



THE MINISTRY OF CARING INC.



# The Italian Riviera and the Northern Lakes of Italy May 1-11, 2018



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*An Experience on the Italian Riviera and the Northern Lakes of Italy*

May 1–11, 2018

Round-trip airfare, luxury hotels, breakfast daily, dinner throughout except for one evening, tour escort, admission to sights as outlined in the brochure, and portorage are included. Call 302.652.5523 for more information.

HOSTED BY REV. RONALD GIANNONE, OFM CAP.

COST: PER PERSON: \$3,300 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$450

Make checks payable: Capuchin Friars.

A nonrefundable deposit of \$400 per person is required to secure your reservation. Full amount is due February 1, 2018. Optional trip insurance is highly recommended (this would cover your deposit and full payment in the event of cancellation due to an emergency). You may want to visit squaremouth.com for a protection policy. Deposit payment may be made by check or credit card (a 3% fee will be charged for credit card purchases).

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## PASSENGER RESERVATION FORM

Mail to: Tour of Italy | Ministry of Caring Inc. | 115 East 14th Street | Wilmington, DE 19801-3209

Please enroll the following on the Tour of Italy trip for the tour date: May 1-11, 2018

Name: (Must match name on passport. Please print.)

Double Room

Single Room

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Single supplement (if no roommate):

Amount: \$450.00

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap information: \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit credit card authorization: Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Final credit card authorization for balance, due 2/1/18: Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name (as it appears on credit card): \_\_\_\_\_

Visa/Mastercard # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

All travelers must sign form:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# TRIP ITINERARY

**Day 1 - Tuesday, May 1** - Depart from JFK International Airport for your overnight transatlantic flight with American Airlines to Milan, arriving the following day. En route enjoy dinner and breakfast.

**Day 2 - Wednesday, May 2** - Your exciting trip to Italy begins with your arrival in Milan, the fashion capital of the world. Upon arrival, we will be met by the tour guide and travel to Hotel Metropole in Santa Margherita Ligure, in the heart of the Italian Riviera. Dinner will be served in the evening.

**Day 3 - Thursday, May 3** - After breakfast (served each day at your hotel), we will travel to Genoa, birthplace of Christopher Columbus, for a full-day tour. Some of the top attractions are Piazza de Ferrari, the old Port of Genoa, Palazzo Ducale, Aquarium, and the Grand Bigo. You will love this ancient port city on the Italian Riviera! Dinner awaits you.

**Day 4 - Friday, May 4** - After breakfast, we leave by boat for an excursion to Rapallo and Portofino. Rapallo is the largest Italian Riviera seaside resort town. There's a picturesque castle in the sea, a small harbor and seaside promenade, pedestrian shopping streets in the historical center. Portofino is an Italian fishing village and resort famous for its picturesque harbor and historical association with celebrity and artistic visitors. The town is clustered around its small harbor, and is known for the colorfully painted buildings that line the shore. Dinner is included.

**Day 5 - Saturday, May 5** - After breakfast, we travel to Cinque Terre, which comprises five villages: Monterosso al Mare, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola, and Riomaggiore. The coastline, the five villages, and the surrounding hillsides are all part of the Cinque Terre National Park and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You will fall in love with all five villages. Dinner awaits you.

**Day 6 - Sunday, May 6** - You have the day entirely on your own to explore the beautiful city of Santa Margherita Ligure. Perhaps, you would like to enjoy the beach or go shopping or just walk along the Italian Riviera. Dinner that evening will be on your own. It will be a wonderful opportunity to taste the local flavor!

**Day 7 - Monday, May 7** - After breakfast, we leave the Italian Riviera for the beautiful city of Torino (Turin), the first capital of Italy, the home of the Savoy kings. Turin is an important business and cultural center in northern Italy. The city is located on the western bank of the Po River, and is surrounded by the western Alpine Hill. It is famous for its delicious food. The Cathedral hosts the Holy Shroud that is only seen by the public every 25 years. We will visit the museum and see a copy of the Shroud which is believed to be the burial cloth of Christ. We will go to Stresa and check into Hotel Regina Palace. Dinner is included.

**Day 8 - Tuesday, May 8** - After breakfast, board the sight-seeing boat to the Island of Borromeo - named for a famous family that has owned this private island for centuries. Among their ancestors is a renowned saint, Charles Borromeo. You will be dazzled by the villa, and the beauty of the island. Return to your hotel in Stresa for a delicious dinner.

**Day 9 - Wednesday, May 9** - We leave for a full-day tour after breakfast to experience the beauty of Milan, renowned for its Opera House, Castello Sforzesco, Il Duomo, the famous Cathedral, and to see one of the most popular paintings of all time, Da Vinci's Last Supper. We will experience another delicious Italian dinner and return to enjoy the comfort of your hotel.

**Day 10 - Thursday, May 10** - After breakfast, we will spend a full day exploring the beauty of Lake Como, the jewel of Italy. A boat will then take us to Villa Carlotta, in Tremezzo. In the evening, we return to the beautiful city of Stresa for our farewell dinner.

**Day 11 - Friday, May 11** - Our incredible trip to the Italian Riviera and the beauty of the northern lakes of Italy have come to an end. We leave this morning after breakfast to the Milan Airport to catch our plane back to JFK.

## General Information and Conditions

**RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS:** A deposit of \$400 per person and a signed Passenger Reservation Form are required to secure a reservation. Reservations are taken on a first come-first served basis. FULL payment for tour must be received at Ministry of Caring office no later than three months prior to departure date of the tour. Reservations may be cancelled and we reserve the right to levy full cancellation charges as set forth in these conditions if full payment is not received three months (February 1, 2018) prior to the departure date. Based upon availability, a reservation received less than three months prior to the departure date of the tour must be paid in full. Payments can be made by check, money order, cashier's check or cash. No personal checks will be accepted for payments received 30 days or less before departure date. Payments can be made by Mastercard or Visa (a 3% fee will be charged for credit card purchases).

**ROOMS:** Prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available at a supplementary cost of \$450. On those rare occasions when we are not able to obtain a roommate for you, you will be required to pay the single supplement. We will attempt to give sufficient prior notice to any room changes regarding double occupancy versus single supplement. There are a limited number of single rooms available; therefore, if you want a single room, you should include the single supplement with your deposit.

**TAXES:** Airport Departure Tax is included in the price.

**TIPPING:** The price of the tour does not include tips and gratuities. Tipping is recommended to the Tour Guide (\$6-\$8) and Motor Coach Driver (\$4-\$5), per person per day to each. Gratuities for meals are not included, nor expected except when dining outside the hotel.

**SIGHTSEEING & ITINERARIES:** Sightseeing is included as per the itinerary and is under the direction of licensed local guides where required. Recommended tip for guides is \$2.00. During a holiday, some sights such as museums may be closed or unavailable for visits. Carrani reserves the right to vary the sequence of sightseeing and/or to re-route the order of cities should circumstances demand it. In either case, the itinerary content will be maintained; however, the order may change. Considerable amount of walking may be necessary while sightseeing, so bring comfortable shoes.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Travel insurance is optional, but strongly recommended. Once your reservation is made, please visit [squaremouth.com](http://squaremouth.com) or [insuremytrip.com](http://insuremytrip.com) to choose an affordable plan to suit your individual needs. If you need assistance with enrollment, please contact Debbe Philips at 302-652-5523. Please print a copy of your insurance and send to the Ministry of Caring office.

**MEDICAL CONDITIONS:** We endeavor to provide the highest level of service to all our passengers. Handicapped participants who require special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the handicapped participants' well-being. Neither Carrani nor the Ministry of Caring is responsible for any medical conditions that occur prior to, during or after the tour.

**CANCELLATION:** Because of the extraordinary savings being offered, if you cancel, your deposit is nonrefundable. However, when you pay in full and are forced to cancel, the following apply:

45 days or less	\$500 plus any penalties applied by airlines, hotels and tour operators.
Six (6) days or less	Including airport cancellations, NO REFUND plus full penalties applied by airlines and hotels.

Travel insurance fees are nonrefundable. Carrani and the Ministry of Caring reserve the right to cancel a tour. Penalties are not assessed when tours are cancelled by Carrani or Ministry of Caring.

**BAGGAGE:** Each passenger is allowed to bring one (1) checked bag which may have a maximum weight of 50 lbs. Also, one (1) carry-on bag, which will be your obligation throughout Italy to carry, is permitted. There is a charge for any additional luggage. Luggage is the passenger's responsibility and that of the airlines. For lost luggage claims, the passenger is responsible for notifying the airline directly. Check with American Airlines regarding luggage rules and regulations. Your one suitcase will be portered throughout the tour. If there is an extra suitcase, a surcharge per day will be applied. It's smart to travel light. The weather is usually in the high 60's and the low 70's during the day, and drops considerably in the evening.

**SEAT ASSIGNMENT:** Normally, there is no advance seat selection for tour departures. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions. Three hours advance arrival to departing airport is necessary.

**RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:** For Flight and Passenger Accommodations and Services: Ministry of Caring (herein referred to as the Ministry) is responsible for making all arrangements for tour services offered in the brochure. The airlines, hotels, land operators, and other suppliers providing services are independent contractors and not agents, employees or associates of the Ministry. Promoters are not agents, employees or authorized representatives of the Ministry. Acceptance and confirmation of your reservation is at the discretion of the airlines even after full payment has been made. The Ministry assumes no responsibility or liability in connection with the service of an aircraft, motor coach, taxi or other conveyance which may be used in the performance of its duty to the passengers. All vouchers and other documents for services are issued by the Ministry and are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers and to the laws of the country where services are supplied. If the tour services as indicated by the brochure cannot be supplied or there are changes in the itinerary for reasons beyond the control of the Ministry, we will arrange for provisions of comparable services. Any resulting additional expenses will be payable by the passenger participant. The Ministry reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a passenger, to make changes in the itinerary whenever the Ministry deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience and safety of the passengers, and to cancel a tour at any time. A minimum number of 30 passengers (unless otherwise noted) is required, or the tour is subject to cancellation. If the Ministry cancels a tour, it shall have no responsibility beyond the refund of all monies paid to the Ministry by the passenger participant. The passenger agrees that the Ministry shall not be liable for any changes in flight schedules, delays, weather conditions, damages, losses (including personal injuries, deaths and property losses) or expenses occasioned by acts or omissions of any person, including suppliers providing services, or for any acts of war, insurrection, revolts or other civil uprisings, military actions, strikes, or acts of Nature occurring in either the country of origin, through passage, or destination. No person other than an authorized representative of the Ministry by written document is authorized to vary, add or waive any term or condition in this brochure, including the terms and conditions set forth in the foregoing provisions. All published fares and prices are based on exchange rate, and all fares and prices quoted at the time of publication are subject to change.

**PASSPORTS:** ALL PASSENGERS MUST HAVE A VALID PASSPORT. Passport should be in your possession before a reservation is made. Ministry assumes no liability for passport procurement. Foreign nationals must have a valid passport and their green Alien Registration Card. Foreign nationals must also check with the Embassies of their respective countries as to USA requirements, and with the Internal Revenue Service for any tax liability. Passports must be valid six (6) months after return of May 11 (valid through November, 2018).

**VISA OR IMMUNIZATIONS:** No visa or immunization shots or vaccinations are required for Italy.

**NOTE:** The sequence of activities in the itineraries may change or be reversed, but none will be omitted except for circumstances beyond our control. Any litigation concerning the trip, including accommodations or any other services booked through Ministry of Caring, may be brought only within the state of Delaware and nowhere else, and Delaware law will be applicable to any and all such litigation.