

VICTORY CHURCH

ITALY TOUR

2025

Splendors of Christian Italy!

Rome • Vatican Museum • Pompei • Assisi • Florence • Pisa • Venice

Double Occupancy \$4850 Per Person from Oklahoma City
Includes all gratuities, airport and port taxes, bus from Oklahoma City, Breakfast & dinner

April 22-May 1, 2025

Hosted by:

Pastors Dale & Barb Swanson

Victory Church

(405) 440-2189

Please join us!



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AS YOU CONSIDER THIS TOUR:

TOUR PAYMENTS:

A non-refundable deposit of \$300 is required to make a reservation. This can be done by credit card through the link below. Final payment is due **January 10, 2025.**

Register and pay deposit online at: <https://www.friendshiptours.com/book-a-trip/>
Enter tour dates etc., with Group name/Tour leader: "Victory Church/Dale Swanson."
You may also mail a check payable to Friendship Tours Trust Account, with registration form and copy of your passport, to Dale Swanson c/o Victory Church.

COVID: This is subject to change based on current COVID international situations.
As of July 2024, there are no COVID related entry restrictions in Italy.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

We strongly recommend purchase travel insurance. Review Allianz information at <http://www.allianztravelinsurance.com/>.

To purchase you can contact: (call or email and leave your contact #, he will call you)

Mike Gross

Travel Sales, USA

O: 866-884-3556 ext 26457 | www.allianztravelinsurance.com

Mike.Gross1@allianz.com

PASSPORT:

Your passport ***MUST*** be valid for 6 months ***AFTER*** the return date. If not, apply for renewal (suggest expedited) immediately. ***Please send a photocopy of your passport to dale.swanson@victory.church or text to 405-209-9258*** if you pay your deposit online. Please include a copy with your deposit and registration form if you mail them to Dale.

TRAVEL:

These are uncertain times and travel arrangements may change. Be prepared for flight changes/additional costs due to changes. **Flexibility is key.**

Since flights are booked as a group, it is your responsibility to attempt to get miles credit for the flights. Each airline handles this differently. Our group - spouses and roommates - will usually be seated together. If you desire specific seats, you will need to login to the airline and make the changes personally, in addition to any personal information that may be required. There will likely be a charge to select a specific seat.

Check the airlines for their baggage policy. One checked suitcase and one carryon suitcase per person is the standard; weight restrictions apply.

PHYSICAL/AGE REQUIREMENTS:

The tour involves a lot of walking over varied terrain and surfaces, and some sites involve a lot of steps. Prior to considering the tour, you should be capable of walking several miles per day without difficulty.

Each traveler must be at least age 16. Minors must travel with parent.

LODGING:

Unless you paid for a private room, you will likely have a roommate. The upcharge for a private room is in the brochure.

COMMUNICATION:

Please contact Dale Swanson with any questions, at dale.swanson@victory.church

Please do not contact the tour company except to make online payments through their portal. Due to the high volume of people, they only communicate with the tour coordinators (Dale & Barb Swanson).

Please read ALL the attached information regarding payments/requirements/cancellations, etc., prior to booking the tour.

TOUR CONDITIONS PRICE PER PERSON FROM OKLAHOMA CITY:

\$4850 Cash/Check discount (\$5069 Credit Card)

Land Only: \$3892 Cash/Check Discount (\$4068 Credit Card)

(Note: This is a custom tour and the cost quoted above is based on a minimum No. of 30 adult participants. Should tour membership fall below this number, the tour operator reserves the right to re-cost the program.) All airfares are subject to change.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Round trip jet economy class airfare
- Four Star Hotels. Accommodations based on two persons sharing a room.
- Full I Buffet-Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- Round trip transfers by private motor coach including a qualified, licensed English-speaking guide
- Porterage for one standard size suitcase per person
- All hotel taxes and service charges are included
- Wireless headsets
- Airport taxes of \$480 per person, subject to change

NOT INCLUDED

- Lunches
- The cost of obtaining a U.S. passport, meals or beverages other than specified, insurance, items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, etc.

DOCUMENTS: A valid U.S. passport is required. No visas are required for U.S. passport holders.

Passports must be valid for 6 months from return.

RESERVATIONS: A non-refundable deposit of \$300 per person is required to make a reservation. **Balance is due on January 10, 2025.** Payments are not transferable to any other person.

CANCELLATIONS: All cancellations must be in writing. **Special note for all passengers using our airfare:**

Any cancellations received 91 days or earlier prior to departure will incur an additional \$200 cancellation charge over and above the charges stipulated under the normal cancellations for this tour. *For individual cancellations received up to:*
91 days prior to departure an administrative fee of \$500 will be charged; 90-60 days prior to departure a \$650 fee will be charged; 59-46 days prior to departure a \$850 fee will be charged; 45-31 days before departure are subject to a charge of 50% of the total tour cost; 30-0 days before departure are subject to a charge of 100% of the total tour cost.

INSURANCE NOTE: We strongly recommend that passengers purchase comprehensive insurance that includes coverage for Trip Cancellation or Interruption, Medical Expense and Baggage. An optional travel insurance plan is available to Friendship Tour Participants. Information about this plan is included with the reservation form.

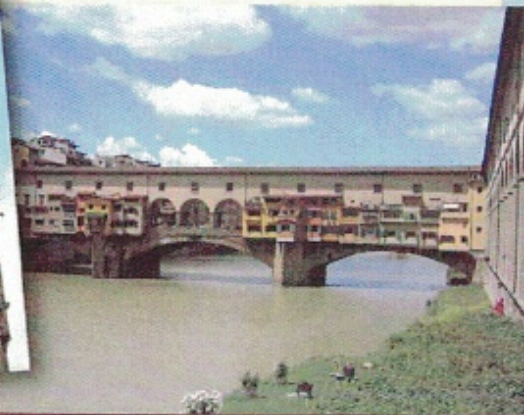
DEVIATIONS: Deviations are not permitted since this is a special airfare for this tour.

VALIDITY: Prices are based on airfares, tariffs and rates of exchange effective 7/24/24. All airfares are subject to change.

RESPONSIBILITY: Friendship Tours and their agents act only in the capacity of agents for the passengers in all matters pertaining to hotel accommodations, sightseeing, tours and transportation, whether by air, railroad, motor coach, steamship, boat or other means and, as such, hold themselves free of responsibility for any damage(s) from any cause(s) whatsoever. The tour operator will not be responsible for any damage, expense or inconvenience caused by late air, rail or boat arrivals or departures or by any change of schedules or other conditions; nor will they be responsible for the loss of, or damage to baggage or any article belonging to the passenger. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person traveling under our auspices. The carriers concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. The passenger contract used by the carriers concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the purchasers of this tour and/or the passengers. "This brochure is issued on the sole responsibility of the Tour Operator. It is not issued on behalf and does not commit the airline mentioned therein or any airline whose services are used in the course of the tour." The Tour Operator and their agents and suppliers reserve the right to change the sequence of the itinerary to re-route, substitute or change certain site visits according to local conditions at the time of our stay. CST #1014641-10

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YOUR DAILY ITINERARY:

Tue 22 April DAY 1 Oklahoma City • Dallas • Rome

We board our bus from Oklahoma City to DFW airport. This afternoon we depart Dallas for Rome, the eternal city. Relax and enjoy the onboard entertainment and meals.

Wed 23 April DAY 2 Arrive Rome

We arrive in Rome this afternoon and are met by our representative. Transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Thu 24 April DAY 3 Forum • Mamertine • Coliseum • Catacombs

We begin our walking tour at the ancient **Roman Forum**, where our guide will divulge its secrets. We will visit the Arch of Titus that commemorated the sack of Jerusalem by Titus in AD 70. We will view the **Mamertine Prison exterior**, where tradition says the Apostle Paul was imprisoned. Next, we visit the Coliseum. The **Coliseum** first opened in AD 80. Historians believe the Coliseum could hold between 40,000 and 80,000 people depending on how close the seating was. Hear the stories of the games that have fascinated people for hundreds of years. See the Arch of Constantine, Circus Maximus and the beautiful marble monument Victor Emmanuel II National Monument. Free time for lunch. Later we visit the Catacombs. The Catacomb is believed to have been created by future Pope Callixtus I, then a deacon of Rome, under the direction of Pope Zephyrinus, enlarging pre-existing early Christian hypogea. Callixtus himself was entombed in the Catacomb of Calepodius on the Aurelian Way. The catacomb forms part of an ancient funerary complex, the *Complesso Callistiano*, that occupies thirty hectares. The boundaries of this are taken as being the Via Appia Antica, the Via Ardeatina and the Vicolo delle Sette Chiese. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Fri 25 April DAY 4 Vatican Museums • St. Paul Outside the Wall

After breakfast you will begin a full day of site seeing. First visit Vatican City where you will see the **Basilica at St. Peter**, the **Sistine Chapel** and the **Vatican Museums** with stunning works of art at every turn. After some free time for lunch, you will stop at **The Abbey of Three Fountains**, the traditional site of Paul's martyrdom and the ancient street that he walked on. Next, visit the 4th century's **Basilica of St. Paul Outside The Walls** the site of Paul's tomb, Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Sat 26 April DAY 4 Rome • Pompeii • Naples

We travel today to Pompeii. Explore the **archaeological marvel of Pompeii**, preserved for centuries following the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. See Vesuvius and the catastrophic impact it left on the ancient Roman city as one of Pompeii's **expert archeologists** roams Pompeii's streets with you. We travel on to Sorrento. Sorrento is a coastal town in southwestern Italy, facing the Bay of Naples on the Sorrentine Peninsula. Perched atop cliffs that separate the town from its busy marinas, it's known for sweeping water views and Piazza Tasso, a cafe-lined square. The historic center is a warren of narrow alleys that's home to the Chiesa di San Francesco, a 14th-century church with a tranquil cloister. Proceed to Naples for dinner and overnight.

Sun 27 April DAY 6 Naples • Frescoes • Assisi • Florence

After breakfast travel through scenic Umbria to the ancient walled hillside village of Assisi. After lunch on your own, you will enjoy a guided tour of this beautiful, medieval town, which will include the Basilica San Francesco, decorated with some of the most renowned frescoes in the world. The stories of the sacrificial life of St. Francis will be an encouragement to us all. Our home for the next two evenings is in the beautiful city of Florence, the heart of charming Tuscany.

Mon 28 April DAY 7 Beautiful Florence, Michelangelo's David

You will spend the morning enjoying a guided tour of Florence, one of the world's greatest artistic capitals, which will include the Piazza della Signoria, Duomo, **Baptistry and a visit to the Academia** Galley, home of Michelangelo's David. A stop will also be made on the hillside overlook across the river from Florence where we will enjoy a panoramic view of the beautiful, red-tiled roof cityscape. This afternoon is at your leisure to enjoy shopping, visiting more galleries or strolling on the famous Pont Vecchio, the old bridge that spans the Arno River.

Tue 29 April DAY 8 Pisa & Verona

The sightseeing this morning includes a tour of Pisa where you will visit the Baptistry, Duomo and the famous leaning tower in the Piazza dei Miracoli. This afternoon we stop in romantic Verona, medieval setting of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, with a walk through the historic center/shopping district to see the famed balcony of Juliet. Our lodging for the next two evenings will be in Venice Mestre.

Wed 30 April DAY 9 Charming Venice

Start the morning sightseeing in style as your guide takes you by private boat along the Giudecca canal to meet your resident expert. Highlights of your walking tour are St. Mark's Square and the Byzantine splendor of **St. Mark's Basilica, lavish Doges' Palace** and the Bridge of Sighs. Afterwards enjoy Venice at your own pace or join an optional gondola ride through the picturesque canal system, visit the many charming shops and take photos galore.

Thu 01 May DAY 10 Venice • Dallas • Oklahoma City

This morning, we travel to Dallas. Arrive Dallas, clear customs and passport control and board our bus to Oklahoma City.

Highlights of Your Tour

Scheduled International Flights • Top-Quality Four-Star Hotels • Buffet Breakfast & Dinner Daily • Top Guide with In-Depth Knowledge of the Old and New Testaments • Private Air-Conditioned Motor coach • Visits to the Major Historical Sites • Visit the Vatican Museum • Enjoy the Tuscany area • Beautiful Venice experience •and much more!

Have A Very Pleasant Journey!

SPECIAL NOTE: The tour operator and/or guide reserve the right to alter the sequence of the daily itinerary and make substitutions in order to meet changes brought about by weather, airline delays or as deemed necessary for the best interest and overall comfort of the group.

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REQUIRED DEPOSIT PER PERSON: \$300 **SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: \$689** for private _____ room
You may pay the \$300 per person deposit by check or credit card. There is no extra charge for using a credit card for the \$300pp deposit. Credit card rate applies only if you pay the remaining balance by credit card.

****PASSPORTS MUST BE VALID FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS FROM DATE OF RETURN****

Option 1 Visit www.friendshiptours.com and book your trip online. You may also pay your deposit and purchase insurance online. *(Please provide a courtesy copy of this registration form to Pastor Swanson)*

Option 2 Please Mail this completed form with your payment to:
Victory Church
4300 N. McArthur Blvd
Warr Acres, OK 73122
CONTACT: Pastor Dale 405-440-2189

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Friendship Tours - Trust Account

Name (on passport): _____ Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Tel: () _____ Email Address: _____

Type of Room Required: _____ Twin Occupancy (Roommate _____)
_____ Single Occupancy (Additional charge applies)

I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE THE OPTION TO PURCHASE TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE FROM ALLIANCE INSURANCE AND I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE TOUR CONDITIONS PERTAINING TO THIS TOUR.

Signature (required) (SIGN ON **NEXT PAGE** AS WELL) Date
*(Please see and sign **NEXT** page for Form of Payment and Important Insurance Information)*

FORM OF PAYMENT

_____ I have enclosed a Deposit of \$_____ Per Person, for a Total Check amount of \$_____
_____ I have paid online by CREDIT CARD at www.friendshiptours.com. American Express cards not accepted.

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE January 10, 2025

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For those wishing to purchase the Allianz insurance, please apply directly to Allianz Travel

