



IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION

## PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

### **Friday, June 5 (Day 1) – USA/ROME**

Depart Columbus for Rome via Charlotte on American Airlines.

### **Saturday, June 6 (Day 2) ROME/MONTECASSINO/NAPLES**

Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci Airport in Rome. After going through passport control, you will be met by your tour escort. Board your private motor coach and depart for a Mass and a guided tour at the Abbey of Montecassino, where the first house of the Benedictine Order was built. Lunch on own en route. Afternoon continue on to Naples. Check-in at Hotel Mercure Napoli Angioino Centro. Dinner at local restaurant. (D)



### **Sunday, June 7 (Day 3) NAPLES/POMPEII/AMALFI/NAPLES**



Breakfast at hotel. Depart for Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary, followed by a guided tour of the excavations dating back to 79 AD. Lunch on own. Afternoon drive along the Amalfi Coast for a guided tour of Amalfi. Return to Pompeii late afternoon. Dinner at local restaurant. (B,D)

### **Monday, June 8 (Day 4) NAPLES/CATANIA**

Breakfast at hotel and check-out. Departure for Naples Capodicino Airport and board your flight to Catania. Check-in at Plaza Hotel. Lunch on own. Afternoon guided tour of the main city sites and Mass at the Basilica of St. Agatha. Dinner at hotel. (B,D)



### **Tuesday, June 9 (Day 5) – CATANIA/ ETNA/TAORMINA/CATANIA**



on own. (B,L)

Breakfast at hotel. Departure for a half-day excursion of Mt. Etna by bus. Continue on to Taormina. Lunch at Ristorante Bella Blu overlooking the splendid city of Taormina. Guided tour follows which will include the breath-taking Greek/Roman theatre overlooking Mt. Etna. Free time for shopping. Mass at the Church of St. Catherine before returning to Catania. Dinner

### **Wednesday, June 10 (Day 6) – CATANIA/PIAZZA ARMERINA/AGRIGENTO**

Breakfast at hotel and check-out. Mass at the Church of St. Michael the Archangel. Departure for Piazza Armerina for a guided tour of the ancient Roman Villa del Casale, which dates back to the 4<sup>th</sup> century AD, and contains the richest, largest and most complex collection of Roman mosaics in the world. Lunch on own. Continue on to Agrigento for a guided tour of the spectacular Greek temples which date back to the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC. Check-in at Colleverde Park Hotel. Dinner at hotel. (B,D)



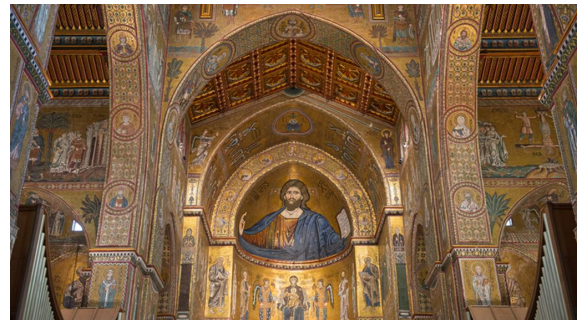
### **Thursday, June 11 (Day 7) – AGRIGENTO/MARSALA/ERICE/ PALERMO**



Breakfast at hotel and check-out. Departure for Marsala for Mass at the Santuario dell'Addolorata, followed by a typical wine-tasting and light lunch. Afternoon departure for a guided tour of Erice, which offers you one of the most spectacular views of Sicily. Continue on to Palermo and check-in at Hotel Artemisia Palace. Dinner at local restaurant. (B,L,D)

### **Friday, June 12 (Day 8) – PALERMO/MONREALE/PALERMO**

Breakfast at hotel. Departure for Monreale for Mass and a guided tour of the magnificent Norman Cathedral, one of the greatest examples of Norman architecture in the world and one of the most beautiful churches in Italy, as well as a national monument, followed by a visit to the Shrine of St. Rosalia, the patron saint of Palermo. Lunch on own. Afternoon free and dinner at local restaurant. (B,D)



### **Saturday, June 13 (Day 9) PALERMO**



Breakfast at hotel. Departure for a guided tour of the city of Palermo to include the Palatine Chapel in the Royal Palace, the "Martorana" Church, and the the splendid Cathedral where you will also have Mass. Lunch on your own and afternoon free. Dinner at local restaurant. (B,D)

### **Sunday, June 14 (Day 10) – PALERMO/ROME**

Breakfast at hotel and check-out. Departure for Puntaraisi Airport for flight to Rome. Check-in at Hotel Cicerone. Lunch on own. Afternoon departure for a guided tour of the Basilicas of St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. John Lateran, and St. Mary Major, where you will have Mass. Dinner at local restaurant. (B,D)



### **Monday, June 15 (Day 11) – ROME**



Breakfast at hotel. Departure for Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, followed by a scavi tour (necropolis beneath St. Peter's Basilica). Lunch on own. Afternoon guided tour of the Vatican Museums/Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. Dinner at local restaurant. (B,D)

### **Tuesday, June 16 (Day 12) – ROME**

Breakfast at hotel. Departure for Mass and a guided tour at the Catacombs of St. Callistus, followed by Ancient Rome to include the Colosseum (from the outside) and the Aventine Hill. Lunch on own. Afternoon free to shop for religious articles to have blessed By Pope Francis at the Wednesday papal audience. Dinner at local restaurant. (B,D)



### **Wednesday, June 17 (Day 13) –ROME**



Breakfast at hotel. Departure for St. Peter's Square to attend the general papal audience. Lunch on own. Afternoon departure for a guided tour of the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Navona Square, and Pantheon where you will also have Mass. Farewell dinner at local restaurant. (B,D)

### **Thursday, June 18 (Day 14) – ROME**

Breakfast at hotel and check-out. Departure for Fiumicino Airport and *Arrivederci Roma!*