

## Trip Itinerary

- **Day 1:** Depart from the USA.
- **Day 2:** Arrival. Rest for a few hours. Our private bus will take us to the town where the Pope's Summer Residence is located: the charming Castel Gandolfo with its spectacular Lake Albano. Awesome place just like those towns you see on TV. Wine tasting and opening night dinner at 6:00 pm at a local upscale restaurant: eat where the Italians eat. Several courses of delicious Italian food. Casual dress. Overnight in Rome.
- **Day 3:** Late Start. Leave Hotel with Private Bus around 9:30 am to go to St. Peter's in the Vatican, the largest Basilica in the world. Then off to St. John Lateran, the first Basilica ever to be built in the Roman Empire. Around 1:30 pm to the Catacombs for lunch and tour. The Catacombs are breathtaking. 500,000 people were buried there. Then off to St. Mary Major around 3:30 pm. St. Mary's Basilica is the main Basilica dedicated to the Blessed Mother in Rome. We will see the remains of Jesus' manger. Back at the Hotel around 5:30 pm. Rest for an hour. Dinner around the hotel area at 6:45 pm. Long pants or capris throughout the day. Casual dress in the evening. Overnight in Rome.
- **Day 4:** Leave Hotel around 9:30 am with Private Bus. Visit the Colosseum until 12:30 pm. The Colosseum is an amazing building that has been standing since 80 A.D. We will visit the Spanish Steps around 1:30 pm. This is the place where Romans hang out. Walk to Trevi Fountain for lunch and shopping. Walk to Pantheon, the oldest functional building in the world and then to the great artistic place of Piazza Navona around 4:30 pm. Dinner at 6:45 pm at Al Picchio Restaurant (Trevi Fountain) to enjoy Rome at night. Pasta of your choice, meat of your choice, dessert of your choice. Casual dress throughout the day. Overnight in Rome.
- **Day 5:** Private bus around 7:30 am to the Vatican to experience the 10:00 am Audience with the Pope. We will see the Pope very closely; sometimes we even shake his hand. After the audience, lunch and shopping around the area of the Vatican. In the afternoon, we will tour the Sistine Chapel (the Pope's private chapel) and the Vatican Museums. Private Bus back to the hotel around 5:30 pm. Rest for an hour. Dinner around the hotel area at 6:45 pm. Casual dress throughout the day. Overnight in Rome.
- **Day 6:** En route to Florence stop in Assisi. See the tombs of St. Francis and St. Clare, enjoy a peaceful walk on the streets of Assisi. Dinner in Assisi. Overnight in Florence.
- **Day 7:** Tour of Florence in the region of Tuscany. Tour of the Ponte Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria, the Uffizzi, Michelangelo's master piece, The David, Flea Market, Duomo (Cathedral), and the Baptistery. Tour Guide will show those interested the location of Basilica of San Lorenzo and the Medici Chapel (where the Medici family were buried), and Basilica della Santa Croce (where Michelangelo and 15 other glorious Italian artists and thinkers were buried). Have a wine tasting and dinner in rustic Tuscany. Casual dress throughout the day. Overnight in Florence.
- **Day 8:** Tour of Venice: an amazing city built on water. Leave for Venice in the morning on our private bus. Estimated time of arrival is 11:00 am. Visit St. Mark's plaza. Optional: Gondola ride and shopping. Early dinner in Venice 5:00 pm at a local restaurant. Back to Hotel 10:00 pm. Long pants if you intend to go inside St. Mark's. Casual dress if you intend to go on a Gondola ride or spend time shopping and visiting the beautiful streets and bridges of Venice. Overnight in Florence.
- **Day 9:** Our private bus brings us to the airport in Florence to fly back to the USA.

## Trip Includes

- Airfare from anywhere in the Continental USA (same price)
- Daily Mass is available but not mandatory. Proximo Travel has always one or more Catholic Priests accompanying the group as chaplain(s).
- Airport taxes, security fees and fuel surcharges
- Transfers as per itinerary
- 4 or 5 star Hotels in Downtown Areas
- Transportation with Luxury Bus
- Sightseeing & admissions fees as per itinerary
- All Breakfasts and all Dinners. Wine included with all dinners.
- All Tips to Driver, Hotel, and Tour Guide
- Guided Tours and Tour Fees
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)

## Trip Does Not Include

- Lunch
- Travel Cancellation Protection (optional) : \$200 per person



# General Trip Information

## Airport and Passport

- Flights can originate from anywhere in the U.S.
- [Get a Passport ASAP](#)
- It is highly recommended that you register your trip with the US State Department online at: <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>
- If there is a delay on your flight and the group as already left the airport; please take a taxi to the hotel listed in your final packet.

## Flight Information

- Be at the Airport at least 3 hours before departure
- You can deduct \$800 from the price of the trip if you purchase your own flight. Feel free to use your mileage and join the group at your destination.
- All flight information and itineraries are on our website: [www.proximotravel.com](http://www.proximotravel.com)
- You can earn miles even though we are traveling as a group. Just call the airline we are using and tell them that you need to be credited for your miles

## Staying In Touch

Each traveler will receive an emergency contact sheet for him/her and their family to be able to stay in touch with the tour guide at all times. Proximo Travel's tour guide is with you for the entire trip!

## Money

- Get some Euros before leaving the US (300-400 Euros)
- You can use your credit/debit cards, but inform your bank/credit card company in advance that you will be using them in Europe. Credit and debit cards have the best exchange rate
- AAA prepaid debit cards are also useful
- Avoid bringing Traveler's Checks with you
- Make sure that your pin does not start with number "0" and does not have more than 4 digits. Some ATM machines in Europe do not accept pins starting with "0" and pins that have more than 4 digits
- Money belts are highly recommended

## Transportation in Europe

- Proximo Travel has its own Private Luxury Bus at all times
- Bus is air-conditioned and has large windows to enjoy the scenery

## Dress Code

- Dress is casual and comfortable. It is a vacation, relax and enjoy
- Some sights (i.e. Vatican) require long pants (or capris) and shirts with sleeves
- Bring comfortable walking shoes. Avoid sandals because they could get stuck between the cobblestones
- Most of the hotels we use have a pool or a Jacuzzi, bring a bathing suit with you. (May—September)

## Hotels



We only make reservations at 4 or 5 star hotels!

## Packing and Carry-on

- Pack light! People normally don't use more than 60% of what they pack
- Pack your medicine, valuables, and one day's change of clothes in a carry-on just in case your luggage does not arrive on time
- Liquids should be in your checked luggage, not in your carry-on. If you choose to have your liquids in your carry-on, it should be less than 3 ounces and should be placed in a one quart-size plastic zip bag (one bag per person)
- You may visit the Transportation Security Administration's website (<http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/prohibited/permitted-prohibited-items.shtm#4>) to get an itemization of everything you can think of and identifies if the item can be in the carry-on and or checked luggage

## Safety

Safety is our priority. As we tour each country, every passenger is always accounted for: there is always a count of passengers before and after touring each site. We never leave anyone behind!

## Lots of Walking?

Even though we have our own private bus, some sites do require some walking. Bring comfortable shoes (dress shoes are not necessary at all). A wheelchair can be provided if traveling with a family member or friend.

## Traveling Alone

If you are traveling alone, we will room you with another nice passenger so that you don't have to pay the extra single room supplement. If you want your own private room, it is \$700 extra

## About Proximo Travel

Hundreds of people who traveled with us would be happy to speak with you about your trip. Safety is our priority. Proximo Travel hosts Vacation Tours to Italy, Ireland, Greece, the Holy Land, France, Spain, Portugal and Scotland, plus many other countries! No Rush, No Pressure, Lots of fun!

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## Number of Passengers

Proximo Travel hosts an average of 35 people on each tour. These trips are advertised in many venues. They almost always sell out early, so please keep this in mind when you are planning to book a trip. Many people book up to a year in advance

## Travel Cancellation Protection Policy

- Additional \$200 per person for full balance coverage up to last days before travel
- The Deposit is always non-refundable
- Passengers are able to purchase Cancellation Protection only up to 90 days before the departure date
- Travel Cancellation Protection does not cover ANY pre-existing medical or psychological condition(s). If a passenger has a medical or a psychological condition(s) prior to booking their trip, Travel Cancellation Protection does not entitle them to a refund if they cancel the trip because of any medical or psychological complications associated with their illness and their inability to travel
- Travel Cancellation Protection does not cover any medical complications while passengers are traveling. Travel Cancellation Protection is a cancellation policy and NOT a medical or psychological insurance. If any medical or psychological complications take place while traveling, Travel Cancellation Protection does not cover any expenses in case the passenger(s) need to come back home before the end of the trip
- These are the valid reasons for cancellation that you will be covered under the Travel Cancellation Protection: personal illness, surgery, incident incurring physical inability to travel, and death in the immediate family (God forbid)
- You must provide proof of your situation to be eligible for a refund prior to departure. In case of illness, a doctor's note is necessary. A generic letter from a doctor is not acceptable: There must be proof that something specific happened that prevented the passenger from traveling on the departure date. All necessary documents need to be submitted BEFORE departure. There will be a follow up if a note is received to make sure that the medical or psychological condition(s) is not a pre-existing condition
- A note from a doctor who is related to the passenger (whether it is a family member or a friend) will not be accepted because of a conflict of interest Each Traveler is responsible for expenses in cases where Proximo Travel has no control over events (i.e. missed flight because of a highway accident, etc...)

## Method of Payment

- Payment by cash, check and all credit cards
- Non-refundable \$500 deposit per person accepted immediately
- Balance is due 90 Days before USA Departure Date
- There is an extra 3% charge for credit card payments on balance

## Make Check Payable to:

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