



# **11 DAY ITALIAN PILGRIMAGE**

## **INCLUDING THE CHURCH OF SANT' ALFONSO LIGUORI**

*Visiting*

**ASSISI \* SORRENTO \* ROME**

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**THE REDEMPTORISTS**

**BOSTON, NEW YORK, WASHINGTON/ACROSS THE ATLANTIC**

**MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016**

Depart Boston, New York or Washington, DC aboard your overnight transatlantic jet flight to Rome, arriving the following day. En route, enjoy dinner followed by a full length movie.

**ARRIVE ROME/ASSISI**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016**

Your pilgrimage begins as you arrive in the Eternal City where you'll be met and escorted to your waiting motor coach. Drive through the mystical province of Umbria to Assisi, the famous city of St. Francis. Born in 1182 as Giovanni di Bernardone, St. Francis influenced the Church and the world. **(D)**

**ASSISI**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2016**

Your morning 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'. Time this afternoon for personal devotions and exploring on your own. **(B,D)**

**ASSISI/MARIANELLA/SORRENTO AREA**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2016**

Journey south through the well-tilled fields and orchards of the Neapolitan countryside to Marianella, birthplace of St. Alfonso Maria de Liguori in 1696. An Italian bishop, spiritual writer and musician, theologian and founder of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, St. Alfonso was canonized in 1839 by Pope Gregory XVI. Visit his home before continuing to the cliff-top town of Sorrento and your hotel in the Sorrento area. **(B,D)**

**SORRENTO/AMALFI COASTLINE/RAVELLO/SCALA/SORRENTO**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016**

Today's scenery is breathtaking as you travel along the magnificent coastline to Amalfi. Sheer cliffs and hillsides, olive, lemon and orange trees and spectacular views of the Mediterranean make this one of Italy's greatest treasures. Continue to the town of Ravello, perched high on the cliffs above Amalfi. Famous for its views and gardens, Ravello is home to the Cathedral dedicated to the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. Your next stop is the town of Scala where St. Alfonso consecrated Mary as Our Lady of Mercy. On to Sorrento where you will see a wood carving display (Intarsia) before returning to your hotel. **(B,D)**

**SORRENTO/PAGANI/CIORANI/MATERDOMINI/SORRENTO**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2016**

This morning takes you to the town of Pagani and the Basilica of Sant'Alfonso housing the saint's tomb and Redemptorist house. Visit the Alphonsian Museum with personal items associated with Alfonso including the harpsichord on which he composed the Italian Christmas hymn, "Tu Scendi Dalle Stelle". On to the town of Ciorani to visit the original Motherhouse of the Redemptorists before continuing to Materdomini, a hamlet where Alfonso opened one of the first Redemptorist houses. Visit the Sanctuary of San Gerardo, a Redemptorist who is the patron saint of mothers and children. Return to your hotel in the Sorrento area for dinner and overnight. **(B,D)**

**SORRENTO/POMPEII/ROME**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2016**

Depart this morning for Pompeii, a city destroyed by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 A.D. Visit the excavations where the life of 20 centuries ago comes alive with its incredibly preserved temples, baths, theaters and many dwellings and the Basilica Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary. Continue north along the Autostrada del Sole speedway 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)**

**ROME**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2016**

The Feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help takes you to the Church of Sant'Alfonso de Liguori, housing the original icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Celebrate the closing of the Jubilee Year honoring the return of this miraculous icon. There will also be free time in fascinating Rome to explore its many treasures on your own. **(B)**

**ROME**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2016**

Your sightseeing tour this morning takes you to Vatican City including visits to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's magnificent frescoes. End your morning tour at the Basilica of St. Peter. This afternoon, tour the Basilicas of St. Mary Major, the largest church in Rome dedicated to the Blessed Mother, and St. John Lateran. **(B)**

**ROME – PAPAL AUDIENCE**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2016**

This morning attend an Audience with Our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Afterwards, tour the remnants of "Ancient" Rome. Visit the Catacombs, an early Christian burial place, and see the legendary Trevi Fountain and mighty Colosseum. **(B,D)**

**ROME/BOSTON, NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, DC**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2016**

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

**(B) = Breakfast Provided; (D) = Dinner**

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