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TRIP ITINERARY

ITALY

Walking the World of Paul and the Early Church

PREPARED FOR

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City of Refuge

September 27 – October 7, 2027

with BE Instructor **Dr. Carrie Wood**

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TRIP OVERVIEW

Your Journey

Thank you for choosing to travel with Biblical Expeditions. Below you will find the final day-by-day itinerary, the hotels confirmed for your group, and everything that is included in your Biblical Expeditions package. This program brings the first-century world of Paul and the early Jesus movement to life against the backdrop of Rome, Naples, and Tuscany.

At a Glance

Travel dates	September 27 – October 7, 2027
Duration	11 days · 9 nights
BE Instructor	Dr. Carrie Wood
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Accommodations

City	Nights	Hotel	Rating
Naples	3	Star Hotel Terminus	4-Star
Rome	3	Hotel LDC Life Style	4-Star
Siena	1	NH Hotel Siena	4-Star
Florence	2	NIL Hotel	4-Star

NIL Hotel in Florence is located about 4 km from the city center; taxi transfers into and out of the center are included. Hotels are requested once the trip agreement is signed and are subject to availability at the time of booking.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

DAY 1

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2027

Depart the U.S.A.

Depart the U.S.A. on your overnight flight to Rome.

DAY 2

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2027

Arrive Rome · Bay of Naples

Upon arrival at Rome's Fiumicino–Leonardo da Vinci Airport, we will meet our tour manager, who will remain with us for the duration of our journey. We will drive in our deluxe motorcoach to the Bay of Naples for a Napolitano pizza dinner and overnight.

HOTEL Star Hotel Terminus, Naples DINNER Napolitano pizza dinner

DAY 3

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2027

Naples · Pozzuoli

Our morning begins with a visit to the National Archaeological Museum in Naples with our local guide. At the museum we will see artifacts uncovered throughout Italy, but especially from Pompeii and Herculaneum. These artifacts, frescoes, and mosaics provide windows into the first-century world of Paul and the early Jesus movement against the backdrop of the Roman world. From Naples we travel to Pozzuoli (ancient Puteoli; Acts 28:13) and visit the ancient harbor of the city and its excellently preserved arena. Dinner on your own and overnight at our hotel in Naples.

HOTEL Star Hotel Terminus, Naples DINNER On your own

DAY 4

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2027

Pompeii · Herculaneum · Oplontis

The eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79 destroyed the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum, as well as the palatial Villa Oplontis. These sites became time capsules, enabling us to touch the first-century Roman world with its idols and temples, decadence and entertainment, and daily life. We begin our morning at Pompeii exploring this magnificent city with its streets, stores, homes, bathhouses, forum, and brothel. We make our way next to Herculaneum to explore this city. Our day concludes visiting the breathtaking Villa Oplontis. Having stepped back in time, we understand the world of Paul and his communities. After a day of touring, our late afternoon is spent at a winery in the region of Mount Vesuvius. Dinner on your own and overnight at our hotel in Naples.

HOTEL Star Hotel Terminus, Naples DINNER On your own

DAY 5

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2027

Naples to Rome · Walking Tour

This morning we check out of our hotel and drive (approximately three hours with a stop) to Rome. After lunch, we have a leisurely walking tour of Rome's most famous attractions: the Piazza Navona; passing by the Temple to the Deified Hadrian, we enter the Pantheon, a magnificent temple built by the Emperor Hadrian to the pantheon of Roman gods; the Trevi Fountain, where you can make a wish and toss a coin over your shoulder into the fountain; and the Spanish Steps. The rest of our day is free to explore the city of Rome. Dinner at Sapori dal Mondo and overnight at our hotel in Rome.

HOTEL Hotel LDC Life Style, Rome DINNER Sapori dal Mondo

DAY 6

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2027

The Vatican

Our morning today is taken with visiting the Vatican. The papal state provides a kaleidoscope of Rome's history and the history of the Church. Our visit takes us to the Vatican Gardens, the Rooms of Raphael, the Belvedere Courtyard, the Gallery of Maps, the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica. After our morning tour, the afternoon is free to explore Rome. Dinner on your own and overnight at our hotel in Rome.

HOTEL Hotel LDC Life Style, Rome **DINNER** On your own

DAY 7

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2027

Ancient Rome

Our journey today takes us into the heart of ancient Rome, the city and the empire. We begin at the Colosseum, built by the Emperor Vespasian. We then walk to the Palatine Hill, where the palaces of the Caesars, including the homes of Augustus (Luke 2:1) and Livia, resided. We continue into the Roman Forum, where we will see the Arch of Titus, the Curia (Senate House), the place of Julius Caesar's pyre, and more. We then walk up the Capitoline Hill and visit the Capitoline Museums with their stunning artifacts. Our day concludes at Largo Argentina, where we view the place of Julius Caesar's assassination from the pedestrian area above the ruins. Dinner at Sapori dal Mondo and overnight at our hotel in Rome.

HOTEL Hotel LDC Life Style, Rome **DINNER** Sapori dal Mondo

DAY 8

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2027

Orvieto · Siena

Drive toward Florence through the Umbrian countryside to Orvieto, a true gem in the heart of Italy. We visit the medieval town with its cathedral and underground city. Continue to Siena and explore the quaint streets and shops of this medieval town and visit the Piazza del Campo. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Siena.

HOTEL NH Hotel Siena **DINNER** NH Hotel Siena

DAY 9

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2027

Siena to Florence

After a morning to explore Siena, we depart in late morning for Florence. We walk the lively streets of Florence and visit the Accademia, where we behold striking masterworks such as Michelangelo's incomparable David. Next, we visit the Duomo and the Ponte Vecchio. Dinner at a local restaurant in the center of Florence and overnight at our hotel in Florence.

HOTEL NIL Hotel, Florence **DINNER** Local restaurant in the center of Florence

DAY 10

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2027

Florence · Pasta Cooking Class

Our last day is free to explore Florence—its shops, restaurants, and streets. Dinner tonight is a cooking class in Florence, where we will learn to make pasta like an Italian mama. Overnight at our hotel in Florence.

HOTEL NIL Hotel, Florence **DINNER** Pasta cooking class dinner

DAY 11

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2027

Return Home

Depart Florence and return home.