

# *USC Catholic Trojans A Spiritual Journey to Rome*

*for the*  
**Our Savior Church and USC Caruso Catholic Center  
Cornerstone Blessing**

**8 Days: April 15 to 22, 2010**

**\$6,699 Special Cash Discount Price / \$7,098 Standard Base Price**

*Land only includes all pre-paid gratuities and donation for the Cornerstone & Liturgical Art*

**Completed registration form & \$1,000 deposit must be received by Monday January 4th, 2010.**



*Travel Arrangements by: Catholic Travel Centre of Burbank, California*

## *Our Daily Itinerary*



**THU, APR 15, DAY 1: ARRIVE ROME ON YOUR OWN:** The ‘Eternal City’ is our host for our Journey to Rome. Our lovely accommodations are ideally situated in central Rome. As we are each making our own travel arrangements to Rome, we look forward to gathering this evening for a reception followed by dinner at our hotel. (R, D)

**FRI, APR 16, DAY 2: ROME: SAN IGNAZIO & GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY:** This morning, after a good night’s rest, and some time at leisure, we begin our journey with the celebration of Mass at the Church of San Ignazio. Dedicated to Ignatius Loyola, and constructed in pure Baroque style, the Church was built between 1626 and 1650. St. Aloysius Gonzaga (Gonzaga University) and St. John Berchmans are both buried here.

Interesting sidebar: As the funds were not available to build a dome on the church, Jesuit Andrea Pozzo cleverly painted a fake dome over the altar, offering the illusion of a real dome. You will have to study it closely to discover that the dome is not real. After Mass, we have some free time for lunch on our own.

This afternoon, we visit the Gregorian University and Biblicum, founded by Ignatius Loyola over 450 years ago. This will provide us with an opportunity to learn about one of the premier universities in Europe and, indeed, the world. Dinner this evening is served at a local restaurant, with wine and beverages included. (B, D)

**SAT, APR 17, DAY 3: ROME: ST. PETER’S, SCAVI TOUR & LEISURE:** After an early breakfast at our hotel, we celebrate Mass at the Tomb of St. Peter. After Mass, our guide will take us on a tour of the Basilica. With Michelangelo’s dome, it is the most prominent building inside Vatican City. Built over the site of “Old Saint Peter’s” constructed by the Emperor Constantine in the fourth century, the new Basilica began construction in 1506. The building absorbed the attention of twenty popes and ten architects before completion in 1626. There are over 100 tombs located within the Basilica. These include 91 popes.

Here we see the Papal Altar covered with the sumptuous bronze baldachin by Bernini, and the apse, aglow with golden mosaic. In addition to many sculptures and monuments by Bernini and other great artists, we will see Michelangelo’s famous statue of The Pieta. We also visit the tomb of John Paul II.

Later this morning, we enjoy the rare privilege of a guided visit and tour of the underground excavations (Scavi) beneath St. Peter’s Basilica. (These tickets are always subject to final confirmation 24 hours before the proposed visit).

After being crucified, St. Peter was buried in a hillside necropolis, designed to look like a city. In the 4th century, Emperor Constantine ordered the construction of a church over St. Peter’s tomb. The church stood until the 16th century when the present Basilica was built on the site.

As the centuries passed, so did the memory of the necropolis beneath the basilica. In 1939 workers digging a tomb for Pope Pius XI, broke through a wall beneath the church and rediscovered the necropolis. Pope Pius XII ordered the excavation of the necropolis, but kept the work secret in case Peter’s tomb was not found. Since the necropolis acts as the foundation for St. Peter’s Basilica, the entire area could not be uncovered without the possibility of having the Basilica collapse. Work continued for a decade and on December 23, 1950, Pius XII announced the discovery of St. Peter’s tomb. On June 26th 1968, Pope Paul VI announced that the remains of St. Peter had also been discovered.

Lunch is on our own. The balance of our day is at leisure to explore on our own. You may wish to visit some of the excellent religious article shops in the area, or to go on your own up to the dome of St. Peter’s Basilica, where you can gain a striking panoramic view of the city. Dinner tonight is at our leisure. For those of us who wish to dine as a group, our escort will have some suggestions. (B)

**SUN, APR 18, DAY 4: ROME: A DAY OF RETREAT — EXCURSION TO ASSISI:** Today, after breakfast, we make a full day’s excursion to Assisi, home of St. Francis and St. Clare. Ancient walls surround Assisi with its colorful houses of pink stone with flower-decked balconies. Narrow winding streets spread in a fan shape over Mt. Subasio.

We begin with Mass at the Basilica constructed over St. Francis’ tomb. The Basilica has an upper and lower church. The churches have been decorated by the greatest late medieval Roman, Umbrian and Tuscan artists of their time, giving these churches an unequalled importance in the development of Italian art. After Mass, we enjoy a lunch, with winetasting, at one of Assisi’s fine restaurants.

After some time on our own in the upper town, we visit in the town below. We focus on the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, containing the Porziuncola, built by St. Francis and his followers. The Porziuncola is a tiny church constructed within the Basilica, like a ship in a giant bottle. Nearby marks the spot where Francis surrendered to ‘Sister Death.’ We return to Rome for the evening. Dinner tonight is on our own. (B, L)



**MON, APR 19, DAY 5: ROME: A.M. LEISURE, P.M. WINE ACADEMY:**

This morning is at leisure, for shopping or visiting a favorite site. Late this afternoon, we gather for an introduction to Italian Wine at The International Academy of Wine in Rome. The Academy is located at the foot of the Spanish Steps in the same area where the spectacular banquets of Lucullus once took place. After our tasting, we walk the short distance to Trevi Fountain, where we toss the traditional three coins into the fountain to make our three wishes—one for love, one for money, and one to return to Rome. Dinner tonight is served at a great local restaurant, with wine and beverages included. (B, D)

**TUE, APR 20, DAY 6: ROME: AM: LEISURE, P.M. EXCURSION TO TIVOLI WITH LUNCH:**

This morning we have some time at leisure to sleep in a bit, later we journey just outside of Rome, to the area once inhabited by the Roman elite. Our route takes us past the travertine quarries that have helped Tivoli economically since ancient times, as almost all of Rome is built of this stone. Even today Tivoli ships travertine all over the world.

But it is not the travertine that has made Tivoli world famous but the incredible number of fantastic fountains and gardens of its villas. Tivoli, called Tibur by the ancient Romans, is set on a cliff with a beautiful view of the Roman Campagna.

Villa d'Este was created by the Cardinal Ippolito d'Este, grandson of the Borgia Pope Alexander VI, in the 16th Century. Villa d'Este is probably the most fantastic villa and series of gardens and fountains ever seen in Italy. As we wander among the symmetrical gardens set on terraces, marveling at the beautiful lawns and flowers, every corner turned will reveal another incredible fountain, there will be too many to count, along with pools and man-made waterfalls.

After our walk back through time, viewing the lifestyle of a Renaissance Cardinal, we'll lunch at a local restaurant with wine and beverages included. We'll return to Rome for dinner on our own and the evening at leisure. (B, L)

**WED, APR 21, DAY 7: ROME: PAPAL AUDIENCE, LEISURE & PRIVATE VATICAN MUSEUM VISIT:**

This morning, after breakfast, we make our way to Vatican City to attend the General Papal Audience with Pope Benedict XVI (subject to the Holy Father's schedule). The General Audience usually takes place in the Pope Paul VI Audience Hall. Here is where we hope to have our cornerstone blessed by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI.

Lunch is on our own. We have the afternoon at leisure, perhaps for some last minute shopping.

Early this evening, our group gathers for a special

after-hours semi-private visit of the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel, (subject to final confirmation by the Vatican). We will have time to view the Vatican Museums in relative privacy. Imagine our USC Catholic Trojans standing all alone in the Sistine Chapel admiring Michelangelo's masterwork! Tonight we dine as a group at one of Rome's fine restaurants, with wine and beverages included. (B, D)

**THU, APR 22, DAY 8: GOOD-BYE TO ROMA!:** Breakfast is included today, and afterwards we bid a fond farewell to the Eternal City and to our travel mates as we all begin to make our journey home or onward to other horizons on the Continent. (B)

*Note: While no changes are anticipated, there may be unforeseen occasions when certain alterations become necessary to this itinerary, either due to changes in airline schedules or for other reasons. All Masses are subject to local church schedules and substitution with alternate Mass sites if churches mentioned are not available.*

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

To make your reservation, simply complete the enclosed registration form and submit along with \$1,000 payment (mailed to the address shown on the bottom of the registration form). You will receive an invoice, and further information from Catholic Travel Centre via mail, within one week of our receipt of your deposit. *Please submit your registration form early, as all space is available on a first-come basis only.* Registrations are processed in the order they are received by Catholic Travel Centre.

**YOUR PRICE INCLUDES**

Land only, accommodations in 5\* Deluxe Hotel, or best available hotel (all with private facilities), sightseeing, and meals per itinerary (B, L, D) and is based on a minimum of 25 fully paying passengers in the group. Optional travel protection plan will be added separately on your invoice. No visa required for USA citizens—only a valid passport. Please see 'Registration Form' and 'Terms & Conditions' for more details.

**OPTIONAL PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM (PTPP)**

Optional Passenger Travel Protection Program (PTPP) is available. Your invoice will show the Program fee. You may choose to accept or decline coverage. Coverage begins only upon receipt of your Program fee. See 'PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM' under 'Terms & Conditions' on reverse side for full details.

**FINAL PAYMENT**

Final payment is due **90 days prior to departure**. This payment should be sent directly to Catholic Travel Centre. Instructions will appear on your invoice.

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**TOUR NUMBER: 10-058-0415**

## Terms and Conditions

Making any payments (cash, credit card or otherwise) towards any tour constitutes your unconditional acceptance of all the terms and conditions stated in this tour brochure. Catholic Travel Centre shall be referred to as CTC within this document.

**DOCUMENTS:** US citizens require a valid passport. Other nationalities please inquire with the appropriate embassies. Passports must be valid for six months beyond the tour's return date.

**REGISTRATION AND DEPOSITS:** A deposit of \$1000 per person is required upon registration along with a signed copy of the registration form. Registrations cannot be taken by telephone. Registrations are processed in the order received by CTC. Balance of payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Late payment is subject to \$50 late fee. Late registrations (fewer than 90 days) must be accompanied by full payment by cashiers check only (including the optional passenger travel protection program payment, if applicable), plus a \$50 late fee and are subject to availability. CTC reserves the right to cancel reservations that are not paid in full 75 days prior to departure and to charge cancellation fees/penalties indicated below. A \$25 fee will be charged on all checks returned by our bank.

**CHANGES IN INVOICING:** Please note that after initial invoicing, any requests for change in form of payment (cash discount vs. standard base) or in package (air inclusive vs. "land only") are subject to a \$50 per person per change processing fee.

**INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION FEES & REFUNDS:** All cancellations must be received by CTC in writing via certified mail or facsimile. CTC will process your refund, minus a cancellation fee according to the following schedule:

- 1) \$150 if cancelled at least 150 days prior to the tour's departure date;
- 2) \$300 if cancelled 149 to 90 days prior to the tour's departure date;
- 3) \$400 plus any non-refundable amounts paid to and/or penalties assessed by airlines, hotels, or other suppliers of travel services (up to the total cost of the tour) if cancelled 89 to 8 days prior to the tour's departure date;
- 4) No refunds for cancellations received within 7 days of departure date.

The above cancellation fees and/or penalties will also apply if you register for an optional extension or airline routing, and you decide to cancel or change any of these. CTC strongly recommends the Passenger Travel Protection Program (see 'PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM' below.)

**TOUR OPERATION & CANCELLATION:** While no changes are anticipated, CTC expressly reserves the right to cancel all or any part of the tour or to make any changes to the itinerary, for any reason or whenever it deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour participants. In the event of any alteration to the itinerary, every effort will be made to substitute the altered activity with a comparable replacement. If a tour is cancelled in its entirety, full refunds shall be issued within two weeks of such cancellation. This will constitute, in full, CTC's obligation to you and CTC bears no further responsibility beyond the full refund. CTC shall not be held liable and hereby expressly disclaims liability for any loss, expense, damage or inconvenience caused as a result of any tour cancellation or changes made to the itinerary. Furthermore, CTC is not responsible for any additional costs or fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements not made through CTC.

**CANCELLATION BEYOND CTC'S CONTROL:** CTC expressly disclaims any responsibility for any losses or expenses incurred due to cancellation or alteration of the tour resulting from, but not limited to: cancellations due to travel advisories or warnings issued by the State Department or any other relevant authority, acts of war, war, terrorism, acts of God, natural disasters or any other circumstance beyond CTC's control. In such case, CTC will assist you in requesting refunds for all services prepaid but not rendered, less a non-refundable \$200 per person administrative fee. CTC shall not be held responsible for any non-recoverable amounts disbursed to carriers or other service providers on your behalf.

**PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM:** Passenger Travel Protection Program is offered by CTC and administered by Berkely Care, Ltd., and is strongly recommended. A Travel Protection Plan brochure consisting of a full description of coverage provided and exclusions, will be mailed with your invoice. The plan fee is based on the cash discount price and taxes (as well as single room supplement and airline add-ons, if applicable) and will appear as an optional item on your invoice. Travel Protection Plan cannot be purchased after you have made your final payment for the tour. All Travel Protection Plan fees are non-refundable.

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**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** All airline tickets are round-trip economy class and are non-refundable unless specifically stated otherwise. Any cancellation, itinerary changes, or failure to use confirmed space would be subject to penalties and/or fees levied by the airline at the time of ticketing. Airfare, airline carrier, and airline schedules are subject to change without notice. Passengers arranging their own flights are responsible for meeting the group at the first hotel of the group's itinerary. CTC is not responsible for itinerary changes necessitated by changes in the airline's schedule. Airline and cruise fuel surcharges and security fee surcharges (if any) that occur after the date of printing of the brochure are the responsibility of the passenger.

**DEVIATIONS:** Deviations from the group flight itinerary are not possible. If you wish to make your own airline arrangements and purchase the "land only" version of the tour package, please contact your group coordinator for the "land only" pricing.

**AIRLINE SEATING, FREQUENT FLYER & MEAL REQUESTS:** Seating is on a group basis only. CTC cannot accommodate any individual requests. CTC advises that you contact the airline for frequent flyer miles and special meal requests two weeks prior to departure.

**BAGGAGE:** Baggage is at risk at all times. We strongly suggest that you bring only one piece of checked luggage and one carry-on. Portage is included at hotels only for one piece of luggage; the passenger is responsible at all times for carrying carry-on luggage. No portage at airports.

**ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS:** Based on double/twin accommodations with private bathroom facilities (limited number of single rooms available). No reduction for triple rooms. Triple room consists of twin/double room plus a rollaway bed, and confirmation is based on availability. If no roommate is available for you or your roommate cancels prior to departure, a single supplement surcharge will apply. Meals are menu of the day as shown in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner).

**SIGHTSEEING:** By private motor coach with English-speaking guide/escort. Entrance fees included per final itinerary.

**PRICES:** Pricing is based on exchange rates, fares applicable at the time of quotation and on minimum number of paying passengers stated in the brochure, and is therefore subject to change.

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Enclosed please find my \$1,000 per person deposit for the above referenced trip. By submitting this payment, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to the "Terms and Conditions" in the accompanying brochure. I agree to submit full payment 90 days prior to departure.

Please print in **BLOCK LETTERS** your complete Last Name, First Name and Middle Name as they appear on your PASSPORT.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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- I wish to room with \_\_\_\_\_ (enter name) \_\_\_\_\_ (relation if any)
- Please try to find a roommate for me. I understand if per chance you cannot find a roommate for me, I will be obliged to pay the single room supplement. Age: \_\_\_\_\_ ; Smoking: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No. (See terms and conditions.)
- I wish a single room at a supplement of \$1,295. Subject to availability and confirmation.

### Optional Pre-Program Night(s) in Rome:

- Please register me for pre-program stay in Rome. \$375 p/person p/night sharing twin/double, \$525 single room p/night including breakfast & local taxes \_\_\_\_ Tue, April 13<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_ Wed, April 14<sup>th</sup>

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### Cash Discount Price

- I wish to pay the cash discount price using my personal or cashiers check as my form of payment: **\$6,699 LAND ONLY** including prepaid gratuities and donation for Cornerstone & Liturgical Art. Please return this form with \$1,000 deposit payable to Catholic Travel Centre. You will receive an invoice including the optional Travel Protection Plan fee of \$439. The invoice will show your balance and due date.

### Standard Base Price

- I wish to pay the standard base price using my credit card as my form of payment: **\$7,098 LAND ONLY** including prepaid gratuities and donation for Cornerstone & Liturgical Art. You will receive an invoice including the optional Travel Protection Plan fee of \$439. The invoice will show your balance and due date.

### Credit Card Payment Authorization

I authorize Catholic Travel Centre to charge the standard base price amount, plus other fees outlined above to my credit card listed below (\$1,000 will be charged now; balance of payment will be charged to your card per the invoice due date.)

Credit Card Type:  VISA  MASTERCARD

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