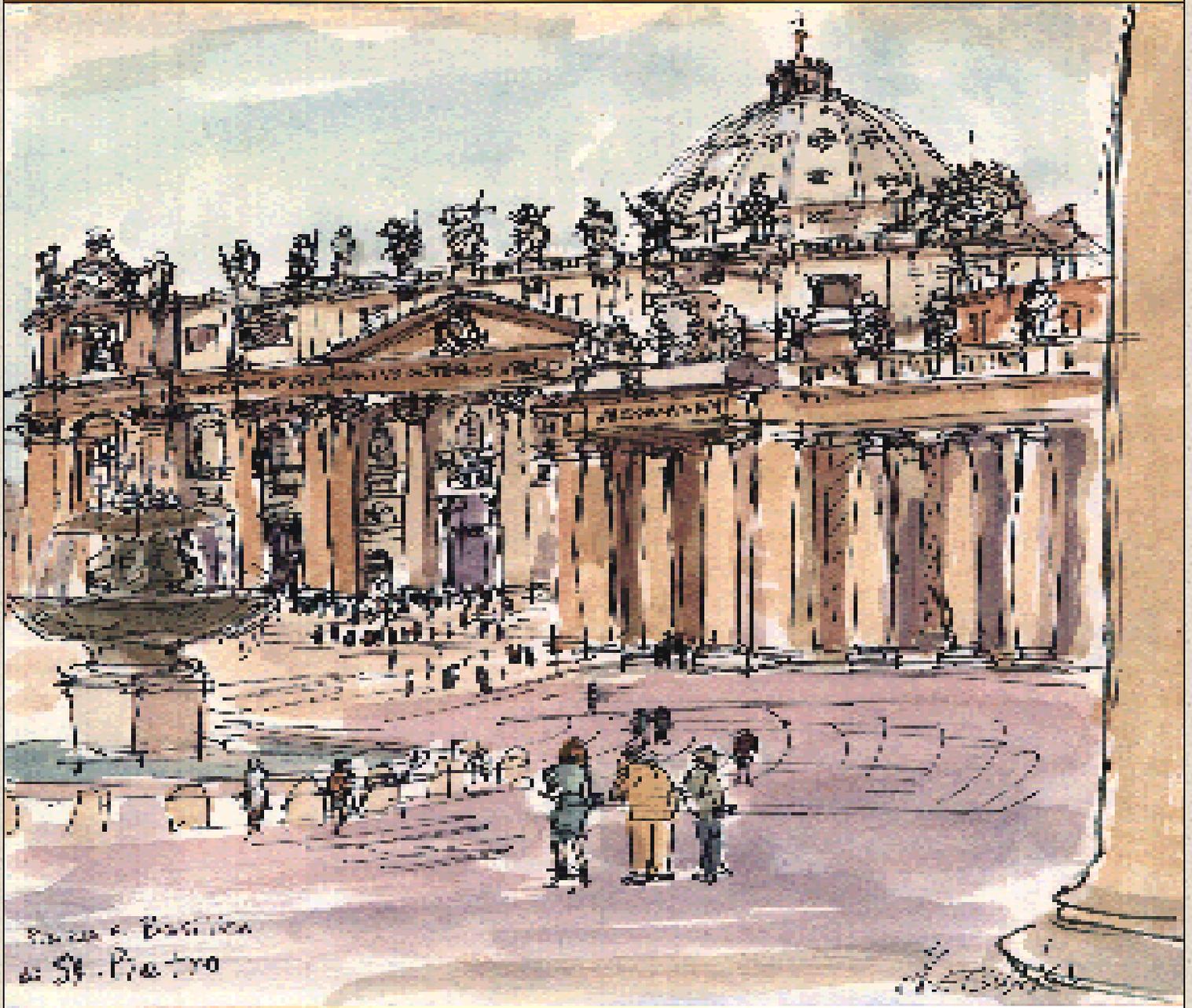


Spiritual Highlights of Italy

Churches of Rome, Florence, Assisi, Pisa, Sienna, and San Gimignano



2013 Italy—Sample Itinerary
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Day 1 & 2 - Departure and Arrival

Arrive at Florence Airport and transfer to the picturesque Tuscan village of San Gimignano for the next six nights. (D)

Day 3 - Pisa

Pisa is famous for its Leaning Tower. It is a strangely appealing building yet it is just a single component of Pisa's breathtaking and dazzling architectural buildings of the Campo dei Miracoli where we visit the Duomo and Baptistry before an optional climbing of the tower. Return to San Gimignano. (Breakfast (B), Lunch (L), and Dinner (D) included)

Day 4 - Siena

Siena is one of the most appealing towns in Tuscany with its well-conserved medieval streets and the square, the Piazza del Campo. The piazza's focal point is the Palazzo Pubblico which dates back to 1250. We also visit the monumental Duomo, Siena's cathedral. Return to San Gimignano for overnight. (B,D)

Day 5 - Tuscan Countryside

We slow down the pace but not the experience. We explore the beautiful countryside of Tuscany with its verdant vineyards. Take an optional vineyard tour with a Tuscany farmhouse lunch included as well as a local wine tasting event. Or on your own explore the countryside and soak up the local atmosphere. Simply stroll the streets of San Gimignano and climb one of its towers. The medieval towers of San Gimignano are among Tuscany's most famous views and are a World Heritage Site. End each day with a palate-pleasing Tuscan dinner. (B,D)

Day 6 - Florence

Florence is truly one of the amazing cities of Italy. Some of the greatest works by Michelangelo are found here. We visit the Academia and view the majestic David, then to the Duomo, Brunelleschi's sloping, red-tiled dome, predominant on Florence's skyline and the world's fourth-largest cathedral. The Gates of Paradise on the Baptistery are not to be missed. Then to the Basilica of Santa Croce with its walls lined with the tombs of Michelangelo, Macchiavelli, Galileo and Bardi. Return to San Gimignano for overnight (B,L,D)

Day 7 - Tuscan Cooking

Again, we slow down the pace but not the experience. Take an optional Tuscan cooking class and prepare a full Tuscan menu as you spend time with a local chef. You may choose to visit the many fine churches of San Gimignano or shop for ceramics, local wines, or water colors of the sunflower fields of Tuscany. We will end the day together with a wonderful Tuscan dinner. (B,D)

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Day 8 - Umbria Countryside/ Assisi

Walled Assisi is miraculous with its many churches including Santa Maria Maggiore, San Pietro and St Clare. St Francis was born here and work began on his basilica two years after his death. It's a magnificent tribute to the patron saint of animals, with frescoes by Giotto, Cimabue and Martini. Overnight in nearby Spoleto. (B,D)

Day 9 - Rome: Roman Forum, Palatine Hill, Coliseum

All roads lead to Rome...for thousands of years tourists, merchants and pilgrims have journeyed to the city of seven hills on the Tiber. Rome has unarguably one of the richest, fullest histories of any city on earth...and all the while incorporating some of the finest architecture still surviving. The tour begins with a visit to the Colosseum followed by a walking tour through the ancient Roman Forum. We also visit the Mamertine Prison where Peter and Paul were held captive. (B,L)

Day 10 - Rome: St. Peter's and Vatican City, Sistine Chapel

We stroll along the Tiber and enter Vatican City where we visit the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel, world famous for Michelangelo's ceiling frescoes and The Last Judgment. We also visit St. Peter's Square and Basilica where Michelangelo's "Pieta" is but just one of many highlights. An afternoon walking tour to the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain and Spanish Steps is also available. (B,D)

Day 11 - Martyrdom of Apostle Paul

We travel along the Appian Way and visit the Catacombs. Then we visit the church of St. Paul of the Three Fountains, site of his martyrdom as we spend time in worship, thanking God for this great man of faith. Concluding Paul's life, we visit the church of St. Paul Outside-the-Walls, built over the recently excavated site of his tomb. We end our time in the Eternal City with our farewell dinner. (B,D)

Day 12 - Departure to USA

Return home with renewed faith and new friends!

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