

10-DAY PILGRIMAGE

# SHRINES OF ITALY & MEDJUGORJE

OCTOBER 21 - 30, 2024



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# Nativity Pilgrimage



- 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 12, 2024 (100 days before departure)









# Day 1: FLIGHT TO ROME

Today: Your pilgrimage begins today as you board your overnight flight to Rome. Meals and drinks will be served on board. Rest assured that all the preparations have been made for your journey. So sit back, relax, and enjoy your flight to Rome!

#### Day 2: ROME

Today: After arriving at the airport in Rome, we will travel to our hotel, settle in, relax, and spend the evening getting acquainted with our fellow pilgrims. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

### Day 3: VATICAN CITY

Today: This morning, we begin by attending a papal audience with Pope Francis. Afterward, we will visit the Vatican Museums with centuries of beautiful artwork and artifacts such as Michelangelo's Pieta. Next, we will visit the world-famous Sistine Chapel, followed by St. Peter's Basilica, built over the tomb of St. Peter. Finally, we will visit the recently excavated necropolis before returning to your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

# Day 4: ROME

Today: We begin our day at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, one of Rome's Seven Pilgrim Churches and its largest Catholic Marian church. It also contains a relic from the manger of the infant Jesus! Next, we will visit the Scala Sancta, the stairs Christ climbed to stand before Pontius Pilate. Those who wish may climb the stairs on their knees, as is the custom. Next, we visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran. Once the residence for popes, it is quite a sight to see, as is St. Paul Outside the Walls, which shelters the relics of St. Paul the Apostle. Afterward, we will visit the Church of Domine Quo Vadis, where Christ appeared to Peter and gave him the courage to follow him into martyrdom, as foretold in the Gospels. Our last stop today will be the catacombs where persecuted Christians practiced their faith in hiding and are now buried. Finally, we will return to our hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.



#### Pay 5: ROME • MONTE CASSINO • SAN GIOVANNI **ROTONDO**

Today: Heading south, we will travel through the rich Italian countryside of vineyards, orchards, and olive groves. Take in the amazing panoramic views as we find ourselves in Montecassino, a town founded by St. Benedict in 529. Next, we will continue on to San Giovanni Rotondo, the home of St. Padre Pio. Here, we will travel to your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

# Pay 6; SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO • MONTE

Today: We start the day by celebrating Mass at the tomb of St. Padre Pio, followed by a tour of the sanctuary. We will see the old church and crucifix before which he received the stigmata in 1918. We will also see the confessional where he directed people on their path and pray before Padre Pio's incorrupt body. Afterward, w will have a stunning view of the Gargano Peninsula as we travel to the Grotto of Michael the Archangel. Saints, popes, and people from all over have come to this grotto looking for the protection and intercession of St. Michael. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

#### Pay 7: LANCIANO • LORETO • FERRY TO CROATIA

Today: We will travel to Lanciano to visit the Church of St. Longinus, home of a Eucharistic miracle. We will celebrate Mass before going to the Holy House of Nazareth or Basilica Della Santa Casa. This basilica is known for enshrining the house in which the Blessed Virgin Mary is believed by some Catholics to have lived. Finally, we depart on an overnight ferry from Ancona, Italy, to Split, Croatia. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be on board.

# Pay S: MEDJUGORJE

Today: After breakfast, you will be greeted by your tour guide and driver, who will take you on the 2 1/2 hour drive to the village of Medjugorje. Enjoy the scenery as you make your way to the village, where you will check in to your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

# Pay 9: MEDJUGORJE

Today: While in Medjugorje, you will have the opportunity to experience your faith grow and share in the faith journey of pilgrims from all over the world. Your group will assemble at St. James Church for Daily Mass at 10:00 AM. Afterward, climb Apparition Hill, where the visionaries first encountered Our Lady. Also, at the base of this hill is a Blue Cross, where it is said Our Lady appeared to the children while they hid from the communist police in the early days of the apparitions. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## Pay 10: RETURN HOME

Today: We will transfer to the airport this morning 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 menus 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 12, 2024 (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**

#### Charge

100 + DaysLose Deposit99-50 Days50% of trip cost49 Days100% of trip cost

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

#### **Protect Your Trip**

Nativity Pilgrimage is not an insurance provider. We do partner with Trawick International to offer a comprehensive policy at an additional cost. Whether through Trawick or your own insurance provider, we highly recommend purchasing travel insurance in case of unforeseen circumstances.

Follow the link or scan the QR code to view our Travel Protection Plan details.

#### https://nativity.trawickinternational.com





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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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