



Day 1, Sunday -

September 21:

Detroit / Florence

Leave from Detroit Metro Airport for your overnight flight to Florence. Enjoy meals and movies in-flight.

Day 2, Monday – September 22: Florence

Arrive in Florence; transfer to hotel. This afternoon enjoy walking tour of the **Duomo, Palazzo Vecchio**. (Time permitting)

Day 3, Tuesday – September 23: Florence

Meet your local guide for a tour of **San Marco** and the **Academy Gallery** to see the famous **David by Michelangelo**. Lunch is on your own. The remainder of the afternoon is free. Dinner at a local restaurant

Day 4, Wednesday – September 24: Florence

This morning meet your guide and take a lovely walk into the old city center where you will visit the church of **Santa Croce** to see the tombs of Michelangelo and Galileo. Then, move on to **Piazza della Signoria** and the **Uffizi Gallery** with paintings by Rafael and Leonardo. Travel just outside the city for tonight's dinner with entertainment at an outdoor restaurant.

Day 5, Thursday - September 25: Siena & San Gimignano

Enjoy a panoramic excursion through the countryside of the Chianti area. Upon arrival in Siena you will have a guided visit of the medieval city starting with the Cathedral. Then, the tour takes you to **Piazza del Campo**, One of the most beautiful squares in Europe. After lunch on your own, depart for San Gimignano. This gem of the Middle Ages is called the Manhattan of Tuscany because it preserves 11 of its noble towers, giving it a "skyscraper" skyline. Return to Florence for dinner at a local restaurant

Day 6, Friday – September 26: Florence to Assisi

Depart for Assisi traveling thru Tuscany and into the Region of Umbria. Visit the **Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, Santa Chiara Church** and **San Rufino Cathedral**. Dinner and overnight at the hotel

Day 7, Saturday – September 27: Assisi

By Taxi, tour the **Hermitage**, a place of peace and silence, where the impact of the Franciscan spirituality is still fresh. Also tour the **San Damiano Church**, which is the church St. Francis restored, as a result of hearing the voice of the crucifix of San Damiano. Lunch is on your own. In the afternoon, you will have Mass and then a guided tour of the **St. Francis Basilica**. Enjoy dinner at the hotel

Day 8, Sunday – September 28: Assisi to Rome

Enjoy a scenic drive along the Tiber Valley on the way to Orvieto. Orvieto is perched high atop volcanic rock. Ride a modern funicular through the forbidden ramparts. Lunch on your own. Browse through tempting shops in the lanes off **Piazza del Duomo**, and find the right angle for a picture of the fabulous gothic façade of **Orvieto Cathedral**. It was here that the Holy Father, Pope Urban IV was living at the time the Eucharistic Miracle took place in 1263. In the late Afternoon arrive in Rome and check into the hotel. Dinner at a local restaurant. Optional walking tour with Fr. Jim.

Day 9, Monday – September 29: Rome

Depart for your morning guided tour to **St. Clements, the Coliseum** and **Roman Forum**. Stop at the top of the **Aventine Hill**, crowned by the magnificent basilica of **St. Sabina**. There are exceptional views across the Tiber River to Trastevere and St. Peters. Return to the hotel, where lunch is on your own. After lunch meet your Escort and guide for the remainder of the tour. On to **St. John Lateran**, this is the Cathedral of the Diocese of Rome. The pope comes here to celebrate mass on certain holidays. You will then see **St. Paul's Basilica** outside the walls, Rome's fourth church, believed to have been erected over the tomb of St. Paul, burned in 1823 but was subsequently rebuilt. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 10, Tuesday – September 30: Pompeii

Guided tour of the excavations, as the city was buried by ashes nineteen centuries ago when Mount Vesuvius erupted in the summer of 79 A.D. Return to Rome for dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 11, Wednesday – October 1: Rome

In the morning attend **Papal Audience**. This afternoon visit **St. Domitilla Catacombs**, where the early Christians buried their dead and during the worst times of persecution held church services discreetly out of the public eye. The catacombs of St. Domitilla are the oldest of the ancient catacombs. Travel via the **Appian Way** to the **Fosse Ardeatine**, a memorial to the political prisoners and civilians who were executed by the Nazi's in an abandoned quarry south of Rome. We will be returning to the hotel before having dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 12, Thursday – October 2: Rome

Attend **Mass at St. Peters**. Included in the tour of **St. Peters**, you will find the "**Pieta**" by **Michelangelo**. Visit the **Vatican Museum**, which boasts one of the world's greatest art collections. It is a gigantic repository of treasures from antiquity and the Renaissance, all housed in a labyrinth of lavishly adorned palaces, apartments, and galleries leading to the real gem the **Sistine Chapel**. Lunch is on your own with free time this afternoon. After Dinner at a local restaurant, optional walking tour with Fr. Jim to **Trastevere**

Day 13, Friday – October 3: Rome

Visit **St. Lawrence** outside the walls on the way to **Tivoli**, Have your camera ready as you enter the most famous of all renaissance residences in Europe. **Villa D'Este**, with its incredible fountains and terraced gardens. Enjoy a bountiful farewell banquet in **Montecelio**. Return to Rome for dinner on your own, at your leisure. Join Fr. Jim for an optional evening walk to the **Trevi Fountain**

Day 14, Saturday – October 4: Rome / USA

Leave for your flight home. Meals and movies in-flight

Please return this reservation form with you deposit.

Tour # McDougall 08

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Please reserve ___ place(s) for me on your fall 2008 tour to Italy with Fr. Jim McDougall. I have enclosed an \$850.00 membership deposit for each person **by April 26, 2008**. I understand the airport taxes and fuel surcharge of approximately \$318.00 per person are to be paid with final payment and may increase until final payment has been made.

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Fr. Jim McDougall
September 21 – October 4, 2008**



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*Special stops include Siena, San
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