discover or rediscover what many have known for centuries: **Italy is magnificent.** In conjunction with Nawas Travel I am planning a thirteen day (13) pilgrimage through Italy. We will begin in the watery streets of Venice and head south through Padua and the shrine of St. Anthony to Florence and her environs. We will rest for two nights in what for me is perhaps the most spiritual of Italian towns - Assisi. Perhaps because I am a native San Franciscan the home of St. Francis holds a special place in my heart. While in central Italy we will detour to the region of Le Marche. There we will visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Loretto. Since the 1200's this is where the Holy House of the Annunciation has resided since it was brought from the Holy Land by Crusaders.

Finally, we will enter triumphantly into the Eternal City. Rome will be our home for four nights. We will tour ancient and Christian Rome. The Vatican itself will take us at least a day and one half and still we will not have seen the half of it all.

While this is predominately a pilgrimage to give you an opportunity for spiritual renewal and growth that will provide you a unique chance to view the marvels of Italy with a fresh perspective there will also be opportunities to savor the sensuous side of the peninsula. The food, the wine, the culture are without equal. Throughout our journey there will be ample free time for you to rest, discover and shop on your own.

Come join me and experience Italy in a way many will only dream of. This will definitely be a pilgrimage to remember.

Yours in the faith of Our Lord Jesus Christ,

(Rev.) W.H. McCain, STL  
Pastor

### TOUR FEATURES

- Round trip airfare from San Francisco.
- Accommodations at First Class/Select hotels.
- Continental breakfast daily and 7 dinners.
- Services of a professional tour escort.
- Comprehensive sightseeing throughout.
- All service charges and local hotel taxes.
- \$100,000 Automatic Flight insurance.\*

\*Subject to policy terms and limitations.

## YOUR DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY

### MON, MAR 21 – DEPART SAN FRANCISCO

Depart San Francisco today on board your overnight transatlantic jet flight to Venice, arriving the following day. En route enjoy dinner followed by a full length movie.

### TUE, MAR 22 – ARRIVE VENICE

Your exciting pilgrimage begins as you arrive Venice today. Built on 118 small islands lying some four kilometers from the mainland, Venetian highways are made of water and the islands are linked by numerous and picturesque bridges. Upon arrival in Venice, transfer to your hotel. (D)

### WED, MAR 23 – VENICE

Enjoy your morning walking tour of Venice Island beginning at Piazza San Marco. Highlights include the Palace of the Doges, the Bridge of Sighs and the Rialto. The afternoon is at leisure to explore this captivating city on your own. (B,D)

### THU, MAR 24 – VENICE/PADUA/FLORENCE

Today drive to Padua where you will visit the Basilica of St. Anthony. Continue on through the serene Tuscan countryside to Florence, the cradle of Renaissance Art and former stronghold of the Medici family. From Botticelli to Da Vinci, the city is unsurpassed in art treasures and the glory of its history. Continue to your hotel for overnight. (B,D)

### FRI, MAR 25 – FLORENCE

Highlights of this morning's tour include the Piazza della Signoria, where the Neptune Fountain stands, the Church of Santa Croce, the Baptistry with it's "Gates of Paradise" doors, and Giotto's Bell Tower. To top it all, visit the Academia which houses Michelangelo's original statue of David. This afternoon visit the Uffizi Gallery, one of the oldest and most famous art museums in the world. (B,D)

### SAT, MAR 26 – FLORENCE

Enjoy a free day in Florence to explore the city on your own. (B)

### SUN, MAR 27 – FLORENCE/ASSISI

Head south today to the mystic province of Umbria and the city of Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Your walking tour includes the Basilica of St. Francis, still surrounded today by ancient walls, the Church of St. Clare and Santa Maria degli Angeli with its 'thornless rose bush'. (B,D)

### MON, MAR 28 – ASSISI - LORETO

After breakfast, drive East through the province of Ancona to its capital, Loreto, lying on a hill near the Adriatic Sea. You will see the Basilica di Loreto built around the Holy House of Loreto before returning to Assisi and your hotel for the night. (B)

### TUE, MAR 29 – ASSISI/ROME

Today's journey takes you to the Eternal City of Rome. Located in the center of the Region of Lazio, Rome is a reflection of



every era. The wonders of Rome surround you...a world of art, history and culture that has been attracting visitors since the beginning of Western civilization. (B,D)

**WED, MAR 30 – ROME**

This morning attend an Audience with Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. Afterwards tour the remnants of "Ancient" Rome. Visit the Catacombs and see the Trevi Fountain and the Colosseum. (B)

**THU, MAR 31 – ROME**

Your sightseeing tour this morning takes you to Vatican City including visits to the Vatican Museum and Gallery, Raphael's Rooms, and the Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's recently restored frescoes. End your morning tour at the Basilica of St. Peter. This afternoon tour the Basilicas of St. Mary Major, St. John in Lateran and St. Paul's Basilica outside the Walls. (B)

**FRI, APR 1 – ROME**

Enjoy a full day at leisure in fascinating Rome. You may venture to some of the city's 400 churches, shop along the Via Veneto, people watch around the famous Spanish Steps, or relax at a trattoria. . .the day is entirely yours to explore the city on your own. (B)

**SAT, APR 2 – ROME/SAN FRANCISCO**

All too soon your pilgrimage is over as you board your flight back to San Francisco, arriving the same day. (B)

*B=Continental Breakfast    D=Table d'hote dinner*

**RESERVATION FORM**

Please read the all-inclusive tour features and conditions. Then complete this handy form. Book early!

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:  
**NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**

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**Accommodation Desired:**

- double room sharing with.....
- single room (\$750 extra per person)

Enclosed is my check for \$.....as deposit (\$300 per person) for.....person(s)

**Passenger #1:**

Clearly print your full name(last/first/middle) as it appears on your passport

Name: Last.....  
First.....  
Middle.....  
Gender: Please check  Male  Female

Address.....

City.....State.....Zip.....

Email.....

Home Phone.....Work Phone.....

Passport #.....

Date of Issue.....Date Expires.....  
(dd/mm/yyyy) (dd/mm/yyyy)

Date of Birth.....Country of  
(dd/mm/yyyy) Citizenship.....

Place of Birth.....  
(city/state)

**Passenger #2:**

Clearly print your full name(last/first/middle) as it appears on your passport

Name: Last.....  
First.....  
Middle.....  
Gender: Please check  Male  Female

Address.....

City.....State.....Zip.....

Email.....

Home Phone.....Work Phone.....

Passport #.....

Date of Issue.....Date Expires.....  
(dd/mm/yyyy) (dd/mm/yyyy)

Date of Birth.....Country of  
(dd/mm/yyyy) Citizenship.....

Place of Birth.....  
(city/state)

**\*\*Please provide a clear photocopy of your passport by final payment\*\***

## A word about NAWAS . . .

**NAWAS INTERNATIONAL** has pioneered Christian Tours to the far corners of the world for over 61 years. We offer you the essential ingredients for a successful tour.

**EXPERIENCE:** There is no substitute for 61 years of planning tours. Our contacts, guides, knowledge of the area, and background guarantee you the highest quality service at affordable prices.

**RELIABILITY:** For more than 61 years, we have won an international reputation for reliability. We deliver what we promise. And that is essential for a successful trip.

### GENERAL CONDITIONS

#### RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENT:

Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit of \$300 per person. No reservation is considered firm until deposit has been received. Your initial deposit payment shall be deemed to be an acceptance of all the terms of our General Conditions. Space is limited and offered on a first-come basis. Final payment is due at Nawas Travel 100 days prior to departure date.

Nawas accepts Visa, Mastercard and American Express for balance/final payments only. Credit cards are not accepted for deposits. The price of the tour already includes a built-in discount of 3% for payments made by cash or check. There is no discount on credit card sales. Credit cards will only be accepted prior to the final payment due date. Credit card charges cannot be accepted over the telephone. Tour members who want to use a credit card for final payment should contact Nawas at the time final payment is due for further information.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** A U.S.A. passport valid for at least 6 months after the return date of the trip is required to travel. It is the sole responsibility of the traveler to check their passport's expiration date. Non-U.S.A. citizens may require visas in addition to a valid passport. It is the sole responsibility of non-U.S.A. citizens (including green card holders) to ensure they have the required visas/travel documents for each country to be visited on their tour and for re-entry into the U.S.A.

#### THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** By any IATA/ARC air carrier or other scheduled jet carrier, in economy class, with flights and air routings at the discretion of the air carriers and Nawas and based on non-refundable bulk group fares. Cancellations made after air tickets have been issued are subject to full cancellation penalties as imposed by the airlines. We strongly recommend all tour members retain both their ticket receipts and boarding passes as copies of same cannot be provided. Airline tickets must bear your first, middle and last name as it appears on your passport. Nawas makes every effort to provide the lowest possible price on our group tours and therefore does not guarantee the most direct routing to/from your final destination. Nawas is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules or delays a flight for any reason. Nawas is not responsible for and will not provide any refund for portions of trips missed due to canceled, rescheduled or delayed flights by any carrier.

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION:** By deluxe motorcoach.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Accommodations are at first class/select hotel based on two persons sharing a twin or double bedded room with private bath. Nawas cannot guarantee roommates. A person taking a single room (subject to availability) must pay a supplement of \$750.

**MEALS:** Continental breakfast and 7 dinners are included.

**SIGHTSEEING:** As specified in the itinerary using motorcoach transportation or other conveyances as required. Entrance fees and the services of local English-speaking guides or tour managers are included.

**TRANSFERS:** Assistance and transfers from airports to hotels and vice versa in private motorcoach.

**SERVICE CHARGES, TAXES AND PORTERAGE:** Service charges and taxes normally included in bills, government taxes on hotel bills in effect on July 19, 2010, taxes on sightseeing and excursion trips and portage at hotels of one normal size suitcase (maximum weight 50 lbs.) are included in the tour price.

**FLIGHT INSURANCE:** Automatic one hundred thousand dollars flight insurance policy for each Nawas-ticketed passenger, subject to policy terms and limitations.

**DEVIATIONS:** All deviation requests from the group itinerary must be received at Nawas in writing no later than 100 days prior to departure. A \$100 non refundable fee per person will be charged on all deviations in addition to any extra airfare that may be incurred. Air deviations are subject to availability and restrictions as imposed by the airlines.

**BAGGAGE:** Airlines may now charge baggage fees for checked luggage on international/domestic flights based on the policy of each carrier. The maximum number of pieces of luggage, the weight allowance and baggage dimensions may also vary by airline from the USA to overseas destinations and beyond. Many carriers require that checked luggage in economy class not exceed 50 lbs with a combined length, width and height of 62 inches. Regulations vary for business/first class passengers. Airline policies regarding baggage are subject to change at any time without prior notice. It is the responsibility of each passenger to check with their airline prior to departure for baggage information, regulations and compliance. Nawas is not responsible for additional fees imposed by air carriers regarding baggage. Due to space limitations on Nawas motorcoaches, Nawas can only allow one piece of luggage per person plus a carry-on bag with total dimensions of 45 inches which fits in the overhead bin or underneath the seat in front of you. Wheeled carry-on

bags are not permitted due to limited motorcoach capacity. Nawas Travel accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to the tour members' baggage or personal belongings at any time. Baggage insurance is recommended and is available upon written request.

**TRAVELERS REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE:** Disabled travelers requiring special attention or care must advise NAWAS in writing at the time of reservation. A physically able companion must accompany any person who needs special assistance. Tour directors, guides, drivers or other tour, hotel or ship personnel are not able to provide such assistance. NAWAS is not responsible for any denial of services to the disabled participant by air carriers, cruise ships, hotels, restaurants or other independent suppliers. Certain countries/destinations involve extensive walking. Be aware that outside the U.S. the Americans with Disabilities Act is not applicable and facilities for disabled individuals are limited. NAWAS is not responsible for any passenger requiring special medical equipment.

#### THE TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

U.S. departure taxes, overseas airport taxes, overseas local government taxes, airline security fees/surcharges and fuel surcharges (taxes/surcharges currently estimated at \$440 to \$480 per person), passport fees, visa fees (if any), phone calls, valet/laundry service, wines, liquors, mineral water, after dinner coffee or tea, tips to escort, guides, drivers and waiters, sightseeing and other services not specifically mentioned, excess baggage and all other items of a purely personal nature.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Written cancellations received by Nawas Travel up to 100 days prior to departure, refunds will be made less a \$100 per person cancellation fee. From 99 to 70 days prior to departure, written cancellations received by Nawas Travel are subject to a \$300 per person cancellation fee. From 69 to 31 days prior to departure, written cancellations received by Nawas Travel are subject to a cancellation fee of 50% of the total tour price per person. From 30 days prior to departure, written cancellations received by Nawas Travel are subject to a 100% cancellation fee of the total tour price per person. Failure to receive final payment by the due date may result in the cancellation of your tour reservation and the forfeiture of your deposit. Airline tickets are not refundable once issued. No refunds will be given for any unused services while on tour.

**We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance to allow for unexpected medical emergencies. Trip cancellation insurance is available upon written request.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The airfare used is based on non-refundable bulk group fares in effect on July 19, 2010. Airlines reserve the right to increase fares without prior notice. Tour members will be required to pay any airfare increases and fuel surcharges as imposed by the airlines prior to departure. Airlines require a minimum of 10 persons departing from the same gateway city.

Land costs are based on estimated 2011 tariffs, overseas government taxes and rates of exchange in effect on July 19, 2010 and a minimum of 32 or more participants. While we have made the best possible estimates of what we expect costs to be in 2011, we cannot guarantee actual prices, exchange rates and airfares. Any increases in land costs or airfare that may occur will be collected from each passenger prior to departure. We reserve the right to increase the cost of the tour consistent with normal increases should the group fall below 32 persons, or in the event of fluctuations in exchange rates.

Please note that healthcare/medical costs outside the U.S.A. are not covered by Medicare and many private medical insurance plans. Please consult with your health insurance supplier to obtain the necessary health/medical coverage for overseas travel.

**RESPONSIBILITY: NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SERVICE, INC. (NAWAS), Fr. William McCain and their agents act only in the capacity of agents in all matters pertaining to hotel accommodations, sightseeing tours and transportation, whether by railroad, motor bus, motor car, cruise vessel, boat, air or any other means. Except for the willful negligence of its direct employees, NAWAS is not liable for any damage, loss (including but not limited to personal injury, loss of enjoyment, distress, death and property loss), expense or inconvenience caused by any act, omission or default of any supplier providing tour services or by any other person or reason whatsoever or by any delays or changes in the itinerary, or the acts and omissions of the tour leader/host or travel agent. NAWAS assumes no liability or responsibility for any injuries, inconveniences, illness, irregularity or incidental damages occasioned by circumstances beyond the control of the tour operator, or by any person or reason whatsoever, including but not limited to events such as strikes, revolts, wars, natural disasters, closures of airports or hotels, default or omission of any common or private carrier. NAWAS reserves the right to cancel the tour at any time, to operate the tour with a substitute tour leader at any time, to decline or not retain any person as a member of the tour for any cause at any time. Nawas reserves the right to make changes in the published itinerary if needed including deleting and adding cities and changing the sequence of the itinerary, or whenever in Nawas' sole judgment as conditions warrant, or if Nawas deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchasers of this tour and/or passengers. The services of any IATA/ARC air carrier may be used in connection with this tour.**

**\*California Residents:** Please read the enclosed disclosure required by the Sellers of Travel Act before booking.

**Payment of deposits by tour participants indicates acceptance of the above terms and general conditions. The venue for any dispute is San Mateo County, California. The laws of the state of California will apply.**

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