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Florida Conference Italy Tour

Led by Bishop Ken Carter

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Florida Conference Italy Tour

April 3 & 4 – Depart USA & Arrive in Venice

Your Italian adventure begins as you depart on your international flight. Our representatives will meet you at the airport in Venice. Finish the day at your hotel for dinner and overnight.

April 5 – Venice

Travel by boat to the magical city of Venice. Rising between sea and sky, this fascinating city boasts waterways and boats instead of roads and cars, encompassing 118 islands separated by more than 150 canals. Stand in the Piazza San Marco, bordered on three sides by palatial arcades in two tiers and faced on the other by the Basilica of St. Mark, one of the world's most magnificent churches. Tour the Basilica, the final resting place of Saint Mark, the evangelist. St. Mark is said to have founded the Church in Alexandria from which the Coptic and Greek Orthodox Churches claim to be descended. After his body was stolen from Alexandria by Venetian merchants, and brought to Venice, he became their patron Saint and his winged Lion symbol can be seen all over the city. From the square, you can see the famous Bell Tower and the Clock Tower, as well as the charming pink and white Doge's Palace. After seeing the romantic Bridge of Sighs, enjoy free time to explore on your own. You can shop, stroll along the bridges and canals or even indulge in a gondola ride along the Grand Canal. Dinner and overnight in Venice area.

April 6 – Pisa & Lucca

Travel to Pisa and snap your photo in front of the famous Leaning Tower. This 180-foot-tall round tower is over 10 degrees out of perpendicular. Originally designed to stand straight, it began to lean during its construction in 1173 and corrective efforts failed. Even without its tilt, the building would still be one of the most remarkable bell towers in Europe and one of several renowned buildings in the center of Pisa. Wander the medieval walled city of Lucca, the birthplace of Puccini. Each of the walls is lined with a different species of tree, and together they encompass a town full of medieval churches. Check into your Florence hotel for dinner and overnight.

April 7 – Florence

The elegant city of Florence is nestled between a line of hills and the banks of the Arno River. During your stay, enjoy the beautiful gardens and a leisurely stroll through the open-air markets. Every street, square and winding alley of Florence is a showcase for Romanesque, Gothic and Renaissance grandeur. Among Florence's masterpieces, you'll see the Piazza della Signoria with its Neptune Fountain and Vecchio Palace, the Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral which houses Michelangelo's unfinished *Pietà*, the Baptistery which features Ghiberti's famous *Gates of Paradise*, and the Academy where you can view some of Michelangelo's finished and unfinished work, including the awe-inspiring *David*. Return to your Florence hotel for dinner and overnight.

April 8 – San Gimignano & Siena

This morning, continue on to one of the most charming and picturesque of all the Tuscan hill towns, San Gimignano. Magical medieval towers dominate the town, once numbering more than 70, but only 14 towers remain today. Beautiful Siena is built across several hills and valleys. The

focal point of the city is the shell-shaped town square which is both a meeting place and market place. Visit the Basilica San Domenico and learn about Saint Catherine of Siena, a famous theologian who worked to bring back the papacy of Gregory XI to Rome and to bring peace to the warring Italian city-states. Saint Catherine is believed to have had miraculous visions and felt herself to be united in marriage to Christ. Check into your hotel in Assisi for dinner and overnight.

April 9 – Assisi

Your journey continues as you travel to Assisi, the charming medieval town once home to Saint Francis. Just two years after his death, the large Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels was started in his memory. At one time, the land on which the church stands was an execution ground for condemned criminals. In his humility, Saint Francis asked to be buried there, and it became known as the *Hill of Paradise*. The basilica contains the Porziuncola, the small chapel that St. Francis restored and where he founded the Friars Minor order that would become the Franciscans. St. Clare also embarked on her monastic life from here. Nearby you will visit the humble cell now known as the Cappella del Transito which St. Francis used as an infirmary for the sick, and where he died in 1226. Check into your hotel in Rome for dinner and overnight.

April 10 – Ancient Rome

History is woven through the streets and neighborhoods of Rome as in no other city. Explore the many wonders of ancient Rome as you visit the magnificent Colosseum and the Pantheon which Emperor Hadrian converted into a church in 609. From the most sacred hill of ancient Rome, Campidoglio, view the Forum. See the Circus Maximus, Arch of Titus, famous Baths of Caracalla and Arch of Constantine as well as the Victor Emanuel Monument and the Monti Region, Rome's most ancient neighborhood which spreads over three of her seven hills. In the afternoon, discover why Rome is also known as the "City of Love". Explore the romance of Rome as you climb the graceful Spanish Steps and stop at the famous Trevi Fountain. Legend says those who toss a coin into the fountain will one day return to Rome to toss another into the waters of Trevi. Return to your hotel in Rome for dinner and overnight.



ITINERARY CONTINUED...

April 11 – Vatican City and Christian Rome

Christianity came late in Rome’s long history, conquering and changing the city in a way few other invaders have. Experience the glory of Christian Rome today as you visit the Vatican, home to one of the greatest museums in the world. You will tour St. Peter’s Basilica, the final resting place of St. Peter the Apostle and one of the largest churches in the world. The Basilica stands on the traditional site where St. Peter was crucified and martyred for his faith. You will get to see the Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo’s frescoes, now restored to their full, colorful glory. Tour the Catacombs of St. Sebastino. The catacombs contain some of the only surviving examples of early Christian art. In the 1840s, Pope Gregory XVI took steps to preserve the catacombs and their treasures. Return to your hotel in Rome for dinner and overnight.

April 12 – Return to USA from Rome or enjoy the Amalfi Coast Extension.



Amalfi Coast Extension

5-Day Post-Tour \$1,398*

April 12-16, 2018

April 12 - Castel Gandolfo, Sorrento

Journey to Castel Gandolfo, the Pope’s summer residence, and enjoy stunning vistas as you travel to Sorrento. During your three night stay, you’ll have time to enjoy the view of Mount Vesuvius and discover the colorful ambiance of this delightful town, inspiration for the beloved song, “Return to Sorrento.”

April 13 - Amalfi Coast, Positano

The Amalfi Coast is considered to be one of Italy’s finest with its sparkling blue green sea, tiny mystical islands and pastel colored cottages gathered round tiny harbors. Enjoy the postcard beauty of Positano that has charmed many generations of travelers with its terraced groves of fragrant lemons, splendid Duomo, and rich medieval history. As a maritime republic from the 9th to 13th centuries, it’s no surprise that the compass was invented here. As time permits, make a stop at the village of Vietri Sul Mar, home of Amalfi Coast ceramic factories which produce the colorful tiles decorating every church tower in the area.

April 14 - Isle of Capri

Enjoy a boat ride to the lovely Isle of Capri which has captivated visitors from Roman Caesars to modern travelers. Between its breathtaking beauty and rich history, you’ll understand why one visitor came for a day and stayed for fifty years.

April 15 - Pompeii, Rome

Visit the spectacular ruins in Pompeii which were covered by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D. The city remained buried and undiscovered until excavation began in 1748. These excavations continue today, providing insight into life during the Roman Empire. Continue to the Rome area for dinner and overnight.

April 16 - Return to the USA with wonderful memories to share!

**All prices reflect a 4% cash discount*

Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP



"I am excited about our spiritual journey to Italy in 2018. As we visit the stunning cities of Venice, Assisi, Siena, Florence and Rome, we will be immersed in the rich traditions of the Christian faith. We will learn more about the gospel of Mark in Venice and the legacy of Peter; we will read the dialogues of Catherine of

Sienna and the meditations of Dante; and we will reflect on the renewing vision given to Francis of Assisi. In Rome, as we visit the Sistine Chapel, we will consider the legacies of the most recent Popes, especially John XXIII, Pope John Paul II and Pope Francis. And in each setting we will be inspired by the world’s great art and architecture. I hope you will join friends from across Florida on this Easter pilgrimage."

The Peace of the Lord,

*Bishop Ken Carter
The United Methodist Church*

Register Early & Save

\$150 register by May 31, 2017	\$125 register by June 30, 2017	\$100 register by July 31, 2017
\$75 register by August 31, 2017	\$50 register by September 30, 2017	\$25 register by October 31, 2017

Full deposit required. Savings deducted from balance.

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Subject to change

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TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: **EO Tours** • P.O. Box 6098, Lakeland, FL 33807-6098
863-648-0383 • email: eo@travelwithus.com

Host: _____ **ID#:** _____ **Tour:** **IT18**
Departure City: _____ **Departure Date:** **04/03/18 (F)**
Legal Name must be submitted as it appears on your passport:

Guest 1 Legal Name: _____ **Title:** _____
Preferred Name: _____
Street Address: _____ **P.O. Box:** _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____
Phone: _____ **Alt. Phone:** _____
Email: _____ Send me emails about my trip/EO promos
Birth Date: ____/____/____ **State of Birth:** _____ **Sex:** Male Female
Emergency Contact: _____ **Relationship:** _____
Phone: _____ **Alt. Phone:** _____

How did you learn about this tour? _____
Tour Selection: **Basic Program Only** **Add Amalfi Coast Extension**

Guest 2 Legal Name: _____ **Title:** _____
Preferred Name: _____
Street Address: _____ **P.O. Box:** _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____
Phone: _____ **Alt. Phone:** _____
Email: _____ Send me emails about my trip/EO promos
Birth Date: ____/____/____ **State of Birth:** _____ **Sex:** Male Female
Emergency Contact: _____ **Relationship:** _____
Phone: _____ **Alt. Phone:** _____

How did you learn about this tour? _____
Tour Selection: **Basic Program Only** **Add Amalfi Coast Extension**

Roommate(s): _____
If No Roommate: **Try to Match Me** **Single Room (availability limited)**

Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan:		Guest 1:
1 Travel Protection coverage cannot be added after you have paid in full.		<input type="checkbox"/> I Accept <input type="checkbox"/> I Decline
2 Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable.		
3 Coverage begins when your premium payment is received by EOT (separate from deposit & clearly designated as your travel protection premium).		Guest 2:
4 Premium must be paid in full no later than 12/19/17.		<input type="checkbox"/> I Accept <input type="checkbox"/> I Decline

DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED

Payment: \$ _____ **Check #** _____ (Payable to Educational Opportunities Tours)

To Register via Credit Card, you must go to www.EO.travel

By signing below, I/we certify that I have read the "Fine Print," understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the "Fine Print" and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Guest 1 Signature: _____
Guest 2 Signature: _____

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Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates For All Tours

For a full description of the plan, go to: www.tripmate.com/wp/427E

Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$ 0 to \$1000	.....\$ 99	\$2501 to \$3000	.....\$299	\$4501 to \$5000	.....\$499	\$6501 to \$7000	.....\$699
\$1001 to \$1500	.....\$149	\$3001 to \$3500	.....\$349	\$5001 to \$5500	.....\$549	\$7001 to \$8000	.....\$799
\$1501 to \$2000	.....\$199	\$3501 to \$4000	.....\$399	\$5501 to \$6000	.....\$599	\$8001 to \$9000	.....\$899
\$2001 to \$2500	.....\$249	\$4001 to \$4500	.....\$449	\$6001 to \$6500	.....\$649	\$9001 to \$10,000	.....\$999

Schedule of Coverages	Maximum Benefit	Additional Cancellation Protection
Part A		When You purchase this Travel Protection Plan at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip, you also receive the Educational Opportunities Tours Pre-Departure Cancellation Waiver Benefit that allows you to cancel your Educational Opportunities Tours travel arrangements up to the day of departure for any reason (excludes no shows and those not permitted boarding). With this Educational Opportunities Tours Cancellation Waiver, your non-refundable land cancellation penalties will be refunded in Educational Opportunities Tours travel certificates. Certain travel programs are not eligible for this benefit, such as cruise and land programs listed and detailed on the Educational Opportunities website (www.eo.travel). Premiums must be paid in addition to initial or second deposit prior to the final payment for coverage to be in effect.
Trip Cancellation	..... Trip Cost	
Part B		
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	..... \$25,000	
Medical Expense / Emergency Assistance	..... \$50,000	
Trip Interruption	..... Trip Cost	
Travel Delay (Up to \$100 Per Day)	..... \$500	
Missed Connection	..... \$500	
Baggage and Personal Effects	..... \$1,000	
Baggage Delay	..... \$100	

Part A - Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Educational Opportunities Tours. **Part B** - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Co. *For New York Residents Only: Part A Benefits are travel arrangement benefits underwritten by United States Insurance Company.

Conditions and Limitations

This is a brief description of the plan available for all Travel Protection sales for Trips departing January 1, 2013 and after. Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Certificate of Coverage. For example, coverage does not apply to: any Sickness or condition of you, a Traveling Companion or a Family Member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverages (The Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion is waived if payment for this plan is received by Educational Opportunities Tours, Inc. at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip or 105 days before departure date, whichever occurs first.), suicide, normal pregnancy, war or any act of war. Other Covered Reasons, as defined, includes the following events or their consequences: Cancellation or Interruption of your Trip due to, Inclement Weather, unannounced Strike, mechanical breakdown that causes complete cessation of services of Your Common Carrier for at least 12 consecutive hours; a documented traffic accident while en route to departure; being hijacked or quarantined; jury duty; destruction of your home or destination by fire, flood, burglary or natural disaster; being called to the emergency service of government to provide aid or relief in the event of a natural disaster; a documented theft of passports or visas; a transfer of employment of 250 miles or more; or Revocation of military leave. For further information ask for the Certificate of Coverage which fully details the coverages, provisions, limitations and exclusions of the plan offered and is available to you, upon request, at any time prior to your purchase of the plan. This plan is underwritten by: United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ. Benefits are administered by: Trip Mate, Inc., 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO, 64114, 1-800-888-7292 (*in CA, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency).

THE FINE PRINT

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Roundtrip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing
- Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast & dinner daily • Hotel gratuities
- Program fees • Fuel surcharges \$500 • Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule)
- Extensions and optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure
- Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages at meals & baggage fees
- Voluntary "Love Offering" for guide and driver • \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While EOT will try to match roommates, EOT cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$598 during the basic week; \$298 for Amalfi Coast Extension.

SAVINGS:

Early registration discounts or other promotions are deducted from the balance of your bill. Hosts/Co-hosts are not eligible.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

All prices reflect a 4% discount for full payment via check.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Payment Amount	Payment Due Dates & Notes
\$100*	Registrations received by 06/03/17 *Additional \$500 deposit will be due 10/03/17
\$300**	Registrations received 06/04/17 - 10/02/17 **Additional \$300 deposit due 10/03/17
\$600	Registrations received 10/03/17 - 12/18/17
\$1,200	2 nd Deposit Amount. All guests must have \$1,800 on their account by 12/19/17 to be ticketed
\$1,800	Registrations received between 12/19/17 - 01/17/18 must pay the full deposit amount and may be subject to late registration fees.
Full Payment	Final Payment is due for all guests 01/18/18. If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.
Travel Protection Premium Amount	The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 12/19/17 to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to your deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER DECEMBER 19, 2017:

We welcome registrations after 12/19/17 Registrations received between 12/20/17 - 01/03/18 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 01/04/18 - 01/18/18 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received between 01/19/18 - 02/02/18 will incur a \$400 per person fee. Registrations received on 02/03/18 or later will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program, provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is insurable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable administrative fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged, those needing oxygen, wheelchairs, or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting to their experiences. If you have questions, please contact Educational Opportunities Tours Inc. for more details.

PASSPORT INFORMATION, CONFIRMATION OF ITINERARY & CHECK IN PROCESS:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 12/19/17. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. 105 days prior to your trip you will be contacted to re-confirm your itinerary, travel arrangements and registration information during the preliminary check in process for your trip. Discrepancies in information or failure to check in for your tour may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel.

PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES AND TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, EOT does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once "printed", airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or travelling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group.

FLIGHT TIMES:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well. For more information, visit www.eo.travel/info/airlinefees.aspx.

DEVIATIONS:

Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 07/04/17. If validity date has passed, current brochures may be found at www.eo.travel. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION

Payment of deposit indicates permission for EOT or its agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which EOT or its agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies EOT in writing prior to departure.

Except where otherwise stated, EOT acts only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall EOT be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. EOT assumes no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service. EOT does not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold EOT harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party. Florida law will be applicable to any dispute which arises out of or concerns this brochure or your tour. Any and all litigation must be brought only in and for courts in Polk County, Florida to the exclusion of litigation anywhere else in the world.

Enrollment in and payment of deposit constitutes your acceptance of the "Fine Print." Educational Opportunities Tours is the tour operator and is solely responsible for the travel program. Educational Opportunities Tours is registered with the State of Florida as a Seller of Travel. Registration No. ST24130. CST2027682-40.