

GENERAL CONDITIONS

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Transportation is in economy class on regular scheduled IATA Airline. Fare is based on GROUP/APEX as applicable for groups flying together for entire itinerary.

LAND TRANSPORTATION: As specified in the itinerary is by modern air-conditioned buses designed especially for sightseeing. The cost of the land arrangements, as outline in this itinerary, is based on a busload ranging from 21-39 passengers. For 16 – 20 passengers, please add \$350 per person

HOTELS: First Class (four star) and Tourist class Hotels, twin bedded rooms with private facilities. Limited single rooms are available at an extra charge (\$998). They have to be requested and confirmed by TriStar Tours prior to departure.

MEALS AND SIGHTSEEING: Meals consisting of buffet breakfast daily and four dinners are included. Local transportation by bus or local conveyance as indicated, the service of an English-speaking tour escort and local guides, and the entrance fees to places visited on sightseeing tours as indicated in the itinerary.

SERVICE CHARGES, TIPS, TAXES: Service charges imposed by facilities abroad and nominal taxes in connections in the tour price are included. **Not included** are airport/security taxes of \$159 per person (subject to change), tips to the tour escort, driver and local guides, \$120 per person, excess baggage, items of a personal nature such as laundry, after dinner coffees, tips for personal favors etc.

DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENTS: There is a total protection on your funds. All monies will be held in an **Escrow Account**. A deposit of \$500 per person is required at the time of booking in the form of a check or money order only. It's possible to make your final payment via **Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express**. Please add \$130 convenience fee to the selling price. Payment for the tour must be made to **TriStar Tours/Escrow Account** by the passenger through the Tour Host, who is the passenger's agent for the collection and remittance for payment. No other person is authorized to request, receive, or collect payments. Final payment is due no later than 60-days prior to departure. If payment is

received within 30-days of departure, please include \$75 late fee. Returned checks are subject to an administrative fee of \$35.

SPECIAL INCENTIVES: A deposit of \$500 received by TriStar Tours no later than **October 01, 2018**, will entitle the passengers to a **\$100 Super Saver Discount**.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: Requests for a refund must be in writing. Refunds will be issued within 45-days of receipt of written notice. For all cancellations up to **90-days** prior to departure, for whatever reason, there will be an administrative fee of \$250 per person to cover handling fees. For Cancellations **90-60 days** prior to departure a \$350 per person, **60-45 days** prior to departure a \$450 per person and within **45-days** of departure **full cancellation** will apply. **Trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended**. For information, contact your group leader.

ADDITIONAL CHARGES: If you return individually and not with the group, there is a \$150 surcharge, plus any applicable airfare differential for the deviation.

RESPONSIBILITY: The tour operator agrees to arrange for the tour described in this brochure, which represents the entire agreement between the passenger and his agent, the Tour Host, and **TriStar Tours**. No changes or deviations are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no person is authorized to cancel, modify, or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation or warranty concerning the tour. Except for willful negligence of its direct employees, the tour operator assumes no liability or responsibility for any injuries, damage or loss of property, accident, delay, changes in schedules or itineraries, inconveniences, accident or illness, or irregularity or incidental damages occasioned by circumstances beyond the control of the tour operator, or by any person or reason whatsoever, including, but no limited to default or omission of any common or private carrier or default, negligence or omission of and by and third party providing services or facilities related to or included in this tour or any part thereof for in arranging for the same, or the acts or omission of the Tour Host. The airlines and steamship

lines are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board planes, ships or conveyances. The passenger contracts, in use by the airline and steamship lines or other lines involved, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline, ship line and the passenger or purchaser of this tour and/or passenger and the tour operator assumes no liability or responsibility in connection therewith.

PLEASE READ THE TOUR CONDITIONS CAREFULLY, SINCE ENROLLMENT AND PAYMENT FOR THE TOUR CONSTITUTES YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE TOUR CONDITIONS.

Tour prices are quoted in U.S. dollars based on exchange rates in effect August 2018 (1 EU = \$1.16). Fluctuations in the currency exchange rate may result in price change without notice.

ENROLLMENT FORM

Make checks payable to: **TriStar Tours/Escrow Account** & Mail to:

Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral
113 Remsen Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Tel: 1-718-624-7228
Attn: Marleine Aflak
E-Mail: maflak1111@aol.com

Please make the following reservations for me/us:

Name: _____

(as it appears in your passport)

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Tel: () _____ () _____

Home Business

E-Mail: _____

Name of roommate if known: _____

I am/We are enclosing \$ _____ (\$500 per person) as deposit for the tour. (If paying for more than one person, please indicate number of tour participants _____).



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MMARY OF OUR DAILY ACTIVITIES

DAY 1 – MAY 01 NEW YORK/VENICE
Depart JFK Int'l Airport on board a Lufthansa Airlines' flight for Venice, via Frankfurt. Full service on board.

DAY 2 – MAY 01 VENICE
Upon arrival at Venice Airport, we will be met by our tour manager who will stay with us throughout the tour. We will be taken by a private motorlaunch across the lagoon to our hotel. As we speed across the water we will have our first truly memorable sight of the unique city of **Venice** - a glorious spectacle set between sea and sky, a city which is built upon 117 islands, with 150 canals and 400 bridges. Welcome dinner at our hotel **(B,D)**

DAY 3 – MAY 03 VENICE
Enjoy a morning visit to **St. Mark's Basilica**, a golden, bejeweled creation; see the ethereal beauty of the **Bridge of Sighs** and the Venetian Gothic architecture of the **Doges Palace**. In the afternoon, enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore Venice – perhaps take an excursion by private boat to the islands of **Murano, Burano & Torcello**, to see famous lace-making and glass-blowing. **(B)**



VENICE

DAY 4 – MAY 04 VENICE/PADUA/FLORENCE
Board our private motor coach and begin our journey towards **Florence**. Stop in **Padua** to visit the **Cathedral of St. Anthony of Padua**. After our visit here, drive to **Pisa**, city in Italy's Tuscany region best known for the **Leaning Tower**.

DAY 4 – MAY 04 CONTINUED
Continue our journey to **Florence** which was the cradle of the Renaissance movement, home to famous artists in every field **from Fra Angelico to Botticelli, Dante, Giotto, Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo**. Enjoy an evening at leisure in Florence – maybe take a stroll over the **Ponte Vecchio** for views of **Florence** and the river **Arno**. **(B,D)**

DAY 5 – MAY 05 FLORENCE
Our guided walking tour this morning will include the famous **Piazza della Signoria** dominated by the **Palazzo Vecchio** and the beautiful **Loggia dei Lanzi**



FLORENCE CATHEDRAL

with its beautiful statues. We visit the beautiful **Piazza del Duomo**, to admire the Gothic **Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore** or "**Duomo**", **Giotto's slender Campanile** and the **Baptistery**. Visit the **Accademia** which is most famous for its sculptures by the great Renaissance artist – **Michelangelo**. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure in Florence and explore the many galleries, museums and wonderful markets on our own. **(B)**

DAY 6 – MAY 06 FLORENCE/ASSISI/CASCIA
We continue our pilgrimage to **Assisi**, nestled in the lovely region of **Umbria**. This region of **St. Francis, St. Rita** and **St. Clare** is famous for pilgrims throughout the world. Upon arrival we will have a guided tour on foot. We start with the **Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli** which stands in the plain laying at the feet of the Assisi hills protecting the **Porziuncola**, where **San Francesco** is said to have founded the first group of the Order of the "**Fra**

DAY 6 – MAY 06 CONTINUED
Minori" (Minor Friars) in 1209. We then continue to the **Basilica of Santa Chiara** to see **The Cross** that spoke to Francis. We will learn about **St. Clare**, beloved friend of **St. Francis** and see her incorrupt body in the final resting place of the **Basilica of Santa Chiara**. Next we visit the exquisite **Basilica di San Francesco**, which contains the holy relics of **St. Francis** and beautiful frescoes of his life. Afterwards we continue our pilgrimage to **Cascia**. We visit the Basilica of **St. Rita's de Cascia**. **Rita** came to be known to be as the **patroness** of abused wives and heartbroken women. Dinner and overnight in **Cascia**. **(B,D)**

DAY 7 – MAY 07 ROME
After breakfast we depart for **Rome, the Eternal City, the Holy City**. We visit the **Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore**, the most important and best preserved of Roman churches dedicated to the Madonna. In the afternoon our guided tour takes us to the **Vatican City** and **St. Peter's Basilica**. This is the site where **St. Peter** was martyred and buried, and which became the residence of the Popes who succeeded him. We visit the **Vatican Museums**, once papal palaces, including the **Sistine Chapel** with its masterpiece altar wall painting "**The Last Judgement**" and ceiling frescoes by **Michelangelo**. We then visit **St. Peter's Basilica**, a vast marble encrusted place of worship housing the tombs of **St. Peter** and **St. John Paul II**. There are 11 chapels and 45 altars in addition to a wealth of precious art and sculptures dominated by **Michelangelo's** spectacular **Dome**. **(D)**



VATICAN CITY

DAY 8 – MAY 08 ROME
After breakfast we start our day by attending "**Papal Audience**" subject to **His Holiness availability**. In the afternoon visit the **Colosseum**. It rises on top of the **Esquiline Hill** and is the only remaining example of early Christian architecture, even though, over time, it has been further embellished. Next we will visit the **Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls** which is one of the four papal basilicas of Rome, the second largest after **St. Peter's**. The church stands on the site which is traditionally believed to be the burial place of the **Apostle Paul**. **(B)**

DAY 9 – MAY 09 ROME
Today we have a full day at leisure to explore this beautiful city on our own. **Farewell dinner and overnight** **(B,D)**

DAY 10 – MAY 10 ROME/NEWARK
After breakfast we transfer to Rome airport for our return flight to Newark, via Munich. We arrive in Newark the same evening. **(B)**

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

IMPORTANT: Please submit a copy of your passport with your final payment.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN

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TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE

Up to **\$4,000** per person coverage:

Age 0 – 30	\$135
Age 31 – 55	\$150
Age 56 – 79	\$245
Age 80 +	\$479

To ensure coverage for existing medical conditions, the policy must be purchased within **14 days** of the initial deposit date.

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