

# ITALY 2016

## Jubilee Year of Mercy

### September 18 - 30, 2016

Dear Traveler:

Pope Francis has declared 2016 an extraordinary Jubilee Year celebrating God's mercy. It is a special time of pilgrimage to the Eternal City of Rome and to visit and pray at the four major basilicas of Rome: St. Peter's at the Vatican, St. Mary Major, St. Paul Outside-the-Walls, and St. John Lateran. All four basilicas will have their Holy Doors unsealed for the faithful on pilgrimage to pass through, symbolizing our spiritual journey to heaven. I invite you to travel on this extraordinary trip in 2016 that will begin in Rome and also include other locations in Italy. Even if you have been to Italy before, this journey during the Holy Year will be special and unique



and will include locations previous trips did not include on the itinerary. It will be a break-taking and remarkable journey like none other! The remarkable itinerary has been carefully arranged to make this a once in a lifetime unforgettable experience.



The cost of Italy is

slightly higher than previous trips but if you have travelled on a previous trip, you will know every day will offer a high quality experience. Over the years, flights to Italy and accommodations in Italy have become more and more expensive, especially in Venice. Some trips include Venice by staying a distance from the heart of the city limiting the visit and the experience of the beauty of the city. The 2016 itinerary include staying right in the heart of the beauty and magical atmosphere of the city.

Some of the other important highlights of the trip:

- Round trip flights from Toronto, coach to the airport
- Visits to all 4 major basilicas of Rome and their Holy Doors
- Rome hotel in walking distance to St. Peter's Square
- Assisi hotel in the walled medieval city
- Venice hotel in the heart of the island city
- **4-star hotels** in excellent locations for independent exploring
- Lunch and wine pairing at a winery in the Italian countryside
- English speaking guide throughout the trip
- Tour hearing devices to hear guide
- Meals included: breakfast daily, 7 dinners including welcome dinner in Rome and Farewell dinner in Milan
- Luggage porters (one suitcase per traveler) at hotels
- Entry fees for all sites in the itinerary
- **All tips and taxes** are included (bus drivers, guides, restaurants, airport taxes\*, airline fuel surcharges\*)



**TOTAL TRIP PRICE: \$ 5459.00**

\*included but subject to change.



As in the past, Unitours, Inc. is offering an **early bird registration discount of \$50.00** if you reserve your spot in the first 30 days of the publication of the trip. Official publication will start on July 15, 2015, so the discount will be available until August 15, 2015.

As in the past trips to the Holy Land and Greece, there is significant interest in this trip. Previous trips did sell out and others were put on a waiting list. If you are interested in this trip, I would not delay reserving your spot. You can reserve your spot by returning the enclosed reservation form and your deposit of \$300.00 made

payable to Unitours, Inc. I will hold the deposits until the trip officially opens on July 15<sup>th</sup> and if something changes in your plans before July 15, 2015, I will return your original deposit. Once again, travel insurance is available and covers pre-existing conditions if you insure your trip at the time of registration. Include the travel insurance payment (with your deposit).



*The Holy Door of St. Peter's will be open during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The door was last opened for the Great Jubilee of 2000.*

For information and details regarding Travel Insurance go to: [www.Unitours.com/TravelInsurance](http://www.Unitours.com/TravelInsurance)

Please scroll down to the next page for a full day-by-day itinerary.

**\$50 Early Booking  
Discount if Reserved  
by  
August 15, 2015**

# **Father Peter Karalus**

## **Italy Pilgrimage Year of Mercy 2016**

**September 18 - 30, 2016 - 13 Days**

**\$5459 from Toronto**

**For Information and Reservations, Contact Fr. Peter Karalus, St. John Paul II Parish Community  
PO Box 115, 2052 Lakeview Road, Lake View, NY 14085 – Telephone: 716-627-2910 - Email: [pjkbuffalo@gmail.com](mailto:pjkbuffalo@gmail.com)**

**Sunday, September 18 - DAY 1 – Depart Toronto** for our flight to Rome to arrive the next day.

**Monday, September 19 - DAY 2 – ROME** – Depending upon arrival time, a quick stop for a snack, we begin our Holy Year Pilgrimage by visiting the Basilica of St. Paul's Outside the Wall and enter through the Holy Door and celebrate the beginning of our pilgrimage with Mass. Time permitting; we visit the Pantheon before checking into our hotel. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Tuesday, September 20 - DAY 3 - ROME** – Walk from hotel to celebrate early morning Mass in one of the crypts at St.

Peter's. We tour St. Peter's immediately after Mass. We visit the Sistine Chapel directly without touring the Vatican Museum, independent lunch, free afternoon and dinner on our own. Overnight at our hotel.

**Wednesday, September 21 - DAY 4 - ROME** – Morning audience with Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square (if he is in residence.) Independent lunch. On to celebrate Mass at St. John Lateran, the Cathedral church of the City of Rome. This afternoon you have a preselected choice: for those who are visiting Rome for the first time, it is recommended to enjoy a guided tour of the Coliseum and the Forum and a visit to the catacombs. If you have been to Rome and you prefer not to visit the Coliseum and Forum, you may opt for a special excursion with Fr. Peter (TBA) or a free afternoon and evening to explore other highlights of the Eternal City. Balance of day free and dinner on our own.

**Thursday, September 22 - DAY 5 – ROME/ASSISI** – This morning we visit St. Mary Major to enter through the Holy Door, after which we travel to Assisi. First stop is in the lower village to visit St. Mary of the Angels and celebrate Mass. Continue on to the upper village and check in to our hotel for dinner and overnight

**Friday, September 23 - DAY 6 – ASSISI** - This morning, we begin at the Basilica of St. Francesco with Mass. After our visit of the Basilica and the tomb of St. Francis, we begin our walking tour of the village. Included is a visit to the Church of St. Clare to view the crucifix that spoke to St. Francis. We pass by the famous Temple of Minerva in the Piazza del Comune. This afternoon, we can enjoy this picturesque hillside village on our own. Dinner on our own and overnight at our hotel

**Saturday, September 24 - DAY 7 - ASSISI/RAVENNA** - Depart Assisi for Ravenna. We stop in Montefalco to enjoy included lunch with wine at Arnaldo Caprai. Upon arrival in

Ravenna this afternoon, we enjoy a walking tour. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Sunday, September 25 - DAY 8 – RAVENNA/VENICE** - After morning Mass in Ravenna; rest of morning free and independent lunch in Ravenna. This afternoon we depart for Venice. Upon arrival in mainland Venice, we take the ferry to the island where we check into our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Monday, September 26 - DAY 9 – VENICE** – After a visit to St. Mark's to celebrate Mass, we are taken on a walking tour of Venice. We enjoy a free afternoon and dinner on our own.

Overnight at our hotel.

**Tuesday, September 27 - DAY 10 – VENICE/BELLAGIO** - Morning departure for Lake Como. Enjoy independent lunch followed by a walking tour of Bellagio. Bellagio is a commune in the Province of Como in the Italian region of Lombardy, located on Lake Como. It has long been famous for its setting at the intersection of the three branches of the Y-shaped lake, which is also known as Lario. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Wednesday, September 28 - DAY 11 – BELLAGIO** - Morning Mass in Bellagio. Late morning tour of Villa Carlotta in Menaggio - Villa Carlotta welcomes you with its magnificent botanic garden and art masterpieces in over 70,000 square metres of gardens and museum. The beautiful villa was built at the end of XVII century by the

Milanese marquis Giorgio Clerici in a natural basin between lake and mountains, facing the dolomite Grignas and the peninsula of Bellagio. The architect created for the Clericis an important but sober building, with an Italian garden decorated with sculptures, stairs and fountains. Balance of day and evening free, dinner on our own.

**Thursday, September 29 - DAY 12 – BELLAGIO/MILAN** - Morning departure for Milan to celebrate Mass at the Cathedral followed by tour of La Scala and viewing of Last Supper (if available). Free afternoon before enjoying our farewell dinner with wine in Milan. Overnight at our hotel.

**Friday, September 30 - DAY 13 – HOME** – We depart our hotel in Milan this morning to begin our journey home. We fly from Milan through Rome to Toronto.



“Have questions about this pilgrimage? Ask us!  
Go to [www.Unitours.com/questions](http://www.Unitours.com/questions).”

**\$50 Early Booking Discount if Reserved by August 15, 2015**

## Reservation Form - Father Peter Karalus Italy Pilgrimage Year of Mercy 2016

Mail to: Fr. Peter Karalus, St. John Paul II Parish Community, PO Box 115, 2052 Lakeview Road, Lake View, NY 14085

Please reserve \_\_\_ seats on this Italy Pilgrimage Year of Mercy 2016 - September 18 - 30, 2016

Enclosed please find deposit of \$300 per person (Payable to Unitours, Inc.)

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (Passport MUST be valid until March 30, 2017 or later.)

Name(s) as appears on passport) \_\_\_\_\_

My Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Please assign a roommate (if available)

\_\_\_\_ I prefer a single room - \$1,488 supplement and limited in number.

\_\_\_\_ I/we wish to purchase optional travel insurance \$237 now in order to cover preexisting conditions. (See "Travel Insurance" on pilgrimage terms for price and details.)

\_\_\_\_ **Apply \$50 if booked by August 15, 2015**

**PLEASE CHECK CHOICE - WEDS 9/21:**

1. \_\_\_\_ Coliseum, Forum, Catacombs Tours (Recommended for First Timer)

2. \_\_\_\_ Alternate visit to a site in the City with Fr. Peter (TBA)

3. \_\_\_\_ I prefer to be free for an Independent Day.

Charge my deposit to \_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_\_ Amex \_\_\_\_ Discover

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that certain charges such as air taxes, fuel surcharges and rates of exchange can affect the final cost and I agree to pay such costs should adjustments be necessary. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: Cities and towns throughout Italy are mostly accessible, some exclusively, by walking. Many streets are cobblestones or very uneven paving stones. This trip contains walking tours and requires each traveler to be able to walk to and from most sights that include stairs and hills. If you have difficulty standing, climbing stairs, and/or walking, you will experience difficulty on this trip.**

**TOTAL TOUR PRICE:** The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect June 5, 2015. All rates are subject to change without prior notice. Should the rates go up or down, an adjustment would be made prior to departure. Refunds CANNOT be granted for any accommodations, services or events that are not used nor if you deviate from the tour. If fewer than 30 pilgrims participate a price adjustment may be necessary.

**PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS:** A valid passport is required. At the time of printing, U.S. citizens holding valid passports DO NOT REQUIRE visas or immunization for the country or countries being visited. Passport MUST be valid until **March 30, 2017** or later. Citizens of countries other than U.S. - please contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** International flight reservations are being held on Alitalia Airlines. No stopovers are permitted. Any changes after ticket is issued, carries a mandatory charge of \$200. Once the tickets are issued, they are NON REFUNDABLE. Additional non-recoverable airline penalties of up to \$200 may be assessed for cancellations received within 90 days of departure

**DOMESTIC AIRFARE:** For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, your tour host and Unitours strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always subject to change.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath. Single Room supplement of \$1488 will be charged where requested and available. If you do not have a roommate and Unitours is unable to arrange one, you will be billed for the single room supplement. All singles are subject to availability.

**MEALS:** Breakfast and Table D' Hote dinners are provided daily except where noted in the itinerary. An extra charge will be made when coffee, tea or other beverages are not included in the menu of the day with the dinner meal.

**TIPS AND TAXES:** Tips and taxes normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as service are included, as are all government and local taxes on hotels and meals, portorage of one suitcase per person. International departure taxes of \$81 plus current fuel surcharges of \$40 are included (subject to change). Tips to Tour Manager/Guides, drivers and dining rooms staff of \$130 are included. One average sized suitcase not exceeding 50 lbs total weight and 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth is permitted throughout the trip.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to: passport and visa fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, after dinner coffee or tea, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, tips and taxes mentioned above, excess baggage and insurance, etc.

**DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATIONS:** A deposit of \$300 is required to secure reservations. Any balance is to be paid in full no later than 60 days before departure of tour. Final payments received at Unitours after 45 days before departure must include a \$25 late payment fee. (This does not apply for new reservations made after 45 days of departure.) Reservations made within 60 days of departure must include full payment. Amex, Visa and Mastercard are accepted with signed reservation form. Final payments will be applied to same credit card on final payment due date. Cancellations made from time of reservation to within 61 days prior to departure - \$100 processing charge plus any air penalties noted

above. In the event of a cancellation from 60 to 8 days of departure -- \$150 processing charge plus up to 50% of the land cost, plus any air penalties noted above. There can be no refund for any services for cancellations received within 7 days of departure. All cancellation and refund claims must be in writing to Unitours, Inc.

**BANK FEE:** A fee of \$50 will be charged for any check that is returned to us for insufficient or unavailable funds.

**DEVIATIONS:** A service charge of \$50 pp will be applied for any deviations made in tour, (where possible), PLUS any additional air or land charges incurred.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Optional Travel Insurance is strongly recommended for your trip. See [www.Unitours.com/TravelInsurance](http://www.Unitours.com/TravelInsurance) for full details. Cost of travel insurance for this trip is \$378. To cover preexisting conditions, insurance must be purchased with your reservation. (See reservation form). If paying by check, add insurance cost to your deposit. Insurance can also be purchased at the time of your final payment.

**LAND ARRANGEMENTS:** The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen emergencies.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Unitours, Inc., the organizer, and their representatives act only as agents for the tour members in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, sightseeing, restaurants or any other services in connection with the itinerary. They will exercise reasonable care in making such arrangements, however, they do not assume any liability whatsoever, for any injury, damage, loss, accident or delay to person or property because of any acts of war or terrorism, any act of default of any hotel, carrier, restaurant, company or person rendering any of the services included in the tours. The tickets, coupons, tariffs, rules or contracts currently in use by any carrier, hotel, restaurant or other contractor rendering services shall constitute the sole contract between such contractor and the tour member.

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