

# Pilgrimage to Italy With Father Matthew L. O'Toole St. Margaret of Scotland

Venice ✚ Florence ✚ Assisi  
Wineries of Montepulciano ✚ Orvieto ✚ The Vatican  
Italian Cooking Class ✚ St. Paul Outside the Wall  
The Colosseum ✚ Rome ✚ Mass at the Tomb of St. John Paul II  
Basilica of St. Peter ✚ Sistine Chapel

March 22 - April 1, 2020

*Spiritual Leader:* **Father Matthew L. O'Toole**  
St. Margaret of Scotland



**Sunday, 22nd:** Depart from our home city to connect with an overnight flight to Milan. Dinner and breakfast served aboard. **D (dinner) & B (breakfast)**

**Monday, 23rd:** We land this morning in Milan and track our way to Venice enjoying the beautiful countryside and the city of Padua via motorcoach. Today will be a ½ day excursion day in **Venice, the “Queen of the Adriatic.”** This famed city is built on more than 100 islets, supported by millions of wooden stakes and linked by 400 bridges. We will be given a walking tour, which will include the **Doges Palace**, once the official palace of the Doge (Venetian Ruler) and the seat of government. There we walk across the **Bridge of Sighs** (the covered windowed bridge) where convicted prisoners caught their last glimpse of freedom. After, we check into our hotel. **B & D Venice**

**Tuesday, 24th:** After a leisurely morning, we will visit the **Cathedral of St. Mark**, whose décor of mosaics is acclaimed world-wide. Lunch will be on own. In the afternoon we will be treated to a **ride on a gondola** through the canal “streets” of Venice. The rest of the day is open for exploration. Tonight, **Dinner** with wine included will be served to us in a nice restaurant in the heart of Venice. We return to our hotel for overnight. **B & D Venice**

**Wednesday, 25th:** We head south along the Adriatic coast and will stop at **Ravenna**, so famous for its Byzantine churches with their exquisite mosaics. We have the option of celebrating **HOLY MASS in the BASILICA OF SAN VITALE**, which displays a fine example of the mosaic artistry found in Ravenna. There will be time for lunch on our own. Then we turn west into **Tuscany**, a region where sights will unfold for us of rural landscapes and lush vineyards, hilltop villages and scenic vistas. We reach **Florence**, flourishing center of the Renaissance and Medieval center of Europe’s trade and finance. Our hotel is along the Arno River within the city. We check in and have dinner together. **B & D Florence**

**Thursday, 26th:** We celebrate **Holy Mass in Santa Maria Novella** church just steps from our hotel. Our guided city tour of Florence, Art Capital of the world, includes a visit to the Academy of Fine Arts which houses Michelangelo’s sculpture of **David**, the **Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore** and its masterfully done bronze Baptistry doors worthy to be called by Michelangelo the “Gates of Paradise.” We tour the Piazza della Signoria and its Loggia, **Santa Croce** filled with the tombs of the famous. Onward we enjoy a breathtaking view of Florence from **Piazzale Michelangelo**. The rest of the day is at leisure for exploring on one’s own. The shops are laden with jewelry of Florentine gold and silver, exquisite leather goods and bargains of all kinds. Dinner is included this evening. **B & D Florence**

**Friday, 27th:** Today is a free day in Florence. Lunch and Dinner are on your own. **B Florence**

**Saturday, 28th:** This morning we head southwest to **Siena**, a delightful medieval town, but important because of the connection with St. Catherine, Doctor of the Church and reformer of the Papacy. Our walking tour takes us to the **Piazza del Campo** and to the Gothic Cathedral of dark and light marble. We continue on south to **Montepulciano** is another pearl of Southern Siena where the Sangiovese expresses itself in full-bodied and friendly reds. This day will be dedicated to this beautiful area including some of Tuscany’s best wines and to the cheese that matches so well with the wines. **Our**

first stop will be in one of Montepulciano's most well-regarded wineries. The winery is a family owned and run, completely hands-on, and dedicated to sustainable agriculture. We'll tour the facilities, from vineyards to wine cellar to get a full understanding of the viticulture in Montepulciano. And then it will be time for a wine tasting of all the different wines produced. We then visit an organic winery for a tour & light lunch with a tasting of several typical wines of Montepulciano. This is a very special experience in an exceptional place. Then we'll stop for a half hour in Montepulciano so you can get a feel for this very steep hill town. After a little hike around Montepulciano, soon after we go Southwest Assisi, the city sanctified by the life of "il Poverello," **St. Francis of Assisi**.

**B & D Assisi**



**Sunday, 29th:** This morning we will celebrate **Holy Mass in one of the many beautiful churches of Assisi**. Soon after, our walking tour will show us first the magnificent frescoes by Giotto in the Basilica that depict the life of the saint. As we walk up to the main piazza, we are struck by the fact that all the buildings are of sandstone with a slight rose hue. We reach the **Basilica of St. Clare**, Foundress of the Poor Clare nuns, and see her tomb. In the upper chapel we venerate the Crucifix that was originally located in San Damiano church. Our Lord from that crucifix spoke to Francis the command to "Rebuild My Church." Late morning we motor west and reach the beautiful hill town of **Orvieto**. It is here that in 1263 Pope Urban IV proclaimed the authenticity of a Eucharistic miracle, that the Sacred Host had bled during a Mass celebrated in nearby Bolsena. The Cathedral's façade is adorned with a splendid and world famous mosaic. We continue traveling south to **Rome, the Eternal City**, and arrive to check into our hotel. We have dinner together this evening.

**B & D Rome**



**Monday, 30th:** This morning we drive to the outskirts of Rome to visit **St. Paul Outside the Walls**, a beautiful Basilica dedicated to the Apostle of the Gentiles. We next reach the **Basilica of St. Clement**, built over the home of our fourth Pope and over some truly interesting ruins of ancient Rome. We will drive to the most illustrious church dedicated to Our Lady, the **Basilica of St. Mary Major**. There we have the option to celebrate **Holy Mass**. We also visit the nearby **Basilica of St. John Lateran**, the Cathedral Church of Rome, and see its richly adorned interior that inspires much devotion. Our tour concludes nearby with an explanation of the **Colosseum** as well as Ancient Rome - the **Arch of Constantine**, **Roman Forum**, **Palatine Hill** and the **Circus Maximus**. Our afternoon is free. Much can be seen by walking through Old Rome: **Piazza Navona**, the **Pantheon**, **Trevi Fountain**, **Spanish Steps** and countless church where tombs of saints and great masterpieces can be discovered. Rome, the Center of the Roman Empire and Center of the Church! This evening we are in for a special treat. We go the **La Carovana**. Here, we don our Chef Hat and Apron, where we create our own Special Italian meal. We will prepare Fettuccine with mushrooms and Gnocchi with tomato sauce, Chicken breast with peppers served with salad & capped off with Tiramisu! Of course, wine included.

**B & D Rome**



**Tuesday, 31st:** **Holy Mass** this morning will be near the tomb of **Pope St. John Paul II** in the magnificent **Basilica of St. Peter** in Vatican City. As we walk through and pray, our thoughts are flooded with events that have taken place here and the people who have worshiped in this great center of our Church. After Mass we will first be guided on a Scavi

tour of the necropolis below St. Peter's, as well as the **Vatican Museum**, seeing especially the **Sistine Chapel** with its awesome frescoes by Michelangelo. The tour concludes with an inside visit of the Basilica. **Afternoon:** This afternoon we can continue our own exploration of the Eternal City. Nearby the Vatican are religious articles shops. Maybe an ascent to the top of St. Peter's dome will be our quest. The reward is a fantastic view of Vatican City and Rome. This evening we can sample delicious Italian cuisine on our own.

**B Rome**

**Wednesday, 1st:** After our breakfast our driver will transfer the group to Leonardo Da Vinci Airport in time to check in for their departure flight to the US.



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