

INSPIRATIONAL ITINERARY



PASSION PLAY SORDEVOLO

ROME/ASSISI/OROPA

Day 1 Depart USA Evening departure. Meals and refreshments served on board.

Day 2 Rome Arrive in Rome, meet your English speaking tour escort who will stay with the group until the end of the trip, and transfer to your hotel. This afternoon enjoy a visit of the Christian Catacombs. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Day 3 Rome After breakfast we depart for this morning's panoramic tour of Rome, as you pass by many of the city's most important sights including the Coliseum. This afternoon you are at leisure to enjoy this Eternal City. Overnight in Rome. (B)

Day 4 Rome/Assisi This morning we will return to Vatican City to participate in the Pope's weekly audience in St. Peter's Square. Afterwards, we depart Rome and travel north to Assisi, the town of the beloved St. Francis. We will tour the important sites of the area including the beautiful Basilica of St. Francis, the Church of St. Clare, which houses her incorrupted body, and the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. Dinner and overnight in Assisi. (B,D)

8 Days/6 Nights

Day 5 Assisi/Oropa Sanctuary Depart Assisi and travel to the beautiful region of Piedmont. Arrive at the magnificent Sanctuary of Oropa which is located in an incredible setting below the Alps. It is one of the nine Sacred Mountains of Piedmont and Lombardy and is on the UNESCO World Heritage list. The 12 chapels (plus another seven nearby) create a devotional path. Inside each chapel scenes of the Virgin Mary's life are depicted. The path culminates on top of the hill with the Crowning of Mary. Dinner and overnight at the Oropa Sanctuary. (B,D)

Day 6 Oropa Sanctuary Enjoy a morning visit of this magnificent sanctuary. In the late afternoon we depart for Sordevoles, the village where, every 5 years, a Passion Play is performed, with all the actors being local village people. Dinner will be at a local restaurant in Sordevoles before we attend this remarkable performance of "The Passion of Christ". Return to Oropa for overnight. (B,D)

Day 7 Oropa/Turin/Oropa This morning we will travel to Turin, the capital city of Piedmont, to view the extraordinary

Holy Shroud which will be on display. We will return to Oropa for dinner at the local restaurant in Oropa and savor delicious treats of the regional cuisine. Overnight in Oropa. (B,D)

Day 8 Oropa/Milan/USA After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

TOUR FEATURES

- 6 nights 3 star hotel accommodations: 2 nights Rome, 1 night Assisi, and 3 nights Oropa Sanctuary
- Buffet breakfast daily
- 5 dinners
- Private English Speaking Tour Director throughout
- Sightseeing as indicated, including local guide and all entrance fees
- Touring and transfers by deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- Porterage of 1 piece of luggage per person at hotels
- Passion Play ticket
- Hotel taxes and service charges

