

FRANCISCAN ITALY - SEPTEMBER 2007

Day 1	Fri 21 Sep	Brisbane Singapore	Dep: 1445 Arr: 2045	Singapore Airlines SQ236
Day 2	Sat 22 Sep	Milan (MXP)	Dep: 2355 Arr: 0700	Singapore Airlines SQ378
		Upon arrival you will be met and escorted to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. Stay: Hotel -To be advised		
Day 3	Sun 23 Sep	Milan	After breakfast you set out on a morning sightseeing tour of the city, including the magnificent Duomo, the nearby Gallery and the famous La Scala Theatre and Museum. The Arch of Peace and the Monumental Cemetery will also be featured. Then to the Church of S. Maria delle Grazie to view Da Vinci's <i>Last Supper</i> . After lunch we set off to the Lakes District for a scenic tour of Lake Como and surrounds. Return to Milan for overnight. (B, L)	
Day 4	Mon 24 Sep	Milan / Florence	Leave Milan this morning and drive south along the coast via Santa Margherita Ligure on the Italian Riviera to Pisa. We will stop here to visit the world famous Tower, Cathedral and Baptistery. Then continue our journey to Florence. (B, D)	
Day 5	Tue 25 Sep	Florence	After breakfast at the hotel we set out with our guide for a morning city sightseeing tour. We will visit the Piazza del Duomo where you can admire the Cathedral and bell tower by Giotto. We will stop at Piazzale Michelangelo for a panoramic view of the city, and we will end at the Uffizi Gallery where entrance has been provided. After you have explored the wonders of this world famous gallery you are free to shop or return to the hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure. (B, D)	
Day 6	Wed 26 Sep	Florence	A day at leisure. Florence is a city of churches and there is time today to explore at your leisure. Florence is also a shopper's paradise from the magnificent jewellery shops that line the Ponte Vecchio to the bustle and bargains of the extensive markets. There may be an opportunity today to visit an Anglican Church in this city. (B)	
Day 7	Thu 27 Sep	Florence / Siena / San Gimignano / Florence	A day of magnificent sightseeing is ahead of us as we drive through the Chianti countryside to Siena, a World Heritage listed city. Here a local guide will take us on a walking tour of this mediaeval city and we will visit the imposing Cathedral and the Piazza del Campo. After lunch we drive to San Gimignano, a tiny city perched on a hilltop that is famous for its numerous towers, frescoes and art treasures. There will be free time to explore before the return drive to Florence for overnight. (B, L)	
Day 8	Fri 28 Sep	Florence / Arezzo / Gubbio / La Verna	We leave Florence this morning and drive south to Arezzo to view the incredible frescoes in the church of San Francesco, then to Gubbio, famous in the life of St Francis as the site of his encounter with the wolf. The town is noted for its mediaeval ramparts, Ducal Palace and the beauty of the local ceramics. Continue on to La Verna for overnight. Stay: Santuario della Verna (monastery) (B, D)	
Day 9	Sat 29 Sep	La Verna / Assisi	A day of relaxation and rest. Until we drive to Assisi in the late afternoon. Stay: Casa del Terziario (monastery) (B, L, D)	
Day 10	Sun 30 Sep	Assisi	After breakfast we plan a walking tour of the town. We visit the Church of S. Chiara and the magnificent Basilica of S. Francis containing the celebrated Giotto frescoes. Also visit the imposing church of S. Maria delle Angeli located on the plain below the hilltop town. Afternoon at leisure. (B, D)	

Day 11	Mon 01 Oct	Assisi At leisure. A day for recollection and quietness. (B, D)
Day 12	Tue 02 Oct	Assisi / Orvieto / Spoleto / Castellammare di Stabia A long drive today. We visit Orvieto, famous for its beautiful cathedral, then travel via Spoleto, famous as an artistic drama and music festival site en route to Castellammare di Stabia Stay: Istituto Salesiano S. Michele (monastery) (B, D)
Day 13	Wed 03 Oct	Castellammare di Stabia Local sightseeing today to Sorrento, Positano, Amalfi and Salerno. After lunch we will visit the ruins of Pompeii. (B, D)
Day 14	Thur 04 Oct	Castellammare di Stabia / Rome En route to Rome we will visit the Benedictine monastery of Monte Cassino, scene of an intense battle in WWII. We may be in time to join the monks in worship. Then on to the Eternal City. Stay: Hotel – To be advised (B)
Day 15	Friday 05 Oct	Rome A full day of sightseeing is on our agenda today. First of all we will visit the Vatican and its Museum of incredible treasures. Afterwards we embark on a walking tour of Classical Rome, visiting the Trevi Fountain, the incredible Pantheon, the Column of Marcus Aurelius and the Piazza Navona. After lunch at a local restaurant we continue on by coach past the impressive Victor Emanuel monument on the Piazza Venezia to the serenity of the Basilica of S. Paul Outside the Walls. We visit the ancient Forum, see the Circus Maximus and the ruins of the Colosseum. (B, L)
Day 16	Sat 06 Oct	Rome A full day at leisure in this wonderful city. Perhaps you will wish to visit the myriads of church scattered throughout the city, or undertake an optional tour to the underground catacombs. A day of shopping or relaxing may be your preference. A visit to the Anglican Centre, with Eucharist, may be arranged for those who are interested. Tonight, our last in Rome, we join together for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)
Day 17	Sun 07 Oct	Rome Transfer to the airport for our onward flight. Dep: 1200 Singapore Airlines SQ365
Day 18	Mon 08 Oct	Singapore Arr: 0645 Stopover Possible if desired Singapore Airlines SQ245 Brisbane Arr: 1925 (or connections to all Australian capital cities ex Hobart)

INCLUSIONS:

- **Accommodation** – hotels are 3 / 4* with private facilities. Tour based on share twin accommodation. Supplement is payable for passengers requiring single rooms.
- **Monasteries** – as detailed above. Should a monastery advise that they are unable to accommodate the group, Canterbury Tours will endeavour to find an alternative. In the case of this not being possible, the group will be accommodated in hotels.
- **Meals** – breakfasts (Continental) throughout. Additional meals as indicated above – **L = Lunch; D = Dinner**
- **Entrances** – we have arranged for pre-payment of entrances as follows:
 - Milan – *The Last Supper*
 - Pisa – Tower, Cathedral and Baptistery
 - Florence – Uffizi Gallery
 - Pompeii
 - Monte Cassino
 - Vatican Museum
- **Touring** – in air-conditioned coach or mini-bus with driver and English speaking guide. Additionally, local guides will be provided in some locations (as required by Italian Tourism legislation). This is a private tour.

- **Airfares** – Australia/ Milan and Rome/Australia economy class airfares with Singapore Airlines. Canterbury Tours reserves the right to change bookings to an alternative carrier if necessary, depending on costs and schedules. Upgrades to Business and/or First Class on one or more sectors may be available – we are happy to provide details of additional costs required.

NOT INCLUDED:

- **Airline taxes / airport charges.** These taxes change daily and the payment of them is as will prevail on the date of payment. It is expected that an amount of A\$350+ should be allowed to cover these taxes – this is however, an approximation.
- **Tips** – to driver and guide, and anywhere else you have received good service.
- **Insurance** – Travel Insurance is extremely important. Everything Travel, in association with Canterbury Tours, will be happy to arrange this on your behalf. Alternatively, you are at liberty to arrange insurance independently.
- **Passport and visa fees**
- **Items of a personal nature** – this goes without saying!

ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Everything Travel, in association with Canterbury Tours, will be happy to arrange any extensions to your tour. Hotels, touring, flight reservations, car hire, rail travel, cruising etc may be booked at the end of your tour. Your airline ticket is valid for 12 months. Should you require a stopover on your return journey to Australia, Singapore Airlines offers attractive stopover packages in Singapore for one day or several days.

Additional nights in Rome may be booked to allow for personal sightseeing.

IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE:

While every effort has been made to assess the cost of this tour as a whole, should there be variances to currency exchange rates and/or increases in airline fares, Canterbury Tours reserves the right to impose a surcharge to the quoted cost.

Should the tour numbers not reach the minimum required to obtain the quoted price, the tour may have to be cancelled. In this case a full refund of monies paid would be offered, or alternatively, the group as booked would be offered the option to proceed with the tour at a price to cover the reduced numbers.

Deposit

A deposit of \$500 per person is required to confirm a place on the tour. Please consider Cancellation Insurance at this time, as this deposit is non-refundable except under extreme circumstances.

Balance of Payment

Full payment of the balance of the tour cost will be due and payable by Friday 20 July 2007. After that date all unused accommodation will be released to the overseas suppliers, and late applications to join the tour will be possible only upon request and consultation with the various overseas suppliers and the airline concerned.

Airline Schedules

As the operation of airline schedules is beyond our control, should we be notified of a change to our reserved flights we will immediately advise all passengers and either (a) arrange bookings with an alternative carrier; or (b) make adjustments to the itinerary to accommodate the flight changes.

Health

This tour is not strenuous, though there are days when quite a deal of walking is required, and often on cobblestoned streets – please consider your individual capabilities in this regard. The tour is not rushed and will be conducted to please all passengers if possible. We have only one 'single night' in a destination (La Verna) as all other stops are for two or more nights. We are not planning very early morning starts, though there are days when several hours will of necessity need to be spent in travelling. If you require any information regarding the performance of sightseeing etc on this tour, we would be happy to clarify.

Tour Cost: AUD 5985 * # (share twin)

Single Supplement AUD 600

Land Only AUD 4465

* Plus Taxes.

Price subject to change. Unexpected currency fluctuation, fuel surcharges, increases imposed by overseas suppliers