

In the Footsteps of Paul A Christian Tour of Rome and Southern Italy

Journey through Italy to experience the Biblical and ancient ruins of the Roman Empire. We will travel where the Apostle Paul traveled, study Biblical history, and experience the cultural beauty and food of Southern Italy.

9 days/8 nights

Fully Escorted by local guides with internationally traveled American and Italian teachers

What is special and unique about this tour over all other tours to Italy....You will be part of our Italian family and view the real Italy, observing LA DOLCE VITA that can even be tasted in your first frothy cappuccino. The real Italy awaits!

Day 1 – Wednesday – Arrival in Rome - Welcome to Italy!

Journey through Italy to experience the Biblical and ancient ruins of the Roman Empire. We will travel where Paul traveled, study Biblical history, and experience the cultural beauty and food of Southern Italy. This trip is co-sponsored by Il Faro International church, and you will become part of our family as you walk in the footsteps of the people and in the places that have become a grand part of world history.

Our guide will be at the hotel at 12 p.m. to welcome you as you arrive. We will gather to meet the rest of the group and relax with a drink on your first night in Bella Italia. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Rome.

Day 2 – Thursday – Rome

After breakfast, we begin our tour of the incomparably historic city of Rome. We will see both ancient and Christian Rome, visiting the Coliseum, the Roman Forum, the prison of Paul, Via Appia and the Christian catacombs. We will stop at places that take your breath away while our guide connects the biblical teaching to the actual happenings. We will reminisce over dinner and overnight at the hotel in Rome.

Day 3 – Friday – Rome

After Breakfast we visit another country as we touch the heart of Rome – the Vatican State. Our guide will skillfully point out the highlights of the seemingly endless collection of treasures at the Vatican Museum, finishing at Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel. We will tour St. Peter's Basilica where we see works by Michelangelo and Bernini, and admire the largest church in Christendom. Lunch on your own in one of the many pizzerias or trattorias in the You will have the afternoon and evening free to shop and stroll some of the famous streets of Rome. We can make recommendations for local trattorias. If you would like to come with me to have chestnut ravioli and the best Tiramisu in Rome, you are of course welcome.

Day 4 – Saturday – Rome to Montecassino to Naples

After breakfast, we head down south, stopping at some of the most iconic and important places of spiritual flourishing. We visit the castle and fortress of the Counts of Aquinas, founded in 994 by the abbot of Montecassino Mansone. Lunch is at the restaurant on site before we depart for Bella Napoli. Enjoy a special welcome dinner to Napoli with Neapolitan music and typical foods of the region. Overnight at the hotel in Naples.

Day 5 – Sunday – Pozzuoli - In the Footsteps of Paul

Go to Il Faro International church and experience a bilingual church. Become part of the family as we start to experience La Dolce Vita of southern Italy. Upon arrival at your hotel, you will be greeted with a welcome basket of local products from the Campania region. Bring your basket to the family picnic and we will enjoy these products as well as an overview of the area. Depart after lunch for Pozzuoli, one of Paul's stops on his missionary journey to the Roman Empire. We will visit the Pozzuoli Flavio amphitheater and enjoy teachings on the importance of this area in Biblical history.

Dinner at a farmhouse where during the restoration process the owners discovered Roman architectural ruins and artifacts including rare and valuable evidence of Christianity in Pozzuoli. Overnight at the hotel in Naples.

Day 6 – Monday - Naples and Cooking Class

Depart for downtown Naples to visit the city center, historical churches, and the famous Veil of Christ. Lunch at a traditional pizzeria. We will be in a characteristic area of Naples for some shopping and enjoying life in the city center. Meet the tour bus for a sightseeing tour of the city. Finally, end the day with an evening cooking class of typical Neapolitan food and enjoy dinner. Overnight at the hotel in Naples.

Day 7 – Tuesday – Pompeii to Sorrento

Depart for Pompeii to visit the archeological excavations of the ancient city. You are free for lunch, or you can enjoy a bagged lunch of sandwich, fruit, and water prepared by the hotel as you find your own corner of this ancient ruin to contemplate the events. Depart for Sorrento, enjoying a view of the Bay of Naples. Dinner at a local restaurant in the heart of the beautiful town of Sorrento on the Amalfi Coast. Overnight at the hotel in Sorrento.

Day 8 – Wednesday – Amalfi Coast

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive the famous Amalfi Coast, stopping in the picturesque town of Positano for a free day of shopping, eating, and relaxing on the beach. Return to the hotel for special dinner and overnight in Sorrento.

Day 9 Thursday Naples/Rome Departure

Breakfast at the hotel.

Depart for Rome with stops at the airport and main train terminal.

End of the trip

Based on double occupancy

This tour requires a minimum of 20 participants

Reservation deadline 2 months before departure

30% deposit due at the time of booking

30 days before departure, the remaining balance is due.

Cancellation Policy

30-20 days before departure: forfeit 30%

20-10 days before departure: forfeit 50%

10-7 days before departure: forfeit 75%

6 days or less before departure: forfeit 100%