



11-DAY PILGRIMAGE

SHRINES OF ITALY

NOVEMBER 06 - 16, 2023

\$3,799  Per Person • Round-Trip Air from Chicago, IL

St Patrick Catholic Church, McHenry, Illinois

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Shrines of Italy

✓ INCLUDED

- Round-trip airfare
- All airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- First-class hotels (prices based on double occupancy)
- Land transportation as per itinerary
- Gratuities for tour guides and driver
- Breakfast & dinner daily
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Daily Masses
- Professional local guides
- A medical travel protection plan

✗ NOT INCLUDED

- Travel insurance is not included but is strongly recommended in case of unforeseen circumstances
- Nativity Pilgrimage partners with Trawick International to offer a comprehensive policy at an additional cost.
- Passport & visa costs
- U.S. Passports must be valid for at least six months after the return date.
- Items of a personal nature (hotel extras, laundry, phone calls, etc.)
- Lunch and other meals not specified in the program's itinerary
- Items not specifically mentioned above

i REGISTRATION

- A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$300 is due at registration along with a copy of your passport. You may mail it in or [pay online](#).
- Names on registration form & passport MUST match
- Passports must be current six months after departure date
- Your final payment is due Friday, July 28, 2023 (100 days before departure)



Day 1: Flight to Rome

Today: Your pilgrimage begins today by boarding your flight to Rome. Rest assured, all necessary preparations for your journey have been made. So, sit back, relax, and enjoy your flight. Your spiritual journey awaits in Rome!

Day 2: Rome

Today: Welcome to Rome, also known as “The Eternal City.” Upon arrival at the airport, you will pass through customs, collect your luggage in the baggage claim area, and continue to the Arrivals Hall, where you will be greeted by your tour guide & driver. We will transfer to the hotel via motor coach, and following check-in, you will have free time to settle in, relax, or explore Rome on your own

Evening: Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

Day 3: Papal Audience • Trevi Fountain • Basilica of St. John The Lateran • Holy Stairs • Basilica of St. Mary Major

Today: After breakfast, we begin our day with the Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square! The Audience is celebrated each Wednesday by His Holiness Pope Francis (pending the papal schedule). Following the Audience, we will visit Trevi Fountain, where you will have some free time on your own for lunch. This afternoon, you will visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the oldest of Rome's four major basilicas. This church holds Peter & Paul's relics, and it is also where Pope Francis was installed as Bishop of Rome. Next, you will cross the street to visit the Holy Stairs. They are the very steps leading up to the praetorium of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem on which Jesus walked His way to trial during his Passion. The Stairs were brought to Rome by Saint Helena in the fourth century. You may ascend these stairs on your knees in memory of Christ's agonizing Passion, as is the custom. We will conclude our day with Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, a church dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. St. Mary Major reigns as the only Basilica that has kept its original structure and is considered an authentic jewel in the crown of Roman Churches. It also contains a relic from the Manger of the Infant Jesus.

Evening: Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.



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Day 4: St. Peter's Basilica • Vatican Museum • Appian Way - Basilica of St. Paul Outside The Walls - Catacombs

Today: After an early breakfast, we begin at the world's largest Christendom Church, St. Peter's Basilica. St. Peter's was built where St. Peter, the first Pope and Bishop of Rome, was martyred. Inside this magnificent church, you will see Michelangelo's Pieta, a stunning marble sculpture depicting the Virgin Mary holding Christ after His crucifixion, death, and removal off the cross before being placed in the tomb. Next, we continue to the Vatican Museum, where you will see the most impressive monuments, sculptures, art, galleries, and awe-inspiring relics. Additionally, you will observe the Tapestry Gallery, Raphael Rooms, the Sistine Chapel, and Michelangelo's Masterpiece, the restored mural of the Last Judgment. The final stop on your Vatican tour is the tomb of Saint John Paul II. After lunch, we will continue our short journey down the Appian Way, the earliest road of Ancient Rome. This road leads to the Domine Quo Vadis Chapel, the Baths of Caracalla, the Arch of Drusus, the Tomb of Cecilia Metella, and the catacombs of St. Callixtus. Afterward, our day concludes with a visit to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Originally founded by Emperor Constantine in the 4th Century, this Basilica is the burial place of Saint Paul the Apostle.

Evening: Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

Day 5: Pompeii

Today: Following breakfast at our hotel, we will drive to the ancient ruins of Pompeii. We will have a private guided tour of the volcanic ruins, as well as a visit to the Shrine of the Virgin of the Rosary of Pompeii.

Evening: Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Castellammare di Stabia.

Day 6: Sorrento • Amalfi Coast

Today: Following breakfast, we will take a drive along the Amalfi Coast, considered among the most beautiful routes in the world. We will make our way to Amalfi by driving along the Citrus Coast, a name given to this area for its abundance of lemon and orange trees. After lunch, we will explore the Cathedral of St. Andrew, view his relics and Crypt, and celebrate Mass. On our way back to the hotel, we will visit a Limoncello farm to try our hand at making this tasty liquor as well as enjoying a true Italian culinary experience. The group will be divided into two smaller groups, and each class lasts 40 minutes. While one group has the Limoncello tasting, the other will enjoy some time tasting the sweet treats at the pastry shop of Sal De Riso. Finally, we will stop at a Ceramic Factory where you can shop for beautiful local ceramics.

Evening: Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Castellammare di Stabia.

Day 7: The Island of Capri

Today: After breakfast at our hotel, we will take the ferry to the island of Capri (90-minute ride). Upon arrival in Capri, our local guide will give us a short visit to the town's center, where we will explore the Blue Grotto (weather permitting) and take a funicular to the mountain overlooking Capri.

Evening: Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Castellammare.

Day 8: Pietrelcina • S. Giovanni Rotondo

Today: After breakfast, we leave for Pietrelcina, the birthplace of Saint Pio. Here, we will visit the house and museum of Padre Pio before continuing to San Giovanni Rotondo.

Evening: Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

Day 9: San Giovanni Rotondo • Monte Sant'angelo

Today: After breakfast, we begin our day by visiting the Sanctuary in San Giovanni Rotondo, where the incorrupt body of Padre Pio is displayed in a crystal urn. We will then visit other places related to St. Padre Pio, and later this afternoon, we depart for Monte Sant'Angelo. Here, we will visit the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel, a place where many Popes have knelt in prayer to obtain St. Michael's protection. Afterward, we will return to San Giovanni Rotondo.

Evening: Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

Day 10: Lanciano • Rome

Today: This morning, we depart for Lanciano to visit the Shrine of the Eucharistic Miracle which occurred in the eighth century. According to tradition, a monk who had doubts about the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist found, when he said the words of consecration at Mass, that the bread and wine changed into flesh and blood. The Catholic Church validated this event calling it an authentic miracle. After our visit, we will continue our journey to Rome.

Evening: Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

Day 11: Return Flight Home

Today: This morning, we will transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Tour Price Includes

- Economy class and round-trip airfares are included in your price and are based on the time of the reservation. Rates and times are subject to change without notice. Airfares, once issued, **ARE NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERABLE, AND CANNOT BE USED TOWARDS FUTURE TRAVEL.**
- All land transportation as described in the itinerary will be by Deluxe Motor Coach. Some may be equipped with Wi-Fi service.
- Hotels are first-class with double occupancy (2 people per room with a private bath). Neither Nativity Pilgrimage nor the trip coordinator are responsible for providing a roommate.
- Single Room: There is an additional cost per person as specified on the registration form. Single rooms are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Meal Plan: Two meals per day (breakfast & dinner)
- Tips for your guide & driver
- Baggage: Nativity Pilgrimage limits all passengers to one piece of checked luggage and one carry-on. All passengers should check with the airlines carriers for up to date baggage weight and dimensions.
- Airport taxes, fuel surcharges, porterage, and security fees
- Medical Protection Plan: Covers you for the duration of your trip.

Tour Price Does Not Include

- Passport Expenses: Passports or any additional documents that may be required. Passports must be valid after 6 months of return date.
- Personal Items: Laundry, beverages (wines, liquors, mineral water, tea, coffee, etc.) and food that are not on the menu of your included meal package, hotel amenities, additional luggage, etc.
- Non-itinerary fees: Any sightseeing or other services not specifically mentioned as being included in the itinerary.
- Cancellation Protection Plan: We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance upon registration.
- Lunch or any meals not specifically included in your itinerary

Booking Conditions

A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$300.00 per person is required at the time of booking. No reservation will be processed without a deposit. Full payment is due **Friday, July 25, 2023 (100 days before departure)**. Late registrations received after the deadline require an additional \$100 (subject to availability). If payment is not made in full 50 days prior to departure, your payments are non-refundable.

You may use any major credit card to pay your deposit. There is an additional 3% charge for each credit card payment. For any remaining payments, we also accept checks, money orders, zelle, ACH, and wire transfers.

Cancellation & Refund Policy

We hope that nothing will prevent you from taking your trip with Nativity Pilgrimage, however, should you need to cancel, your cancellation must be in writing via email or letter. It will be effective on the date of receipt. The following cancellation fees will apply:

Days Prior To Departure

100 + Days
99-50 Days
49 Days

Charge

Lose Deposit
50% of trip cost
100% of trip cost

Insurance premiums are non-refundable. We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance to avoid these cancellation fees.

Protect Your Trip

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The right is reserved by Nativity Pilgrimage to cancel any tour prior to departure. Refund detail settlement conditions vary upon each trip.

No refund will be made for any used portion of the tour unless arrangements are made prior to departure from the United States.

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