

Best of Italy & Malta

with Pastor Alan Weatherly
September 24 - October 5, 2025



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Day 1: September 24, 2025 – Departure

Your journey begins when you depart the USA.

Day 2: September 25, 2025 – Arrive in Malta

Today, we have arrived on the beautiful island of Malta in the Mediterranean. Here, we will start discovering ancient treasures and the rich Christian history. We will follow the path of the Apostle Paul! After we get here, we will go to the hotel for dinner and spend the night.

Day 3: September 26, 2025 – Valletta / Harbor Cruise / St. Thomas Bay

This day focuses on guided sightseeing, highlighting 7,000 years of history, beginning in Valletta, the fortified capital and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Valletta is a popular tourist spot with its lovely cafés and shops. It features the stunning St. John's Co-Cathedral, impressive fortifications, and priceless artworks. Learn about the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, a Crusader group that protected Europe from Islamic expansion. Enjoy a peaceful harbor cruise with amazing views of Malta's Grand Harbor, often seen as the most beautiful in the Mediterranean. Afterward, if time permits, we will drive to the ramparts to explore some grand inns and residences on our way to St. Thomas Bay, a possible location of the Apostle Paul's shipwreck. We will stay overnight in Malta.

Day 4: September 27, 2025 – Mdina / Mosta Church / Dingli Cliffs / Rabat / St. Paul Bay

After breakfast, we will embark on a full-day tour of Malta. Our first destination will be St. Paul's site and the area of the shipwreck. The journey will trace the path believed to have been taken by St. Paul, where he preached and baptized the first Maltese at the San Pawl Milqi Chapel, which translates to "St. Paul welcomed." We will also visit the location where he rested during his stay in Rabat, specifically the St. Paul's Grotto, recognized as the place where the saint is thought to have resided for several months. Our next stop will be the impressive Mosta Rotunda, a grand domed church located in Mosta. On our way to Rabat, we will explore St. Paul's Church and Grotto, established in 1575 over the ancient caves where, according to some traditions, the Apostle Paul was imprisoned. After a lunch break, we will stroll through the streets of Mdina, Malta's original capital, where we will visit the Cathedral dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul. Mdina, situated at one of the highest points in Malta, offers breathtaking views of the entire island. To conclude our western shore exploration, we will admire the stunning Dingli Cliffs before heading back. Our final stop for the day will be the Catacombs of St. Paul, an intriguing network of 3rd-century AD underground tombs and the earliest archaeological evidence of Christianity in Malta. Stay overnight in Malta.

Day 5: September 28, 2025 – Fly to Rome / Arrive in Rome

We fly to the Rome airport and transfer to our lodging for the next three nights.



Day 6: September 29, 2025 – Forum / Mamertine / Colosseum / Ostia Antica

We begin our walking tour at the Roman Forum, where our guide will reveal its hidden stories. Our first stop is the Arch of Titus, commemorating the capture of Jerusalem in 70 AD. We'll also view the Mamertine Prison, where according to legend, the Apostles Peter and Paul were imprisoned. Next, we visit the Colosseum, where many lost their lives in gladiator fights. Opened in 80 AD, it saw the death of 5,000 wild animals in just 100 days, with brutal practices continuing for 300 years. The Colosseum could seat 40,000 to 80,000 spectators, and a new walkway allows visitors to explore its maze of cells and ramps. We conclude our day at the ruins of Ostia Antica, showcasing ancient city life, including the Ostian Gate. We will spend the night in Rome.

Day 7: September 30, 2025 - Vatican Museums, St. Peter Scala Sancta / Abbey of the Three Fountains.

After breakfast, you will begin a full day of sightseeing. First, visit Vatican City, where you will see the St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel, and the Vatican Museums with stunning works of art at every turn. After some free time for lunch, you will stop at The Abbey of the Three Fountains, the traditional site of Paul's martyrdom, and the ancient street that he walked on. Next, visit the 4th-century Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, the site of Paul's tomb, and the Scala Sancta, where Martin Luther made his stand against the practice of indulgences. This fascinating museum houses the Steps from Pilot's Judgment Hall in Jerusalem brought to Rome by Helena, the mother of Constantine. Additional sights include the Arch of Constantine and Titus, Circus Maximus and the beautiful marble monument called the Wedding Cake. Stay overnight in Rome.

Day 8: October 1, 2025 – Frescoes / Assisi / Florence

Travel to Florence and, on the way, stop in Assisi for a guided walking tour of the town, including an inside visit to St. Francis Basilica. Check-in for two nights at the hotel in Florence. Dinner is at the hotel.

Day 9: October 2, 2025 - Florence / Michelangelo's David

The elegant city of Florence is nestled between a line of hills and the banks of the Arno River. During your visit to Florence, enjoy the beautiful gardens and a leisurely stroll through the open-air markets. Every street, square, and winding alley 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 Baptistry which features Ghiberti's famous *Gates of Paradise*, and the Accademia Gallery where you can view some of Michelangelo's finished and unfinished work, including the awe-inspiring David. Stay overnight in Florence.

Day 10: October 3, 2025 - Pisa / Verona

Travel to Venice, and on the way, stop to enjoy some free time in Pisa to see the Leaning Tower and in Verona. Check-in for two nights at the hotel in Venice Mestre mainland. Dinner and your overnight stay is at the hotel in Venice Mestre.

Day 11: October 4, 2025 - Venice

Your guided walking tour of Venice will include the a walking tour of Venice to see the Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's Square,

Bell Tower, Clock Tower, and Doges' Palace. Enjoy lunch and some free time on your own. Return to the hotel. Dinner and your overnight stay is at the hotel in Venice Mestre mainland.

Day 12: October 5, 2025 - Return to the USA

Transfer to the airport for our flight back to the USA.



For questions about the tour, call or email:

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\$5,749* from New York Area
\$6,147* from Huntsville, AL

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Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing
Round-trip International Airfare
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Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes
Subject to change
Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees
Hotel Gratuities & Program Fees
Daily Breakfast & Dinner, Deluxe Motorcoaches
First-Class Hotels & much more!

*A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.

PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Round-trip 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 • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges \$600 • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • 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 • Visa for non-US citizens • Required Vaccinations • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While NTS will try to match roommates, NTS 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: \$1299 during the basic tour.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Payment	Amount	Due Date
Initial Deposit	\$300	Due upon registration.
Second Deposit	\$1,500	Due by 06/01/25
Full Deposit	\$1,800	Payment received between 06/02/25 - 07/10/25 to departure must pay the full deposit amount and may be subject to late registration fees.
Full Payment		Due 07/11/25. If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.
Travel Protection Amount		The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 06/01/25 to departure to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to our deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after June 1, 2025:

We welcome registrations after 06/01/25. Registrations received between 06/02/25 - 06/26/25 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 06/27/25 - 07/11/25 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received between 07/12/25 - 07/26/25 will incur a \$400 per person fee. Registrations received 07/27/25 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 coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation 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 per-person 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.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

NTS does not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. NTS reserves the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by NTS, and NTS reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of NTS, NTS will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

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 and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. NTS reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of NTS, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please see eo.travel/fit-to-travel-statement or contact Educational Opportunities Tours Inc. for more details.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 06/01/25. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger.

Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates - For a full description of the plan, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF427E

Trip Cost	Cost*	Trip Cost	Cost*	Trip Cost	Cost*
\$0 - \$1000	\$99	\$3501-\$4000	\$399	\$6501-\$7000	\$699
\$1001-\$1500	\$149	\$4001-\$4500	\$449	\$7001-\$8000	\$799
\$1501-\$2000	\$199	\$4501-\$5000	\$499	\$8001-\$9000	\$899
\$2001-\$2500	\$249	\$5001-\$5500	\$549	\$9001-\$10000	\$999
\$2501-\$3000	\$299	\$5501-\$6000	\$599		
\$3001-\$3500	\$349	\$6001-\$6500	\$649		

Schedule of Benefits

Maximum Benefit

Trip Cancellation	Up to 100% of the non-refundable Trip Cost
Trip Interruption	Up to 100% of the non-refundable Trip Cost
Missed Connection	\$500
Trip Delay	Up to \$150 Per Day, to Maximum of \$1,500
Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation	
Accident & Sickness Medical Expense	\$25,000
Medical Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains	\$50,000
24 Hour Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000
Baggage & Personal Effects	\$1,000
Baggage Delay	Up to \$200

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, NTS does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, 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 traveling 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. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact guest services for further details.

FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. NTS 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. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines.

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 eo.travel/travel-info/airline-fees.

ON OWN DEVIATIONS:

On Own 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 NTS will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour.

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 10/29/24. 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 NTS 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 NTS or its agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies NTS in writing prior to departure.

Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be the Passengers Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation.

Except where otherwise stated, NTS acts only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall NTS be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. **The passenger agrees that NTS assumes no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service.**

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