



# Pellegrinaggi Rusconi

*Italy & Europe*  
*Customized*  
*Pilgrimages*  
*for Groups*



BY

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*Dear Friends and Partners,*

*here is our confidential catalog for Travel Operators interested in organizing customized pilgrimages to Italy, the rest of Europe and the Holy Land for their groups of pilgrims.*

*This catalog contains some pilgrimage itineraries which, of course, are just an example, but our Incoming Department will be pleased to quote any other itinerary on the basis of your pilgrimage group's specific requests.*

*In the last years, we've become more and more aware of the importance of improving and constantly verifying the quality of the services that we offer and book for our clients from several countries from all over the world.*

*This is why we choose the hotels to work with carefully and we use only the best deluxe buses available in the Italian and European market which, being equipped with all the modern facilities and security systems, are suitable also for very long tours.*

*Besides all this, we give a lot of importance to the human factor: the positive outcome of a group also depends on the Tour Escort and driver's professionalism, kindness and reliability.*

*For this reason, we carefully select all the Tour Escorts who will be leading the Groups that besides speaking the mother tongue of the Group fluently (English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, etc...), have the above mentioned characteristics.*

*We hope this catalog can be helpful for you and give you an idea of what we can provide.*

*We remain at your complete disposal for any requests.*

*Francesco Rusconi  
Rusconi Viaggi Incoming  
- Italy -*



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*Dear Friends,*

*we are very pleased to introduce you our Company, Rusconi Viaggi Incoming. Rusconi Viaggi Incoming came into being in 1981, in Italy. Since many years Rusconi Viaggi has been working in the incoming field, both in Italy, Europe and the Holy Land, for customized groups interested in pilgrimages and cultural tours, Incentives etc. In the last 15 years, we have been working with many Travel Operators from the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, Mexico, Brazil, Venezuela, Chile, Argentina, Portugal, Spain and many others, that have entirely and successfully entrusted to us the organization of all land services for their groups coming to Italy, Europe and the Holy Land such as hotels, restaurants, guides, Tour Escorts, buses, etc.*



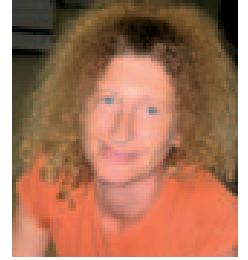
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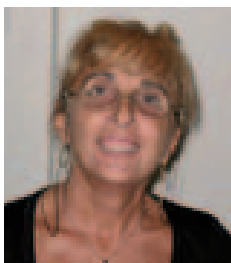
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*As an Incoming Operator, we think it's our duty to give the best support to our partner Tour Operators who choose to work with us. That's why we pay a lot of attention in:*

- *sending quick answers to all requests of quotations (in max 48 hours);*
- *preparing detailed and clear estimate quotes by specifying all the visits and the entrances that are included in our rates;*
- *suggesting customized itineraries according to the requests of each Group.*

*All your requests and groups are followed during office hours by our professional staff made up of people with an excellent command of several languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese, French and German besides Italian. Moreover, while your groups are travelling, we can follow them 24 hours a day, 7 days per week thanks to our cell phone emergency number that is always at disposal of our Tour Escorts.*

*We always pay a special attention to the reservation of the buses and drivers for the tours.*

*The bus companies to whom we hire the buses are all very reliable, have a regular license and all the necessary and compulsory insurance policies to travel throughout Europe.*

*Our buses are maximum 4 years old and are equipped with the most updated facilities that the world of the Grand Tourism buses can offer: TV set, CD, electronic air-conditioning, ergonomic seats, satellite navigator, etc.*

*Upon request, we can also book and ensure without any problem buses with on-board washroom (with no supplement).*

*As for our drivers, they are all very professional, discreet, polite and good at driving.*

*The collaboration between them and the Tour Escorts is always valuable and much appreciated.*



**IMPORTANT:** *All our partner bus companies are subject to EU driver regulations, which in brief involves the following:*

- *drivers must have 11 hours rest period each night. This means that, if the Group uses the coach until midnight, touring cannot continue before 11:00 a.m. the next day;*
- *drivers can drive in all 9 hours within 12 hours of service except 2 days per week when the duty period can be extended to 10 hours;*
- *every 13 consecutive driving days the drivers must have a rest of 24 hours.*

## Air Transport



*Rusconi Viaggi is also an official IATA agency (code 38203060). We can book and issue tickets of all the main traditional European and extra-European flight companies (AZ, BA, LH, IB, TP, OA, TK, LY, LO, GJ, etc.) as well as tickets of the low cost companies (U2, VY, XG, FR, EI, IV, O2, etc.).*

*If besides ground services, your group needs some internal flights in Europe, do not hesitate in contacting us: we will be glad to send you the best available rates.*

Thanks to many years of experience in the organization of pilgrimages for groups, we perfectly know that the Tour Escort is maybe the most important element for the success of the tour.

That's why we carefully select our Tour Escorts who, besides being friendly, helpful and kind, have a perfect knowledge of the cities, sites and Sanctuaries the Group is going to visit, pay attention to every single detail in order to guarantee the positive outcome of the tour and are sensitive to the pilgrims' needs.

We're able to provide Tour Escorts who speak several languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, German, Italian etc.

All the Tour Escorts who work with us, have a regular licence issued by the European Country they live in.

Their job is usually very much appreciated by the pilgrims.



## The Hotels

We can offer you and book for your Groups different categories of hotels, according to the needs and budget of each Group: Tourist Class Hotels 3★★★ or Religious Houses, Superior Tourist Class Hotels 3★★★Sup, First Class Hotels 4★★★★.

### **TOURIST CLASS HOTELS 3★★★ OR RELIGIOUS HOUSES**

Quite simple hotels, whose rooms are not very spacious but comfortable. Though the service is very basic, all rooms are equipped with bathroom and shower and with all the facilities that a group may need. They are functional hotels, for travellers who stay at the hotel to relax and want to enjoy their journey outside the hotel and do not want the price to be too expensive. For this reason, they are suitable for groups with a reduced budget.

Upon request, we can also book religious houses. Although these do not fall within an official classification, they can be considered as 3-star hotels since they normally offer all the above mentioned services.

### **SUPERIOR TOURIST CLASS HOTELS 3★★★ Sup**

They offer a wider range of facilities and better service than the previous category of hotels. The price is average. The rooms are spacious and equipped with hair dryer, toiletries, TV and pay per view, phone. Here you can enjoy an extra rest thanks to the comforts available.

### **FIRST CLASS HOTELS 4★★★★**

These kind of hotels are luxury, with great comforts such as big and luxuriously decorated rooms, accessorized with hair dryer, bath gel, cable TV, Wi-Fi internet connection. The staff is highly qualified and the quality of the service itself is extremely good. Usually they are provided with conference rooms designed for business meetings or other kinds of events. Ideal accommodation to enjoy outside as well as inside the hotel.

Upon request of each Group, we can book the service of baggage handling in/out and the hot full buffet American breakfast. In Europe many hotels provide continental cold buffet breakfast as a standard.

*A pilgrimage cannot be compared with a simple tour. We are fully aware of the pilgrim's specific needs, which are different from those of an ordinary tourist. For this reason, in the course of the years, we have been specializing in taking care of all the details which can contribute to enrich our pilgrimages and turn them into a unique experience for the pilgrims, so that they can return to their homes satisfied, with an unforgettable memory of a once in a lifetime journey:*



- if the group is accompanied by a priest, we can book private Masses in the main sanctuaries and basilicas in Italy as well as in the rest of Europe;
- we reserve tickets to attend the Papal Audience in Rome on Wednesdays;
- we reserve tickets to attend canonizations or ordinations which are celebrated in St. Peter's;
- we organize our programs in order to give the group the possibility to enjoy other important religious events (such as the Papal Blessing on Sundays in St. Peter's Square, etc.)

*Our pilgrimage tours also include visits to the principal Italian and European sanctuaries. Here below, a list of some of these sanctuaries, better and lesser known, with the corresponding Website where you can find more information about them:*



## ITALY

St. Francis' Basilica (Assisi)  
 Sanctuary of Porziuncola (St. Mary of the Angels)  
 Basilica of Santa Maria delle Grazie (S.Giovanni Rotondo)  
 La Verna Sanctuary  
 Sanctuary of the Holy House (Loreto)  
 Sanctuary of St. Rita (Cascia)  
 Sanctuary of the Eucharistic Miracle (Lanciano)  
 Montecassino Abbey  
 St. Anthony's Basilica (Padua)  
 Our Lady of the Rosary (Pompeii)  
 Sanctuary of Rosa Mystica (Montichiari)  
 Sanctuary of St. Philomena (Mugnano del Cardinale)

[www.sanfrancescoassisi.org](http://www.sanfrancescoassisi.org)  
[www.porziuncola.org](http://www.porziuncola.org)  
[www.conventopadrepio.com](http://www.conventopadrepio.com)  
[www.santuariolaverna.org](http://www.santuariolaverna.org)  
[www.santuarioloreto.it](http://www.santuarioloreto.it)  
[www.santaritadacascia.org](http://www.santaritadacascia.org)  
[www.miracoloeucaristico.com](http://www.miracoloeucaristico.com)  
[www.montecassino.it](http://www.montecassino.it)  
[www.basilicadelsanto.org](http://www.basilicadelsanto.org)  
[www.santuario.it](http://www.santuario.it)  
[www.mariarosamistica.com](http://www.mariarosamistica.com)  
[www.philomena.it](http://www.philomena.it)

## FRANCE

Our Lady of Lourdes  
 Our Lady of La Salette  
 Sanctuary of St. Therese of the Child Jesus (Lisieux)  
 Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (Paris)  
 Our Lady of Rocamadour

[www.lourdes-france.com](http://www.lourdes-france.com)  
[www.lasalette.cef.fr](http://www.lasalette.cef.fr)  
[www.therese-de-lisieux.cef.fr](http://www.therese-de-lisieux.cef.fr)  
[www.chapellenotredamedelamedaillemiraculeuse.com](http://www.chapellenotredamedelamedaillemiraculeuse.com)  
[www.notre-dame-de-rocamadour.com](http://www.notre-dame-de-rocamadour.com)

## SPAIN

Santiago de Compostela  
 Our Lady of Montserrat  
 Our Lady of the Pilar (Zaragoza)  
 Our Lady of Covadonga

[www.archicompostela.org/peregrinos](http://www.archicompostela.org/peregrinos)  
[www.abadiamontserrat.net](http://www.abadiamontserrat.net)  
[www.basilicadelpilar.es](http://www.basilicadelpilar.es)  
[www.santuariodecovadonga.com](http://www.santuariodecovadonga.com)

## PORTUGAL

Our Lady of the Rosary (Fatima)

[www.fatima.org](http://www.fatima.org)

## GERMANY

Sanctuary of the Black Madonna of Altötting  
 Sanctuary of Schoenstatt  
 Benedictine Abbey of Ettal

[www.altoetting.de](http://www.altoetting.de)  
[www.schoenstatt.de](http://www.schoenstatt.de)  
[www.kloster-ettal.de](http://www.kloster-ettal.de)

## BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Our Lady Queen of Peace (Medjugorje)

[www.medjugorje.hr](http://www.medjugorje.hr)

## 1° MILAN

Arrive Milan airport and transfer to the hotel for accommodation. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in hotel.

## 2° MILAN / TURIN (Kms.145)

Breakfast. City tour featuring the Duomo square, the Scala Theatre, the elegant street Corso Vittorio Emanuele etc. Continue to Turin to visit the Holy Shroud Museum where you can see the copy of the Shroud and all the studies made to determine the authenticity of this linen cloth. Overnight in hotel.

## 3° TURIN / PADUA (Kms.370)

Breakfast. Depart to Padua to visit the center and the Basilica of St. Anthony where the rests of the Saint are kept. Overnight in hotel.

## 4° PADUA / FLORENCE (Kms.226)

After breakfast, on to Florence where we explore the city during a half-day panoramic city tour, including the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Piazza Della Signoria, Ponte Vecchio etc. Accommodation and overnight at hotel.

## 5° FLORENCE / ASSISI (Kms.170)

Breakfast. Depart to Assisi for a half day city tour to visit the Basilica of Santa Maria (where the "Portiuncola" is located) and the Basilicas of St. Clare and St. Francis (including the Tomb of the Saint). Overnight in hotel.

## 6° ASSISI / CASCIA / ROME (Kms.250)

After breakfast, departure for Rome. En route, we will stop in Cascia to visit the Sanctuary of St. Rita. Arrival in Rome and accommodation in hotel.

## 7° ROME

Breakfast. Today enjoy a full-day guided sightseeing of the "Eternal City": in the morning visit the major Basilicas in Rome (the Basilica of St. Mary Major and St. John in Lateran plus the Holy Stairs); in the afternoon visit the Ancient Rome (the Coliseum, Imperial Forum etc.). Overnight in hotel.



## 8° ROME

After breakfast visit with a local guide of St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums (included Sistine Chapel). Afternoon at leisure. Overnight in hotel.

## 9° ROME / DEPARTURE

Breakfast. According to your flight departure time, transfer to the Airport.



## 1° ROME

Arrive at the airport and transfer to the hotel for accommodation. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in hotel.

## 2° ROME

After breakfast enjoy a full-day guided city tour of Ancient and Modern Rome: visit St. Peter's Basilica, St Peter's Square and the Vatican Museums (with Sistine Chapel), the Forum, the Coliseum, and the principal Roman Squares. Return to the Hotel for overnight.

## 3° ROME / MONTECASSINO / SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO (Kms.385)

After breakfast, we continue our journey to San Giovanni Rotondo with a stop in Montecassino where we will visit the Abbey founded by St. Benedict in 529. Arrival in San Giovanni Rotondo, accommodation and overnight in hotel.

## 4° SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO / MONTE SANT ANGELO / SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO (Kms.50)

Breakfast. Today we see the places associated with Saint Pio. Later, visit the Grotto of Michael the Archangel in Monte Sant Angelo. Many different Popes have knelt in prayer here seeking the protection of St. Michael. Return to San Giovanni for overnight in hotel.

## 5° SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO / LANCIANO / LORETO (Kms.336)

Breakfast. Free time in the morning and then depart for Lanciano, where we will visit the Sanctuary of the Eucharistic Miracle. On to Loreto for accommodation in hotel.

## 6° LORETO / CASCIA / ASSISI (Kms.230)

Breakfast. After visiting the Sanctuary of the Holy House, depart towards Assisi with a stop in Cascia to visit the Basilica of St. Rita. Arrive Assisi and accommodation in hotel.

## 7° ASSISI

Breakfast. The visit of this marvellous medieval town will include the Basilica of Santa Maria and the Basilicas of St. Francis and St. Clare. Afternoon at leisure for personal activities. Overnight in hotel.

## 8° ASSISI / ORVIETO / SIENA (Kms.220)

Breakfast. Transfer to Orvieto, where we will have free time to visit its marvellous Cathedral and walk along the narrow streets of this city that is considered one of the most beautiful in Italy with its medieval architecture. On to Siena for accommodation in hotel.



## 9° SIENA

Breakfast. Today we will enjoy a half day guided tour to visit the architectural wonders of this beautiful town, including the Cathedral, the Basilica of St. Domenico where the rests of St. Catherine are kept and Piazza del Campo where the "Palio" is held every year. Afternoon at leisure for personal activities. Overnight in hotel.

## 10° SIENA / FLORENCE / MILAN (Kms.396)

After breakfast, on to Florence where we explore the city during a half-day panoramic city tour, including the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Piazza Della Signoria, Ponte Vecchio etc. In the afternoon, depart for Milan. Accommodation and overnight at hotel.

## 11° MILAN / DEPARTURE

Breakfast. According to your flight departure time, transfer to the Airport.



## 1° MILAN / PADUA (Kms.247)

Arrive Milan airport and depart on a city tour featuring the Duomo square, the Scala Theatre, the elegant street Corso Vittorio Emanuele etc. Continue to Padua for accommodation in hotel.

## 2° PADUA / VENICE / PADUA (Kms.88)

Breakfast. Visit the center of Padua and the Basilica of St. Anthony, which contains the mortal remains of the Saint. Then on to Venice for a half-day panoramic city tour of St. Mark's Square and St. Mark's Basilica, the Bridge of Sighs etc. Return to Padua for overnight.

## 3° PADUA / SIENA / ORVIETO (Kms.413)

After breakfast, depart for Siena for a half day guided tour to visit the architectural wonders of this beautiful town, including the Cathedral, the Basilica of St. Domenico where the rests of St. Catherine are kept and Piazza del Campo where the "Palio" is held every year. Continue to Orvieto, where we will have free time to visit its marvellous Cathedral and walk along the narrow streets of this city that is considered one of the most beautiful in Italy with its medieval architecture. Accommodation and overnight in hotel.

## 4° ORVIETO / ASSISI / CASCIA (Kms.240)

Breakfast. On to Assisi. Upon arrival, depart on a half day city tour of this marvellous medieval town including the Basilica of Santa Maria and the Basilicas of St. Francis and St. Clare. Continue to Cascia for accommodation.

## 5° CASCIA / LORETO / ANCONA / SPLIT (Kms.180 + ferry)

Breakfast. After visiting the Basilica of St. Rita, we will head to Loreto to see the Sanctuary of the Holy House. Continue to Ancona, where we will embark on the ferry boat to Croacia. Overnight on board.

## 6° SPLIT / MEDJUGORJE (Kms.128)

Disembark in Split pier and transfer by private motorcoach to Medjugorje. Accommodation in hotel. Beginning of religious activities. Overnight at hotel.

## 7° MEDJUGORJE

Breakfast. Full day dedicated to religious activities. We will climb Podbrdo or Apparition Hill, where on June 24th, 1981 Our Lady with a baby in her arms appeared to 6 young parishioners and keeps appearing and delivering us her messages. It will be possible to ascend Mount Krizevac (Cross Mountain) and meet the Visionaries (if available). Overnight at hotel.

## 8° MEDJUGORJE / SPLIT / ANCONA (Kms.128 + ferry)

Breakfast. Morning at leisure. At proper time, transfer to Split to embark on the overnight ferry boat to Ancona. Overnight on board.



## 9° ANCONA / SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO (Kms.343)

Disembark in Ancona and transfer to San Giovanni Rotondo, hometown of St. Padre Pio. Arrival and visit the places related to the life of the Saint. Overnight in hotel.

## 10° SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO / MONTECASSINO / ROME (Kms.385)

After breakfast and some time at leisure in San Giovanni Rotondo, we continue our journey to Rome with a stop in Montecassino where we will visit the Abbey founded by St. Benedict in 529. Arrive Rome and accommodation in hotel.

## 11° ROME

Breakfast. Today enjoy a full-day guided sightseeing of the "Eternal City": in the morning visit the major Basilicas in Rome (the Basilica of St. Mary Major and St. John in Lateran plus the Holy Stairs); in the afternoon visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls and the Catacombs, where early Christians were buried. Overnight at hotel.

## 12° ROME

After breakfast visit with a local guide of St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums (included Sistine Chapel). Afternoon at leisure. Overnight in hotel.

## 13° ROME / DEPARTURE

Breakfast. According to your flight departure time, transfer to the Airport.



**1° WARSAW**

Arrive at the airport and transfer to the hotel for accommodation. Overnight in hotel.

**2° WARSAW**

Breakfast. In the morning, visit with local guide the city's landmarks such as the Gothic Cathedral of St. John and the Barbican Gate; we will pass through the Square (Rynek) of the Old City with buildings of 17th and 18th centuries and we will see the Church of the Holy Cross where the heart of Frederic Chopin is kept. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight at hotel.

**3° WARSAW / CZESTOCHOWA (Kms.219)**

After breakfast, depart for Czestochowa where we will enjoy free time for religious activities in the Sanctuary of the Black Madonna "Jasna Gora" and to visit the surrounding walls and the museum dedicated to the history of the Monastery. Accommodation in hotel.

**4° CZESTOCHOWA / KRAKOW (Kms.143)**

Breakfast. Transfer to Krakow for the guided visit of this city, founded more than a thousand years ago. We will see Wawel Castle, the Cathedral, the Church of St. Mary, the old city and the Jewish quarter. We will pass through the Jagiellonian University, the oldest in Poland where the astronomer Copernicus studied. Overnight in hotel.

**5° KRAKOW / AUSCHWITZ / WADOWICE / KRAKOW (Kms.148)**

Breakfast. Transfer to the Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau. Visit the former concentration camp, built by the Germans during the Nazi occupation of Poland. Here, during WWII, the Nazis killed more than one million people, mostly of Jewish origin. Nowadays Auschwitz is an integral part of UNESCO World Heritage. Continue to Wadowice, the hometown of Pope John Paul II. Visit the house where he was born on May 18th, 1920, and the parish church in which he was baptized. Return to Krakow for overnight in hotel.

**6° KRAKOW / BUDAPEST (Kms.394)**

Breakfast. On board our motorcoach, we will depart for Hungary. Arrive Budapest, the capital city, and accommodation in hotel.

**7° BUDAPEST**

After breakfast, depart on a half day city tour visiting Buda and Pest (the city is divided in two by the Danube River). We start from Buda: the historic Castle Hill, the Fishermen's Bastion, Mount Gellert, Margaret Island, Matthias Coronation Church and Buda Castle. In Pest, we will see the National Parliament and the Heroes Square, with sculptures depicting the different phases of Hungarian history. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight at hotel.

**8° BUDAPEST / ZAGREB (Kms.355)**

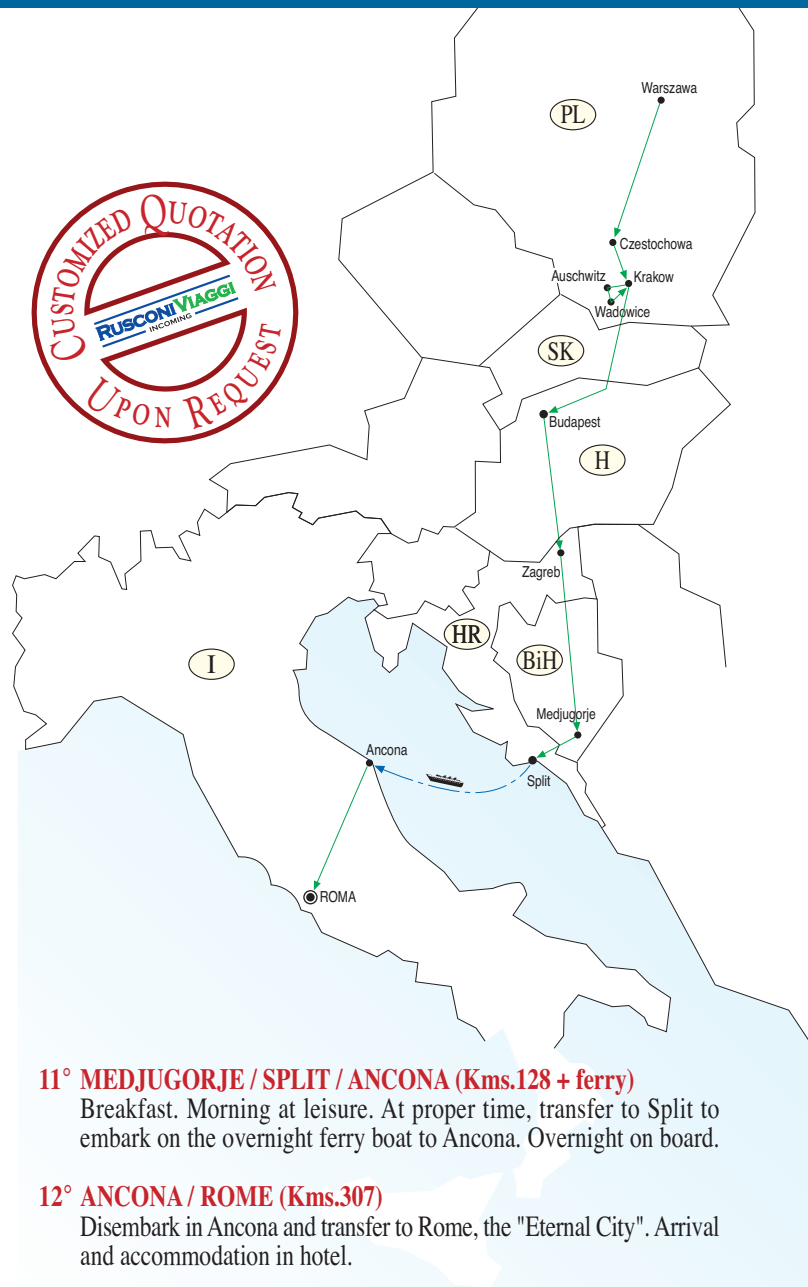
Breakfast. Depart for Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. Upon arrival, short guided visit of the historic centre. Accommodation in hotel.

**9° ZAGREB / MEDJUGORJE (Kms.446)**

Breakfast and transfer to Medjugorje. Arrival and accommodation in hotel. Beginning of religious activities. Overnight at hotel.

**10° MEDJUGORJE**

Breakfast. Full day dedicated to religious activities. We will climb Podbrdo or Apparition Hill, where on June 24th, 1981 Our Lady with a baby in her arms appeared to 6 young parishioners and keeps appearing and delivering us her messages. It will be possible to ascend Mount Krizevac (Cross Mountain) and meet the Visionaries (if available). Overnight at hotel.

**11° MEDJUGORJE / SPLIT / ANCONA (Kms.128 + ferry)**

Breakfast. Morning at leisure. At proper time, transfer to Split to embark on the overnight ferry boat to Ancona. Overnight on board.

**12° ANCONA / ROME (Kms.307)**

Disembark in Ancona and transfer to Rome, the "Eternal City". Arrival and accommodation in hotel.

**13° ROME**

After breakfast enjoy a full-day guided city tour of Ancient and Modern Rome: visit St. Peter's Basilica, St Peter's Square and the Vatican Museums (with Sistine Chapel), the Forum, the Coliseum, and the principal Roman Squares. Return to the hotel for overnight.

**14° ROME / DEPARTURE**

Breakfast. According to your flight departure time, transfer to the Airport.



Wawel's Castle

## 1° ROME

Arrive at the airport and transfer to the hotel for accommodation. Overnight in hotel.

## 2° ROME

Breakfast. Today enjoy a full-day guided sightseeing of the "Eternal City": in the morning visit the major Basilicas in Rome (the Basilica of St. Mary Major and St. John in Lateran plus the Holy Stairs); in the afternoon visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls and the Catacombs, where early Christians were buried. Overnight at hotel.

## 3° ROME / ORVIETO / ASSISI (Kms.226)

After breakfast, we continue our journey to Orvieto, where we will have free time to visit its marvellous Cathedral and walk along the narrow streets of this city that is considered one of the most beautiful in Italy with its medieval architecture. On to Assisi for accommodation in hotel.

## 4° ASSISI / LORETO / ANCONA / SPLIT (Kms.180 + ferry)

Breakfast. After visiting this marvellous medieval town (Basilica of St. Mary and Basilicas of St. Francis and St. Clare), we will leave for Loreto to visit the Sanctuary of the Holy House. Continue to Ancona, where we will embark on the ferry boat to Croacia. Overnight on board.

## 5° SPLIT / MEDJUGORJE (Kms.128)

Disembark in Split pier and transfer by private motorcoach to Medjugorje. Accommodation in hotel. Beginning of religious activities. Overnight at hotel.

## 6° MEDJUGORJE

Breakfast. Full day dedicated to religious activities. We will climb Podbrdo or Apparition Hill, where on June 24th, 1981 Our Lady with a baby in her arms appeared to 6 young parishioners and keeps appearing and delivering us her messages. It will be possible to ascend Mount Krizevac (Cross Mountain) and meet the Visionaries (if available). Overnight at hotel.

## 7° MEDJUGORJE / VENICE (Kms.747)

Breakfast. This morning we say "goodbye Medjugorje" and begin our journey along the Croatian coast admiring the beautiful sceneries and the blue waters of the Adriatic Sea on our way to Venice. Late evening arrival and accommodation in hotel.

## 8° VENICE / PADUA / MONTICHIARI (Kms.185)

Breakfast. Half-day panoramic city tour of St. Mark's Square and St. Mark's Basilica, the Bridge of Sighs etc. On to Padua, ancient Roman settlement and today's pilgrimage centre to venerate the remains of St. Anthony, who was born in Lisbon but died here. Continue to Montichiari, a little city north of Italy, where in 1947 Pierina Grilli had a vision of Our Lady. Accommodation. Free time to explore the Sanctuary of the Rosa Mystica.

## 9° MONTICHIARI / NICE (Kms.416)

Breakfast. Morning departure towards the Mediterranean Sea for a nice journey across beautiful cities such as Savona, San Remo and Munich until arriving in Nice, located between the French cities of Cannes and Montecarlo. Nice is the heart of the French Riviera, where we will enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Overnight at hotel.

## 10° NICE / LOURDES (Kms.736)

Breakfast. Early departure along the French Riviera, following the way towards Nimes, Montpellier and Beziers until we arrive in Lourdes. Accommodation. In the evening, possibility to participate in the "Candlelight Procession".



## 11° LOURDES

Breakfast. Day dedicated to the visit of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes: the Basilica, the Crypt, the Apparition Grotto, the healing baths, the Esplanade, the family home of Bernadette Soubirous "the Boly Mill", where at the ground floor it is possible to see the room where Bernadette was born. In the evening, we can take part in the Candlelight Procession again.

## 12° LOURDES / SANTANDER (Kms.402)

Breakfast. After some time at leisure in Lourdes, depart for Santander. Arrival and accommodation in hotel.

## 13° SANTANDER / SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA (Kms.498)

After breakfast, on to Santiago de Compostela, one of the most important religious destinations in Spain. Upon arrival, panoramic city tour passing through Obradoiro Square, where we found the Colegio San Jerónimo, the Rajoy Palace, the Gelmirez Palace, el Parador de Los Reyes Católicos and the Cathedral, which every day receives numerous pilgrims coming from the famous "Camino de Santiago" pilgrimages. Accommodation in hotel.

## 14° SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA / FATIMA (Kms.418)

Breakfast. In the morning, transfer to Fatima where in 1917, Our Lady appeared 6 times to three children (Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco). Arrival and accommodation in hotel. Time at leisure for religious activities within the Sanctuary. In the evening, we can participate in the Candlelight Procession.

## 15° FATIMA / LISBON (Kms.128)

Breakfast. Depart for Lisbon for a city tour including among others Barrio de Alfama, Belem Tower and Jeronimos Monastery. Overnight at hotel.

## 16° LISBON / DEPARTURE

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport to take your return flight.

**1° MADRID**

Arrive at the airport and transfer to the hotel for accommodation. Overnight in hotel.

**2° MADRID**

Breakfast. Today we visit all the highlights of Madrid, capital of Spain, including the Gran Vía, Plaza de España, the Viaduct, Plaza Mayor, the Bull Ring, Independence and Cibeles Squares, the University, and the Paseo de la Castellana. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight in hotel.

**3° MADRID / LISBON (Kms.627)**

Breakfast. On board our motorcoach we will travel up to the capital of Portugal. Arrival in Lisbon and accommodation in hotel.

**4° LISBON / FATIMA (Kms.128)**

Breakfast. In the morning, panoramic city tour including among others Barrio de Alfama, Belem Tower and Jeronimos Monastery. Depart for Fatima where in 1917, Our Lady appeared 6 times to three children (Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco). Arrival and accommodation in hotel. Time at leisure for religious activities within the Sanctuary. In the evening, we can participate in the Candlelight Procession.

**5° FATIMA / COIMBRA / SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA (Kms.430)**

After breakfast, leave for Coimbra to visit the Church of St. Anthony and the famous University. Continue to Santiago de Compostela, one of the most important religious destinations in Spain. Arrival and accommodation.

**6° SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA / BILBAO (Kms.590)**

Breakfast. Panoramic city tour passing through Obradoiro Square, where we found the Colegio San Jerónimo, the Rajoy Palace, the Gelmirez Palace, el Parador de Los Reyes Católicos and the Cathedral, which every day receives numerous pilgrims coming from the famous "Camino de Santiago" pilgrimages. Afterwards, on to Bilbao for accommodation and overnight at hotel.

**7° BILBAO / LOURDES (Kms.305)**

After breakfast, we continue our journey to Lourdes. Arrival and accommodation. Possibility to participate in the evening "Candlelight Procession".

**8° LOURDES**

Breakfast. Day dedicated to the visit of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes: the Basilica, the Crypt, the Apparition Grotto, the healing baths, the Esplanade, the family home of Bernadette Soubirous "the Boly Mill", where at the ground floor it is possible to see the room where Bernadette was born. In the evening, we can take part in the Candlelight Procession again.

**9° LOURDES / PARIS (TGV)**

Breakfast. Transfer to the railway station to take our high speed train (TGV) to Paris. Arrival and transfer to the hotel for accommodation. The remainder of the day is yours for resting or personal activities.

**10° PARIS**

Breakfast. Today full-day city tour with local guide to visit the Place de la Concorde, the Champs-Élysées, the Triumph Arch, the Notre-Dame Cathedral, the Opera, etc. Overnight in hotel.

**11° PARIS / EINSIEDELN / LUCERNE (Kms.695)**

Breakfast and depart for Switzerland. Stop in Einsiedeln to visit the Benedictine Sanctuary dedicated to the Black Madonna, before arriving in Lucerne for accommodation in hotel.

**12° LUCERNE / PADUA (Kms.470)**

Breakfast. In the morning, short panoramic city tour of Lucerne, including the Town Hall, Stag Square, the Church of the Jesuits, the Cathedral of St. Leger, the Wine Market, etc. On to Padua. Accommodation in hotel.

**13° PADUA / VENICE / PADUA (Kms.88)**

Breakfast. Visit the center of Padua and the Basilica of St. Anthony, which contains the mortal remains of the Saint. Then on to Venice for a half-day panoramic city tour of St. Mark's Square and St. Mark's Basilica, the Bridge of Sighs etc. Return to Padua for overnight.

**14° PADUA / ASSISI (Kms.366)**

Breakfast. On to Assisi. Upon arrival, depart on a half day city tour of this marvellous medieval town including the Basilica of Santa Maria and the Basilicas of St. Francis and St. Clare. Accommodation and overnight in hotel.

**15° ASSISI / ROME (Kms.187)**

Breakfast. Transfer to Rome, where we will enjoy a half day guided city tour which will show us the major Basilicas in Rome (the Basilica of St. Mary Major and St. John in Lateran plus the Holy Stairs). Accommodation in hotel.

**16° ROME**

After breakfast enjoy a full-day guided city tour of Ancient and Modern Rome: visit St. Peter's Basilica, St Peter's Square and the Vatican Museums (with Sistine Chapel), the Forum, the Coliseum, and the principal Roman Squares. Return to the hotel for overnight.

**17° ROME / DEPARTURE**

Breakfast. According to your flight departure time, transfer to the Airport.

## 1° LISBON

Arrive Lisbon airport and transfer to the city center for a panoramic city tour including among others Barrio de Alfama, Belem Tower and Jeronimos Monastery. Accommodation in hotel.

## 2° LISBON / FATIMA (Kms.128)

Breakfast. In the morning, depart for Fatima where in 1917, Our Lady appeared 6 times to three children (Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco). Arrival and accommodation in hotel. Time at leisure for religious activities within the Sanctuary. In the evening, we can participate in the Candlelight Procession.

## 3° FATIMA / SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA (Kms.418)

After breakfast, leave for Santiago de Compostela, one of the most important religious destinations in Spain. Arrival and accommodation.

## 4° SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA / SANTANDER (Kms.498)

Breakfast. Panoramic city tour passing through Obradoiro Square, where we found the Colegio San Jeronimo, the Rajoy Palace, the Gelmirez Palace, el Parador de Los Reyes Catolicos and the Cathedral, which every day receives numerous pilgrims coming from the famous "Camino de Santiago" pilgrimages. Afterwards, on to Santander for accommodation and overnight at hotel.

## 5° SANTANDER / LOURDES (Kms.402)

After breakfast, we continue our journey to Lourdes. Arrival and accommodation. Possibility to participate in the evening "Candlelight Procession".

## 6° LOURDES

Breakfast. Day dedicated to the visit of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes: the Basilica, the Crypt, the Apparition Grotto, the healing baths, the Esplanade, the family home of Bernadette Soubirous "the Boly Mill", whereat the ground floor it is possible to see the room where Bernadette was born. In the evening, we can take part in the Candlelight Procession again.

## 7° LOURDES / TOURS (Kms.572)

Breakfast. We depart for Tours region across the beautiful landscapes of the French countryside. Arrival and accommodation in hotel.

## 8° TOURS / LISIEUX / PARIS (Kms.439)

After breakfast, depart for Lisieux, typical city of the Normandy region, important centre of pilgrimage, where St. Therese of the Child Jesus is venerated. Free time to visit the Basilica. At proper time, depart for Paris, the French capital. Arrival and accommodation in hotel.

## 9° PARIS

Breakfast. Today full-day city tour with local guide to visit the Place de la Concorde, the Champs-Elises, the Triumph Arch, the Notre-Dame Cathedral, the Opera, etc. Overnight in hotel.

## 10° PARIS / MILAN (Flight)

Breakfast. According to the schedule, transfer to the airport to take your flight to Milan. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel for accommodation.

## 11° MILAN / PADUA (Kms.247)

Breakfast. In the morning, city tour featuring the Duomo square, the Scala Theatre, the elegant street Corso Vittorio Emanuele etc. Continue to Padua for accommodation in hotel.



## 12° PADUA / VENICE / PADUA (Kms.88)

Breakfast. Visit the center of Padua and the Basilica of St. Anthony, which contains the mortal remains of the Saint. Then on to Venice for a half-day panoramic city tour of St. Mark's Square and St. Mark's Basilica, the Bridge of Sighs etc. Return to Padua for overnight.

## 13° PADUA / FLORENCE (Kms.226)

After breakfast, on to Florence where we explore the city during a half-day panoramic city tour, including the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Piazza Della Signoria, Ponte Vecchio etc. Accommodation and overnight at hotel.

## 14° FLORENCE / ASSISI (Kms.170)

Breakfast. Depart to Assisi for a half day city tour to visit the Basilica of Santa Maria (where the "Portiuncola" is located) and the Basilicas of St. Clare and St. Francis (including the Tomb of the Saint). Overnight in hotel.

## 15° ASSISI / LANCIANO / SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO (Kms.448)

Breakfast. Depart for Lanciaano, where we will visit the Sanctuary of the Eucharistic Miracle. Continue to San Giovanni Rotondo, hometown of St. Padre Pio. Arrival and visit the places related to the life of Saint. Overnight in hotel.

## 16° SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO / ROME (Kms.385)

After breakfast and some time at leisure in San Giovanni Rotondo, we continue our journey to Rome. Arrive and accommodation in hotel.

## 17° ROME

After breakfast enjoy a full-day guided city tour of Ancient and Modern Rome: visit St. Peter's Basilica, St Peter's Square and the Vatican Museums (with Sistine Chapel), Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls and the Catacombs, where early Christians were buried. Overnight at hotel.

## 18° ROME / DEPARTURE

Breakfast. According to your flight departure time, transfer to the Airport.

**1° TEL AVIV / NAZARETH OR TIBERIAS**

Arrive Tel Aviv airport and transfer by deluxe bus to Nazareth (or Tiberias). On the way stop at Caesarea Maritima for a visit and at Mt. Carmel to celebrate the Holy Mass at the Stella Maris convent. Arrival and accommodation in hotel.

**2° NAZARETH**

Breakfast. In the morning visit of Cana and Nazareth, places that remind the childhood of Jesus: the Basilica of the Annunciation, St. Joseph's Church, the Synagogue and the Fountain of the Virgin Mary. In the afternoon trip to Mount Tabor. Overnight in hotel.

**3° TIBERIAS**

Breakfast. Day trip to Tiberias Lake. We will visit the main sites of Jesus Preaching: Magdala, the Mount of Beatitudes, Tabgha, Capernaum with St. Peter's Memorial, the Synagogue and the archaeological excavations. Lake crossing by boat. In the afternoon continue to Banias, at the source of the River Jordan. Overnight in hotel.

**4° NAZARETH / JERUSALEM (Kms.150)**

Breakfast. Through highway number 06 we will reach the Sanctuary of the Visitation at Ein Karem. Lunch in Bethlehem then visit the Shepherds Field and the Basilica of the Nativity. Overnight in hotel.

**5° JERUSALEM**

Breakfast. Whole day dedicated to visit the two Mountains: Mount of Olives, the Ascension, Dominus Fleuit, Gethsemane and Basilica of the Agony. In the afternoon Mount Sion with the Cenacle and the Dormition Cathedral. Overnight in hotel.

**6° JERUSALEM (OLD CITY)**

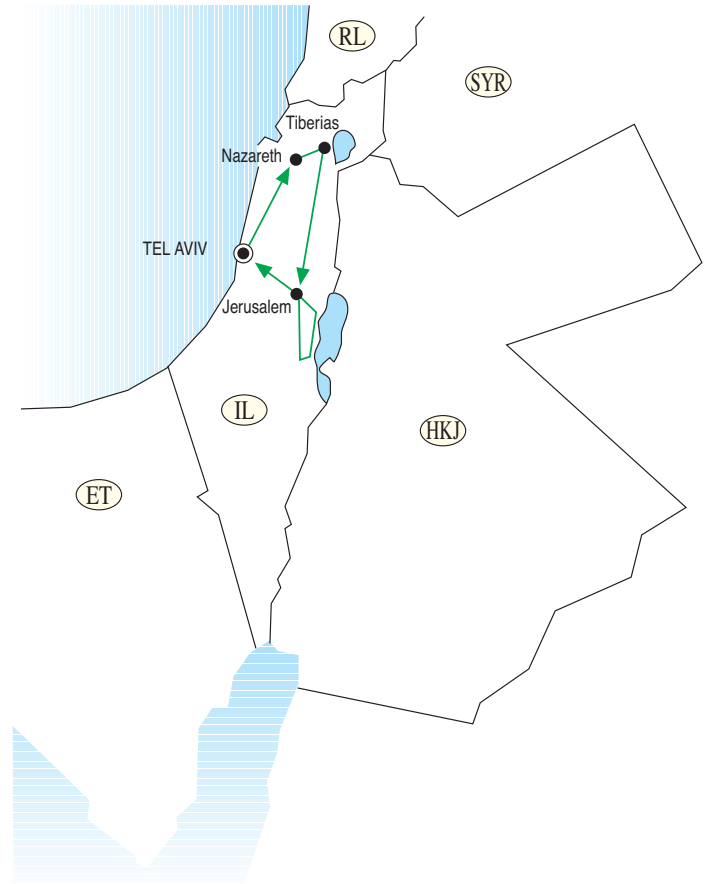
Breakfast. Visit the Wailing Wall, St. Anne, Flagellation, Lithostrotos and Via Dolorosa (Way of Suffering). Visit Holy Sepulchre and free time to pray. Overnight in hotel.

**7° JERUSALEM (DESERT OF JUDAS)**

Breakfast. Day trip to the Desert of Judas, Monastery Wadi Kilt, St. George Kosiba. Then drive to Qumran, Dead Sea. Visit one of the most ancient towns in the world, Jericho, and Mount of Temptation. On the way back to Jerusalem, visit Bethany. Overnight in hotel.

**8° JERUSALEM / TEL AVIV (Kms.50)**

Breakfast in hotel. Holy Mass at Emmaus and transfer to Tel Aviv airport for return flight.



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## YOUR GROUP REQUEST

*What we need to know in order to send you a detailed and precise estimate quote for your Group is:*

- the foreseen dates (at least the month when the group will travel);
- the type of group (cultural, religious, incentives, business, school etc.);
- the size of the group (the number of people you expect to travel);
- the type of accommodation required (Tourist Class Hotels 3★★★, Superior Tourist Class Hotels 3★★★ Sup, First Class Hotels 4★★★★, Deluxe Hotels 5★★★★★);
- the meal basis (Bed&Breakfast only, Half Board or Full Board);
- the itinerary details (the cities the Group wants to visit, where they want to have guided city tours or free time and entrance to particular museums etc);
- if your Group needs our professional Tour Escort throughout the tour or not.

*With the above info we will be able to prepare for you an accurate estimate quote: more info we receive about your group's needs, more detailed our estimated quote will be!*

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

### BOOKING PROCEDURES

All reservation requests must be made through the Tour Operator, head office or any of its branches by e-mail.

### DEPOSIT

A 20% deposit of the total is required at the confirmation of the group. As soon as we receive the group's confirmation we'll send you the invoice for this deposit. We'll consider each Group as confirmed only when we receive the deposit.

### BALANCE OF PAYMENT

Each Group will have to be totally paid at least 4 weeks before the Group's arrival in Europe.

On the basis of all the services you'll confirm to us for the Group and of the Rooming-List, we'll send you the final Invoice so that you'll be then able to make the payment 4 weeks before the Group's arrival.

### METHOD OF PAYMENT

The deposit and the balance of payment can be settled by bank transfer or by credit card (we accept Visa or Mastercard).

For payments made by credit card a little commission to be communicated will be charged.

### CANCELLATION POLICY

(if the **WHOLE GROUP** is cancelled)

- Up to 120 days prior to the scheduled arrival date, the whole Group can be cancelled without any fees;
- Between 120 and 30 days prior to the scheduled arrival date, you'll be charged a 20% penalty fee (which is the deposit);

- Between 30 and 10 days prior to the scheduled arrival date, you'll be charged a 90% fee of the total value of the Group;
- 10 days before the scheduled arrival date, you'll be charged a 100% fee of the total value of the group.

**(If only a FEW PAX are cancelled, up to maximum 20% of the total number of the confirmed passengers)**

- Up to 30 days prior the group's arrival, up to 20% of the confirmed passengers can be cancelled without any fee;
- Between 30 and 10 days prior the group's arrival, 20% penalty fee;
- Between 10 and 01 days prior the group's arrival, 50% penalty fee;
- No show, 100% penalty fee.

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