

**In the. Steps of St. Anthony of Padua****11 days – 10 nights****Lisbon, Fatima, Coimbra, Venice, Camposanpiero, Padua, Bologna, Assisi, Rome, Vatican  
Faith, Discovery, History**

*Saint Anthony was born in Lisbon, Portugal, as Fernando Martins de Bulhões on August 15, 1195 and died in Padua on June 13, 1231. The Portuguese still celebrate the date of his death with huge popular festivities in Lisbon and most of the cities in Portugal where he is known as Santo Antonio de Lisboa. Born from a rich family he was able to join the Franciscan Order in Lisbon, today St. Vincent Church, located on the northern part of old Lisbon, not far from the Tagus River. In 1767, The Portuguese dedicated a church in his name (Igreja de Santo Antonio) just next to St. Vincent. Attracted to the monastic life, he soon transferred to Santa Cruz Convent in Coimbra where he stayed until his trip to Morocco and accidental arrival in Sicily. HE, then, made his way north to Tuscany, to join other Franciscans, where he gained his reputation as an excellent preacher. Always trying to help the poor and the sick and led a life of dedication crossing northern Italy between La Vera and Camposampiero until his death in Padua.*

**Lisbon – Church of Santo Antonio****Coimbra – Church of Santa Cruz****Day 1: USA, Lisbon**

Board your overnight flight to Lisbon. Entertainment, dinner and breakfast on board.

**Day 2: Lisbon**

Arrival at Lisbon airport and panoramic visit of the capital of Portugal. Lisbon is a city of pastel colors and cobblestone streets, of vistas and monuments. Start by promenading in one of the typical old quarters of Lisbon, Alfama, walking through its narrow streets with Arab influences. Visit of St. Antonio Church. Proceed to Belém quarter, where we can find many of the most important monuments of the city. Visit of the church of Jerónimos Monastery (cloisters not included) and the Belém Tower (exterior), both good examples of the 16th century's Manueline style, and finally the Monument to the Discoveries. Private transfer to the hotel. Dinner and overnight in Lisbon. [D]

**Day 3: Lisbon (Fatima, Coimbra)**

Breakfast. Early departure towards Fátima, one of the most important Catholic shrines in the world. Every year, it welcomes millions of pilgrims from all over the world. Visit the holy places at the Shrine of Fatima, including the Basilica and the Chapel of the Apparitions (Capelinha). Some time for personal activities. Stop en route for lunch and continue to Coimbra, a charming university town, where we breathe in the atmosphere a mixture of students and the University itself. Visit Santa Cruz

Church, where Sr. Anthony spent the early years of his priesthood. Return to Lisbon for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

**Day 4: Lisbon, Venice**

Morning at leisure (optional sightseeing). Transfer to the airport to board TAP flight to Venice arriving at 7:30 PM. Transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

**Day 5: Venice**

This UNESCO World Heritage Site is different from any other because of its topography characterized by more than one hundred islands and a Grand Canal in a lagoon on the Adriatic coast of Italy. Venice has been the crossroads of cultures and civilizations that are the inspiration of magnificent palaces, ancient bridges, Gothic, Renaissance and Byzantine artworks. The gondolas, known in the entire world add a romantic dimension to this city so special in so many ways. Your 2-hour walking tour will bring you to many of these artistic treasures and, especially, to Piazza San Marco with the Doge's Palace and basilica and domes. Then, Climb aboard a traditional gondola for a romantic excursion through the city's canals. Sit back and enjoy exploring the city as and look at its architectural treasures from the water! The rest of the day is free so you can enjoy the city on your own, do some shopping or relax at one of the cafes. Dinner and overnight in Venice. [B/D]

**Day 6: Venice, Camposampiero, Padua**

Leave your hotel towards the Church of San Donato, in the immediate vicinity of the Ponte degli Alpini. The church of San Donato in its interior preserves a small path that leads to the restored cell of the Saint and various testimonies of his presence in that place. Then, continue to the Antonian Sanctuaries of Camposampiero testimonies of the faith of the local populations. In Camposampiero Antonio spent the last weeks of his existence in prayer and contemplation. Here he had the joyful vision of the Child Jesus who received him in his loving arms. Here he celebrated the last holy masses and concluded his preaching apostolate. Visit the beautiful church of St. Peter before continuing to Padua, the last place of the Saint's earthly life. During the journey to Padua he stopped at Arcella, at sunset, saw the Lord welcoming his soul into heaven. The Basilica del Santo was built in Padua to welcome and preserve his holy mortal remains. Check-in at the hotel, dinner and overnight. [B/D]

**Day 7: Padua, Bologna**

Adjacent to the Basilica del Santo, a true treasure trove of art and devotion, you can visit the Oratory of San Giorgio, the Scuola del Santo, with frescoes by Titian, and the Museo Antoniano. The path passes in front of the Botanical Garden, founded in 1545 for the study of the Semplici (medicinal plants and the oldest in the world to maintain its original location. Cross Prato della Valle, the immense elliptical square that follows the shape of the ancient Roman theater, that stood on the site, embellished by the 78 statues of illustrious Paduans and with the Memmia Island in the center, crossed by four stone bridges. To the south-east you can admire the Basilica of Santa Giustina, guardian of the remains of the martyr, portrayed in the majestic Veronese altarpiece of St. Luke the Evangelist of San Prosdocimo which, according to tradition, was the first bishop of the Patavina diocese and its patron and many other saints and martyrs. After passing Prato della Valle, arrive at the church of Santa Croce which contains a canvas depicting St. Anthony of Padua, St. Francis of Paola and St. John of Nepomuk. Next to it, the Sanctuary of San Leopoldo Mandic. Here this humble and mild little friar carried out his silent but precious work of confessor and spiritual guide. Loved and revered in life, invoked as a saint after death, he was beatified by Pope Paul VI in 1976 and proclaimed Saint by Pope John Paul II on 16 October 1983. And today his tomb continues more than ever to be a place of pilgrimage. Late in the. Afternoon continue to Bologna for check-in, dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/D]

**Day 8: Bologna, Assisi**

Breakfast at the hotel and departure to Assisi where you'll arrive in time for lunch. In the afternoon take a tour of the city of Saint Francis. In Assisi you will enjoy both the city with its history and the life and new spirituality of St. Francis shown in the Basilica of the Saint thanks to a new artistic expression by the greatest artists of the 13 and 14th century. A more interesting place is hard to find, explore the

hidden Assisi unknown to mass tourism and experience the real Assisi. Check-in at the hotel, dinner and overnight. [B/D]

### Day 9 - Assisi, Rome

Enjoy your breakfast at leisure and spend some time on your own exploring the city. In the afternoon, leave for Rome along the splendid Tiber Valley. Check-in at your hotel and overnight. [B]

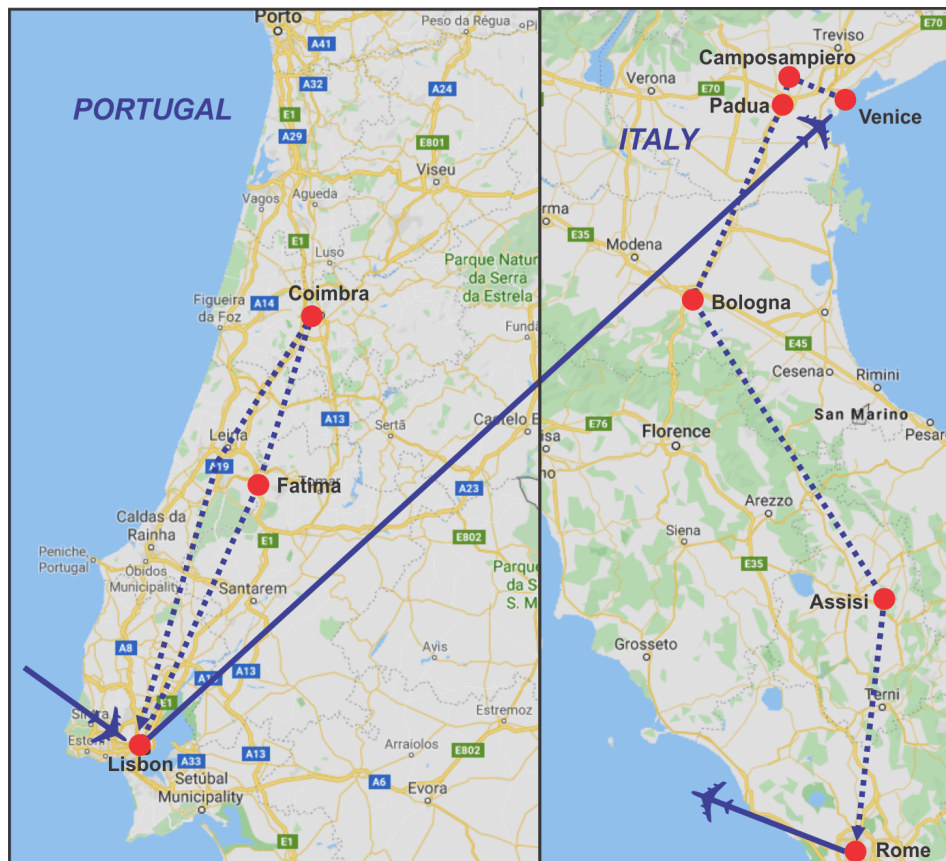
### Day 10 – Rome

After breakfast at your hotel you'll be picked up for a half-day walking group excursion to the Coliseum, Roman Forum and Palatine Hill. The Coliseum, the most emblematic monument in Rome, originally known as the Flavian Amphitheater, is the well-known place of the gladiators' games and the theme of many a movie. Close by is an important and unique collection of ruins of what was the heart of Imperial Rome: The Roman Forum and surrounding official buildings! In the same area is the most important elevation of Roman's history: The Palatine Hill where, according to Roman mythology, the brothers Remus and Romulus, possibly sons of Hercules, were kept alive by a she-wolf and ended-up being the founders of Rome. In the afternoon enjoy a tour of the extraordinary Vatican Museums with floors of exhibitions, the impressive Sistine Chapel where Michelangelo painted sacral masterpieces, The Last Judgment probably being the best known, St. Peter's Basilica and St. Peter's Square with its colonnade designed and sculpted by Bernini in the 16th Century. Return to the hotel for overnight. [B]

### Day 11 - Rome, USA

Breakfast at the hotel and departure to Rome in time to reach the airport to board you flight back home. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



**Your Tour includes:**

- Circle trip airfare between the USA, Portugal and Italy
- Arrival and departure transfers in Portugal and Italy
- 9 nights' accommodation:
  - Lisbon 2 nights
  - Venice 2 nights
  - Padua 1 night
  - Bologna 1 night
  - Assisi 1 night
  - Rome 2 nights
- Meals
  - Breakfast daily
  - 1 lunch
  - 7 dinners
- Sightseeing of Lisbon & Belem
- Excursion to Fatima & Coimbra
- Venice walking tour
- Visit to Camposampiero

- Tour of Padua with visits
- Visit the Basilica of St. Francis
- Walking tour of Rome
- Visit to the Vatican
- English-speaking tour guides in Portugal and Italy
- Deluxe A/C motor-coaches in Portugal & Italy
- Entrance fees to sites visited
- All local taxes

**Tour does not include**

- Airfare fees and taxes
- Airfare difference between New York and another USA gateway
- Hotel city tax in Italy
- Travel Insurance
- Expenses of personal nature
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Tips to guides or driver

**Hotels in your Tour:**

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
<b>Tourist Class</b>		
Lisbon	BE Poet Baixa	5
Venice	Cá Riza	5
Padua	Hotel Al Prato	4.5
Bologna	Il Canale. Hotel	4.5
Assisi	Hotel il Palazzo	5
5Rome	Albergo del Senato	5
<b>First Class</b>		
Lisbon	Tesouro da Baixa by Shiadu	5
Venice	Aqua B	5
Padua	Le Camp Suite & Spa	4
Bologna	Aemilia Hotel	4.5
Assisi	Le Silve di Armenzano Natural Hotel	4.5
Rome	Martis Palace Hotel	5
<b>Deluxe</b>		
Lisbon	Olissipo Lapa Palace	5
Venice	Palazzo Venart	5
Padua	Magestic Hotel Toscanelli	4
Bologna	Grand Hotel Majestic	4.5
Assisi	Castello di Petrata	4.5
Rome	Elizabeth Unique Hotel	5

**LOCATION:** The location may be in the center of Rome or near the Vatican

**MEAL PLAN:** Normally we include daily breakfast and dinner for all groups. However, the meal plan may vary depending on the organizer's request

- All hotels will be requested after discussion with the group Organizer

**Group Prices:**

The price for the group will be quoted based on the number of passengers, season, hotel type and meal plan.

**Group organizers always travel for free if the group has 15 or more paying passengers.**

*Inclusion of tour conductors must be considered at time of request.*

- If you wish to use this program for your group please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with you to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our special Leisure Fares, buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.

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### **Options**

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.