



Reformation Tours, LLC presents  
**Saints and Sinners Tour**

June 21— July 1, 2020

Hosted by Father Andy Buchanan & Professor Terry Lindvall



# Saints and Sinners Tour



Welcome to our pilgrimage to Rome from Galilee Church in Virginia Beach. We shall immerse ourselves in the lives and stories of saints and sinners, led respectively by Father Andy Buchanan and Professor Terry Lindvall. We will get to know good Popes like Leo the Great (who stopped Attila the Hun in 452 AD and supported the Chalcedonian Creed) and Gregory the Great (who defended icons) to the naughty ones like Julius (who wanted to be called after a Caesar rather than a saint) and Leo X (who spent money lavishly and had to sell indulgences to make ends meet).

Then, as we wander away from Rome, into the Tuscany regions of wine and sunflowers, we will meet with the Jongleur of God, St. Francis of Assisi, his friend St. Clare, the patron saint of Television; St. Benedict and his rules, St. Catherine of Sienna and her prophetic words, and all the Borgias and Medici family members that we can handle. At least, we can follow Dante, as he follows Virgil and then Beatrice. Of course, we will find the greatest sinners and saints sitting next to us at dinner.

-Professor Terry Lindvall



*IF = In flight meals, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner*

## Day 1: Sunday, June 21, 2020: Departure

Our journey will begin with our flights to Rome, Italy. (IF)

## Day 2: Monday, June 22, 2020: Rome

Upon arrival in Rome, we will meet our tour director and motor coach and transfer to our hotel in the city. We will have time to relax from our flight before a welcome dinner at our hotel tonight. We will stay in Rome for three nights. (IF/D)

## Day 3: Tuesday, June 23, 2020: Rome

This morning we will meet our local art historian/guide who specializes in medieval churches. We will have a full day touring many of the churches in Rome, including Santa Prassede, Santa Prudenza, Santa Maria Maggiore, Quattro Coronati, Santo Stefano Rotondo and Scala Santa. The evening will be at leisure. (B/L)



## Day 4: Wednesday, June 24, 2020: Rome

Today we will depart early to Vatican City for a Papal Audience. Following our time with the Pope, we will have lunch before visiting St. Peter's Cathedral, home of the Roman Catholic Church and the largest building in Christianity, as well as the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel, where we will ponder Michelangelo's interpretation of Christianity. Another option for the afternoon would be a visit to the catacombs followed by free time to explore on our own. (B/L)

## Day 5: Thursday, June 25, 2020: Assisi

After breakfast, we will depart to Assisi where we will check in to our hotel and have some free time for lunch. In the afternoon a local guide will take us on a tour of the Papal Basilica of St. Francis. The rest of the afternoon will be at leisure to explore Assisi or walk up above the town to the Eremo delle Carceri to visit the cave where St. Francis often slept and prayed. We will have dinner in our hotel. (B/D)



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## Day 6: Friday, June 26, 2020: Assisi, La Verna, Ravenna

Before leaving Assisi this morning, we will visit the Papal Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, Porziuncola. Built around the 9th century, it is where St. Francis was called to dedicate his life to the poor. We will continue on to the La Verna Sanctuary, which is high in the mountains on the beautiful Mount Penna. This is where St. Francis received the Stigmata and it remains a place of prayer and contemplation. We will have time at leisure to move around the sanctuary, pray and visit the Chapel of the Stigmata before we have lunch. In the afternoon, we will continue on to Ravenna where we will check in to our hotel and have dinner. (B/L/D)

## Day 7: Saturday, June 27, 2020: Ravenna, Bologna, Tuscany

This morning we will tour the city of Ravenna, the 5th century capital of the Western Roman Empire, including the early Christian monuments of the city and their wonderful mosaics. After our tour we will leave Ravenna, stopping for a light lunch and wine-tasting at a local vineyard before continuing on to Bologna. We will have some time at leisure to walk around the city of Bologna, to climb one of the towers, walk around the porticoes and perhaps visit the “seven churches” of Santo Stefano. Food lovers may want to stock up on Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham and mortadella. We will then continue on to our private villa in Tuscany, where we will stay for three nights. (B/L/D)



## Day 8: Sunday, June 28, 2020: Florence

After breakfast, we will depart for Florence, where a local guide will take us on a walking tour of the city, including a visit to Accademia to see Michelangelo's incomparable “David.” We will then enjoy lunch at a trattoria. In the afternoon we will have the option of a guided tour of the Uffizi Gallery (additional charge) or free time. The rest of the day will be at leisure to explore the delightful city of Florence before returning to our hotel. (B/L)



## Day 9: Monday, June 29, 2020: Siena, San Gimignano

This morning we will start with a leisurely breakfast and time to explore our hotel and its estate. Our driver will then take us to Siena where we may have a guided city tour, or time to explore on our own. We will enjoy lunch at a local winery where we will have wine-tasting and prepare our own lunch at a cooking class. In the afternoon we will continue on to San Gimignano, where we will be at leisure to explore the city, go shopping or climb a tower. In the evening we will have dinner at a local pizzeria before returning to our hotel. (B/L)



## Day 10: Tuesday, June 30, 2020: Val d'Orcia, Rome

We leave this morning and drive through the beautiful Orcia Valley to visit the towns of Montepulciano and Pienza. We will have lunch and wine-tasting at a local winery. In the late afternoon, we will arrive in Rome and check in to our hotel. The evening will be at leisure with an optional tour of Rome by night. (B/L)

## Day 11: Wednesday, July 1, 2020: Return

This morning we will drive to the Rome airport for our flight home. (B/IF)

## RTL20 Tour Price: \$3,699\* per person

\*Price based on double occupancy with a minimum of 30 participants

### Your Tour Includes:

- Land transportation via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Accommodations (double-occupancy) in superior 3-star and moderate 4-star hotels
- Meals as indicated in itinerary
- Professional Tour Director throughout the tour
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- Admission to all activities indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers, as a group
- Luggage handling when available (one piece per person)
- All taxes and tips for services provided except as indicated below

### Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Round-trip air transportation (group air is available for \$1,680)
- Meals and beverages not identified in itinerary
- Single supplement (\$1,500)
- Items of a personal nature, such as passports and visas (*Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date*)
- Passenger trip cancellation insurance (details sent with reservation form)
- Gratuities for tour director and driver

### Payment Schedule:

- First deposit of \$350 will secure your place on the tour. All payments should be sent to Reformation Tours, P.O. Box 854, Belleville, IL 62222
- Final invoices will be sent in March 2020
- Final payments will be due no later than April 7, 2020
- Reservations will be accepted after April 7, 2020 subject to availability
- Early registration is encouraged. *Please note: all credit card payments will incur a 3.5% surcharge.*

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All cancellations must be in writing and the date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit until 100 days prior to departure (3/13/20), a \$100 per person penalty will be charged for cancellation. From 99-15 days prior to departure (3/14/20—6/6/20), a \$350 per person penalty plus any nonrefundable deposit will be charged for cancellation. Anyone canceling 14 days or less prior to departure will receive no refund. In the unlikely event the tour does not reach minimum enrollment required, all deposit money will be returned.

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