

*Abbot Lawrence presents:
Faith, Food and Fast Cars in the Heart of*

ITALY

12 Days

September 21-October 2, 2019



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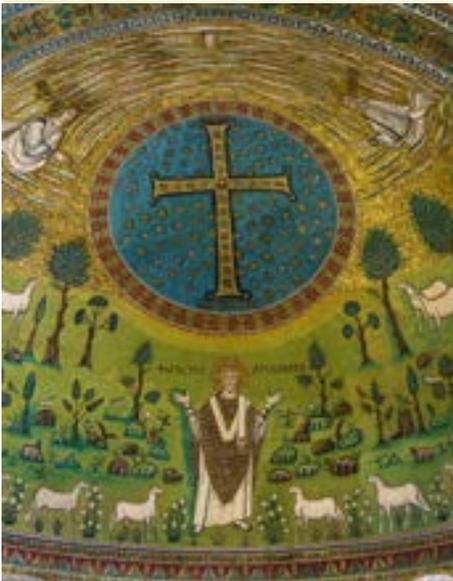
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\$5195.00

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\$3995.00

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\$795.00

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Final payment due July 21, 2019



ITINERARY

✚ September 21, Saturday, Day 1 – DEPART ON AN OVERNIGHT FLIGHT TO MILAN OR VENICE

Depart from Oklahoma City on an overnight flight to Milan or Venice. Dinner and breakfast will be served on the plane.

✚ September 22, Sunday, Day 2 – BOLOGNA

Arrive in Milan or Venice and we meet our tour manager who will be with us during our entire stay in Italy. We board the bus and drive to Bologna (3.5 hrs from Milan, including a break for lunch). Upon arrival, we check in and relax a little bit, before celebrating our welcome Mass – Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight in Bologna. (D)

✚ September 23, Monday, Day 3 – BOLOGNA: CITY TOUR AND SAN LUCA

This morning we explore the street food of Bologna while taking in additional major sites. A highlight will be a visit to the oldest university in continuous operation in Europe – the University of Bologna, founded in 1088. Our visit will include its famous 17th-century anatomical surgical theater. If you have not yet sampled it, lunch might be a good time to enjoy one of Bologna's most influential culinary treats: mortadella – from which Americans have derived "bologna." After lunch, we will visit the Sanctuary of the Madonna of St. Luke. Located about 2 miles outside Bologna, this 19th-century shrine houses a painting of the Madonna and Child that tradition holds was painted by St. Luke the Evangelist. Along with the inspiring image of Mary and Jesus, the terrace of the shrine provides a panoramic view of the entire city of Bologna and the Po Valley beyond. Those who are energetic can either ascend to or descend from the sanctuary on foot under a covered portico constructed in the 17th century to provide shelter for processions. We will celebrate Mass at the Sanctuary. Dinner at a local restaurant and overnight in Bologna. (B, Special Dinner)

✚ September 24, Tuesday, Day 4 – BOLOGNA: LAMBORGHINI MUSEUM, AGRI-FOOD PARK, AND A COOKING CLASS

After breakfast, we explore Basilica San Pietro and celebrate Mass. We continue our visit with a feast for the eyes as we explore the Lamborghini Museum, one of the most famous performance car lines in the world. We then drive a short distance to reach the recently opened FICO the largest agri-food park in the world. [www. https://www.eatalyworld.it/en/](https://www.eatalyworld.it/en/) Here we can explore, taste, buy, and learn all the secrets of the Italian food from A to Z. Here, we will focus on a traditional home cooking experience: from a special Italian appetizer to a tortellini entree, we hope to walk away from this experience with the skills to cook for our friends and family when we return home. Plus, after our cooking session, we will enjoy the home-cooked meal we helped create. We return to our hotel to relax and unwind before our dinner in Bologna at a local restaurant. (B, Special Dinner)

✚ September 25, Wednesday, Day 5 – RAVENNA: THE BYZANTINE CAPITAL

This morning we drive to the coastal city of Ravenna, which served as the capital city of the Western Roman Empire from 402 to 472. It is known for its well-preserved late Roman and Byzantine architecture and has eight UNESCO World Heritage Sites. We will begin at St. Apollinare in Classe where we will celebrate Mass. We will focus on the breath-taking churches of Ravenna and their Byzantine Era mosaics. Return to Bologna for dinner at the hotel and an overnight. (B, D)

✚ September 26, Thursday, Day 6 – PARMIGIANO AND MODENA: FARM TO TABLE

We have an early start to visit a factory that makes Emilia-Romagna's unique Parmigiano Reggiano cheese. Enjoy a rare opportunity to see the entire process, from the early-morning milk delivery and work of master cheesemakers to the storage and aging. Imagine a breakfast with cheese tastings and Lambrusco wine. One might be able to purchase some cheese at below retail price. Then we drive to Modena, famous for Pavarotti, Tortellini, Aged Balsamic, and Ferrari. Upon arrival, we enjoy free time for lunch. We visit the city and celebrate Mass in the Cathedral before checking into our hotel. Dinner and overnight in Modena. (B, D)

✚ September 27, Friday, Day 7 – FERRARI AND BALSAMIC GOLD

After breakfast, we will follow the "Prancing Horse" and visit the Ferrari Museum in Modena which will give us the chance to retrace the most important moments in Ferrari history. The current exhibition celebrates the 70th anniversary of the Prancing Horse highlighting some of Modena's most exclusive creations for track and road, such as the GT cars and Formula One cars displayed in the Victories Hall. The Museum offers to its fans a unique and inspiring experience through cars and memorabilia. We then drive towards the countryside, to visit a family-run

business producing Aceto Balsamico Tradizionale di Modena D.O.P. We will marvel at the age-old techniques and enjoy a full tasting, comparing a 6-year-old balsamic with 12 and 25-year-old varieties: the Antica Acetaia Cavedoni. The tour starts with the vineyards around the company and we will see all the productions from the grapes to the final products. You will then taste balsamic vinegar from 3 to 100 years old. Welcome to the world of top-quality balsamic vinegar—which really is more of a nectar! In the afternoon we drive a short distance to Maranello to visit the Ferrari Museum and Home of Enzo Ferrari. The Casa Museo Enzo Ferrari is more than just a museum, it is a spectacular immersive experience that combines a dizzying mix of unique ingredients. We not only will get to admire the stunning cars displayed in the futuristic 2,500 square meters main pavilion, but also will be treated to a spectacular audio-visual show that uses 19 projectors to tell the magical story of Enzo Ferrari's 90 years. When we enter Casa Enzo we will be treated to modern architecture, flanked by the workshop of Enzo Ferrari's father which has been meticulously restored as the home of the Ferrari Engines Museum. Overnight in Modena. (B, L, D)

✚ September 28, Saturday, Day 8 – PARMA

After breakfast, we will make a day trip to the nearby city of Parma. Our visit will begin with a visit to the beautiful 11th-century Cathedral and Baptistery of Parma. We will plan to celebrate Mass in this breathtaking setting. After Mass, we will explore highlights of the historic center of the city by foot, rewarding ourselves with a delicious local lunch. On the journey back to Modena we tour a farm where the famous Prosciutto di Parma is crafted and aged. Anyone interested in samples? Overnight in Modena. (B, L, D)

✚ September 29, Sunday, Day 9 – PADUA

After breakfast we drive to Padua (2.5 hrs) Upon arrival we meet our guide and enjoy a walking tour of the sights and sounds of this vibrant historic city. Some of our stops will include the University of Padova, the Palazzo della Ragione, the Piazza dei Signori, the Piazza della Frutta, and the Caffè Pedrocchi. We enjoy lunch on our own before we continue our tour with a visit to the urban Benedictine Abbey of Santa Giustina. Founded in the 10th century, this Benedictine community attached itself to a sanctuary that was founded some 500 years earlier. The current church is one of the largest Christian churches in the world and is the seventh longest in Italy. The church is home to the remains of many saints, perhaps most notably to the evangelists St. Luke and St. Matthew. Our own Father Simeon resided at Santa Giustina during his first three months in Italy. With his assistance and endorsement, we hope to have a special tour before we celebrate Mass in this significant shrine. Check in at our hotel, dinner, and overnight in Padua. (B, D)

✚ September 30, Monday, Day 10 – DAY AT LEISURE WITH AN OPTIONAL TOUR TO VENICE

Enjoy a day at leisure to explore the area on your own, perhaps visit Verona or another city in the vicinity. Optional tour to Venice: We drive to Venice, (30 minutes by bus and a 30-minute boat ride.) Upon arrival, we enjoy a walking tour to visit the Basilica of St Mark and the city center. Enjoy free time for lunch and shopping before we gather at a designated spot for our return to Padua. Optional tour based on minimum 10 participants \$129.00 per person. Deadline to book the tour is 90 days before departure. Return to Padua for an overnight. Dinner at leisure. (B, D)

✚ October 1, Tuesday, Day 11 – PADUA

Who hasn't asked for the help of St. Anthony in finding a lost item? Today we will visit the Basilica of St Anthony where we celebrate Mass and explore the Basilica. We then see the famous Scrovegni Chapel, with its priceless frescoes by Giotto (at left). Completed around 1305, the stunning frescoes depicting the life of Jesus Christ and the life of the Virgin Mary are one of the most influential masterpieces of Western art. Lunch at leisure with the afternoon on your own to explore Padua. Tonight, we gather in a local restaurant for our farewell dinner. Overnight in Padua. (B, Special Dinner)

✚ October 2, Wednesday, Day 12 – RETURN TO THE USA

Today we return home, filled with memories of the faith, food, and fast cars of Emilia Romagna – and of the good times, we have shared with our wonderful companions and friends.



YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- Round trip airfare from Oklahoma City to Venice or Milan
- Airline surcharges, fuel and airport taxes are subject to change until the time of ticketing
- Accommodations in first class hotels
- Open hot buffet breakfast daily
- Dinners as per itinerary: 2 hotel and 2 restaurant dinners in Bologna, 1 restaurant dinner and 2 hotel dinners in Modena, 1 restaurant dinner and 2 hotel dinners in Padua
- Lunch at the cooking class
- Lunch at Prosciutto tasting
- Beverages are not included unless specified
- Private Air-conditioned motor coach
- English-speaking tour manager
- Local guides for city tours
- Whisper Sets
- All admission charges as per the itinerary
- Baggage handling for one suitcase per person only included at the hotels
- Parking fees for motor coaches
- Local hotel taxes
- Select International Tours Travel Portfolio
- Confirmation of Daily Mass

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Personal expenses
- Travel protection - optional and highly encouraged
- Medical insurance
- Any items not specifically mentioned in the listed inclusions
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted
- Gratuities for the guide(s), driver and hotel staff (please refer to the suggestions we will make available to you). For restaurant meals, we recommend a tip of \$2.00 per person per day. For extra luggage, please tip \$1.00 per person per bag.
- Church donations

BAGGAGE CHARGES NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP COST

- Any airline baggage charges.
- Baggage handling at train stations, airports, and hotels in excess of one suitcase per person.
- Any charges incurred due to excessive luggage including the cost of an additional baggage vehicle or portage charges.



Deposits and final payment: A deposit of \$500.00 per person by check should accompany the registration form along with your optional travel protection payment, if purchasing, and a copy of your passport picture page by **June 7, 2019. Final payment is due by July 21, 2019. A late payment fee of \$100 will be charged per person for all registrations received after the final payment date.** Please mail your payment to: **Select International Tours, 85 Park Ave., Flemington, NJ 08822 Attn: Jane Allison , 800-842-4842, jane@select-intl.com.**

Your passport must be valid through April 2, 2020. Reservations will not be processed until we have passport copies. Prices quoted are based on cash payments. Cash prices **\$5,195.00** for the complete package; **\$3,995.00** land only (air not included); **\$795.00** single supplement (in room by yourself). Credit card payments are: **\$5,455.00** for the complete package; **\$4,195.00** for land only; **\$835.00** single supplement.

Single supplement: A limited number of single rooms are available. Prices are based on two people per room. We do not guarantee room mates but will do our best to connect you with a possible share.

Land Only Option: Land only services start and end at the hotels, unless you are able to meet the group at the airport, and do not include airfare.

Tour Cancellation Policy: A **\$350.00 non-refundable fee will be assessed if the reservation is canceled more than 90 days prior to departure. 90-60 days before departure a total of \$500.00 is non-refundable. Within 60 days of departure all payments are non-refundable regardless of reason for cancellations. All airline tickets are non-refundable once issued.** All cancellations must be in writing. Unused portions of the trip are not refundable. We strongly encourage you to purchase **Travel Protection Plan**. Call or visit our website for details on the cost per person for the Group Deluxe and Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) plans. CFAR is not available in NY State. We encourage all travelers to purchase a plan at the time of initial deposit. This document contains highlights of the plans. The plans contain insurance benefits underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company. The plans also contain non-insurance Travel Assistance Services that are provided by an independent organization. Coverages may vary and not all coverage is available in all jurisdictions. See attached travel protection information for details, www.selectinternationaltours.com.

Airline, seating and special requests: The seats are assigned by the airlines. We do not reserve specific seats. You may change your seat, provide mileage program information and passenger contact information directly with the airlines once the ticket numbers are received. (approximately three weeks prior to departure). All special needs and requests due to medical or dietary restrictions must be requested in writing at least 60 days prior to departure. Business class and premium coach seats are available upon request as are add-ons from your hometown airport. **Switching from air and land to land only within 90 days from departure will be charged a \$100 service fee and any airline charges.**

Pricing: Prices are based on a minimum of 15 passengers traveling & payment by cash or check. Prices are based on the current exchange rate of 1.20 USD to Euro and subject to recalculation. Fuel surcharge and taxes are subject to change at time of final invoicing.

Baggage: Each participant is permitted to check (1) suitcase weighing no more than 50 lbs., and one small carry-on bag on the plane. Airline baggage fees are not included. Please check the specific baggage fees on the airline website.

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Name of Roomate(s): _____

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