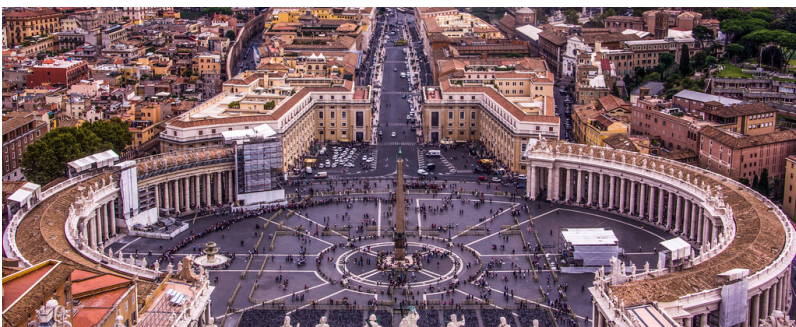




# CHURCH BEGINNINGS TOUR MACU - 2027

10 Days / 9 Nights  
Starting at \$5,498/PP\*  
Double Occupancy  
(Single Supplement \$998)  
*Applied only if you wish to have your own room*



## CHURCH BEGINNINGS TOUR

### Tour Dates: MAR 10-19, 2027

Mar 10 - Depart USA  
Mar 11 - Arrival in Rome  
Mar 11-18 - Tour of Rome, Florence,  
Venice, Milan  
Mar 19 - Flight home from Milan

### Tour Highlights:

- 10 Days / 9 Nights' Accommodations
- Visit Italy
- Cities: Rome, Milan, Venice, Florence, Pisa, Verona
- 2 nights' Accommodation at Hotel Abitart 4\* Rome or similar, including breakfast
- 2 nights' Accommodation at Hotel Firenze Laurus al Duomo 4\* or similar Venice, including breakfast
- 2 nights' Accommodation at Hotel Carlton on Grand Canal 4\* or similar, including breakfast
- 2 nights' Accommodation at Uptown Palace 4\* Milan or similar, including breakfast
- Licensed professional English-speaking Tour leader for the duration of the tour
- Meals & accommodations for the tour leader
- Luxury Bus as per program, Driver's accommodation, meals, when required, park, ZTL
- Audio Guides / Whispers (where applicable on guided tours)
- All entrance fees to sites as mentioned on the itinerary
- Guided tours with English-speaking guides (Headsets included): HD Rome, HD Vatican Museums, HD Colosseum, HD Rome Baroque, HD Florence, HD Pisa, HD Venice, HD Verona, FD Milan.
- Tickets and entrance fees: Entrance St. Peter's Basilica, Catacombs of San Callisto, Mamertine Prison Entrance Colosseum, Galleria dell'Accademia, Shuttle train ticket in Pisa, Water Taxi Tronchetto/ Hotel Venice r/t, Entrance Doge's Palace, Entrance ticket to Palazzo delle Prigioni

### Day 8: WEDNESDAY - MARCH 17 - VENICE / VERONA / MILAN

Meals: B, L

- After breakfast at the hotel, take a **water taxi** transfer from Venice Island back to the mainland, where you will meet your long-distance coach and begin your journey toward Milan via **Verona**.
- **Verona**, located in Italy's Veneto region, is a charming medieval city best known as the setting of **Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet**. During your visit, admire the elegant squares, medieval streets, and historic landmarks that make this **UNESCO World Heritage** city so unique. During your visit, see the famous **Juliet's House**, known for its iconic balcony overlooking the courtyard.
- You will also have the opportunity to admire the historic **Verona Arena**, one of the best-preserved Roman amphitheatres in the world. Built in the 1st century AD, the Arena remains an iconic symbol of the city and continues to host prestigious opera performances and international events.
- Following lunch (included) we will continue onward to **Milan**. Upon arrival, check in at your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at leisure.
- **Hotel: Uptown Palace 4★ Milan (or similar).**

### Day 9: THURSDAY - MARCH 18 - MILAN

Meals: B, D

- Rise, Shine, and enjoy breakfast at your hotel. Put on some comfortable clothing and shoes as today you will proceed on the **Milan Guided City Panoramic Tour**.
- This tour introduces you to Milan's most iconic landmarks and hidden treasures, beginning at **Porta Garibaldi** and **Piazza del Duomo** to food recommendations, local lifestyle, and history, you will start the tour at a square that's a symbol of Milan's "of the future" and spot **Bosco Verticale**, an architectural concept focused on sustainability. You'll pop into the coolest concept store in Milan, which houses an art gallery, a bookshop, a design and fashion store, and a micro-hotel with three rooms, **Porta Garibaldi**.
- Later, you'll take a stroll under one of the oldest city gates built in a Neoclassical style that is now home to one of the districts of Milan.
- Then on to the Ancient Church, you will go to see the **Church of Santa Maria Incoronata**, a church formed by two paired buildings. Your local guide will tell you the story behind both of the buildings! Not forgetting the **Basilica of San Simpliciano**, which is one of the oldest churches in Milan, and discover its hidden courtyard, little known even to the Milanese.
- Then you will proceed on to check out the **Church of San Marco at Piazza San Marco**, dedicated to **St. Mark**, patron of Venice, after the help given by that city in a way during the 12th century. Enter the courtyard of the main public gallery for paintings in the city and hear what masterpieces you can find inside.
- Follow your guide to **Piazza Dei Mercanti**, which used to be the heart of the city in the Middle Ages.
- In the evening, gather for a special **farewell dinner**, the perfect opportunity to celebrate the experiences shared throughout your journey in Italy. Overnight in Milan.
- **Hotel: Uptown Palace 4★ Milan (or similar).**

### Day 10: FRIDAY - MARCH 19 - DEPARTURE

Meals: B

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before gathering your belongings and checking out.
- Depending on your flight schedule, enjoy some free time before your transfer. You will then be escorted to the airport for your international departure.
- Safe travels and end of your journey.





*Day 1: WEDNESDAY - MARCH 10 - DEPART USA*

- Today, you'll be flying from the USA to Rome, Italy.



*Day 2: THURSDAY - MARCH 11 - ARRIVE ROME*

Meals: D

- Upon arrival at the airport, you will be warmly greeted by our representative and transferred to your hotel for check-in.
- The remainder of the day is at leisure to rest after your flight, settle into your accommodations, or begin exploring the beauty of Rome at your own pace.
- You may choose to stroll along the famous **Via del Corso**, browse the elegant designer boutiques near **Via Condotti**, enjoy a cappuccino at a local café, or simply relax and take in the atmosphere of this historic city.
- In the evening, gather with your group for a special **Welcome Dinner** as you begin your unforgettable journey.
- **Hotel: Hotel Abitart 4★ (or similar).**



*Day 3: FRIDAY - MARCH 12 - ROME*

Meals: B, L

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before beginning a guided tour dedicated to the Vatican and early Christian Rome.
- Visit the world-famous **Vatican Museums**, home to extraordinary collections of art gathered by the Popes throughout the centuries, including masterpieces by Raphael. Continue to the breathtaking **Sistine Chapel** to admire Michelangelo's iconic frescoes, followed by a visit to **St. Peter's Basilica**, where you will see Michelangelo's Pietà and Bernini's magnificent Baldachin.
- After lunch, continue your journey through early Christian history with a visit to the **Catacombs of San Callisto**, one of the most significant Christian burial sites in Rome. You will also visit the historic **Mamertine Prison**, traditionally believed to be where Saints Peter and Paul were imprisoned. Return to the hotel in the evening.
- **Hotel: Hotel Abitart 4★ (or similar).**



*Day 4: SATURDAY - MARCH 13 - ROME / FLORENCE*

Meals: B, L

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before checking out and preparing for another unforgettable day in Italy. Meet your guide and chauffeur for a tour focused on the grandeur of Ancient and Baroque Rome.
- Begin with a visit to the iconic **Colosseum**, the enduring symbol of Imperial Rome, followed by the **Roman Forum**, once the center of political, religious, and social life in ancient Rome.
- Continue through the elegant highlights of Baroque Rome, including the famous **Spanish Steps**, the stunning **Trevi Fountain**, and **Piazza Navona**, home to Bernini's magnificent **Fountain of the Four Rivers**.
- Enjoy a light grab-and-go lunch before departing for **Florence**.
- Upon arrival in **Florence**, check in at your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at leisure to relax or begin exploring the charm of the Renaissance city.
- **Hotel: B&B Hotel Firenze Laurus al Duomo 4\* Florence (or similar).**



*Day 5: SUNDAY - MARCH 14 - FLORENCE / SAN GIMIGNANO / PISA*

Meals: B, L

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before setting out on a guided walking tour of **Florence**.
- Discover over 2,000 years of Florentine history as you explore the **City of Dante** and admire the artistic legacy of great masters such as Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo. Beginning at **Piazza della Repubblica**, learn about Florence's Roman origins before visiting the **Galleria dell'Accademia**, home to Michelangelo's famous David.
- Continue through Florence's charming streets to the historic **Ponte Vecchio**, then pass through the Uffizi Courtyard into **Piazza Signoria**. Along the way, see the **Oratory of the Bonomini**, the House of Dante, and the city's religious center featuring the Cathedral and Baptistry of St. John.
- After the tour, depart for San Gimignano for a short stop and **enjoy lunch at a country estate with a tasting of local products**.
- In the afternoon, continue to **Pisa** for a guided visit of the world-famous **Leaning Tower of Pisa** area. Return to Florence in the evening.
- **Hotel: B&B Hotel Firenze Laurus al Duomo 4★ Florence (or similar).**



*Day 6: MONDAY - MARCH 15 - FLORENCE / VENICE*

Meals: B, D

- After breakfast, enjoy a free day at leisure in **Florence**.
- You will need to check out of the hotel by 11:00 am. Your luggage can be stored at the hotel until departure. You may take the opportunity to explore the city independently, visit museums, relax in one of its historic squares, or enjoy some shopping.
- In the afternoon, at approximately 3:00–4:00 PM, meet your driver and depart for **Venice**.
- Upon arrival in **Venice**, enjoy a scenic **water taxi transfer** to your hotel on Venice Island and check in for the evening.
- Dinner at the hotel and overnight in Venice.
- **Hotel: Hotel Carlton on the Grand Canal 4★ (or similar).**



*Day 7: TUESDAY - MARCH 16 - VENICE*

Meals: B, D

- Enjoy an early breakfast at the hotel before setting out on a panoramic **guided walking tour of Venice**.
- This fascinating tour focuses on the rich history of **St. Mark's Square** and its most famous landmarks. View **St. Mark's Basilica** (from external), renowned for its stunning mosaics and marble interiors, followed by the historic **Ducal Palace (Doge's Palace)**.
- Continue across the famous **Bridge of Sighs** to the historic **Venice Jail**, learning about the city's unique history and legends along the way.
- You may also choose to enjoy an optional visit to the island of Murano, famous worldwide for its traditional glass-making artistry. (The visit to Murano is optional and not included in the Walking Tour).
- In the evening, enjoy dinner at a carefully selected local restaurant. Overnight in Venice.
- **Hotel: Hotel Carlton on the Grand Canal 4★ (or similar).**