

12-Day Pilgrimage

Shrines of Italy

ROME — MILAN

MAY 20 – 31, 2024

Your Trip Includes



Round-Trip
Airfare



Meal Plan



First-Class
Hotels



Land
Transportation



Professional
Tour Guides



Medical
Protection

AND MORE!



Tour Operator: Nativity Pilgrimage

Trip Cost: \$4,599 per person

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Highlights

Rome **Vatican** Monte
Cassino **San Giovanni**
Rotondo Monte Sant'
Angelo **Lanciano**
Loreto **Assisi** Siena
Florence Milan



included

- Round-trip airfare
- First-class hotels (price based on double occupancy)
- Land transportation/transfers
- Breakfast and dinner everyday
- Sightseeing/admissions fees
- Daily Masses
- Professional local tour guides
- Medical travel protection plan (this does not include trip cancellation protection)



not included

- Trip cancellation insurance (we strongly recommend you purchase (see pg. 4))
- Passport & visa costs
- Tips for tour guides & drivers
- Items of a personal nature, such as hotel extras, laundry, phone calls, etc.
- Lunch or any meals not specified in your itinerary
- Items not specifically mentioned above



register

- A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$300 is due at registration, along with your registration form & copy of your passport.
- Names on the registration form and passport MUST match exactly and U.S. passports must be valid for at least six months after your return date.
- We are not responsible for visa procurement.
- Full payment is due **02/09/24** (100 days before departure)



DAY 1: FLIGHT TO ROME

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

DAY 2: ROME

After arriving in Rome, we will meet our guide and driver at the airport, board the tour bus and begin our journey. We will have a nice panoramic tour of "The Eternal City" and continue to our hotel for the evening. Dinner and overnight stay at your hotel in Rome.

DAY 3: ROME / VATICAN CITY / PAPAL AUDIENCE

We begin our day by attending a public papal audience with Pope Francis. Afterward, we will visit the incredible Vatican Museums, which hold centuries of beautiful artwork and artifacts, such as Michelangelo's Pieta. We will also visit the famous Sistine Chapel before our tour of St. Peter's Basilica. Inside this great church, there are many things to see, including the Tomb of St. John Paul II in St. Sebastian's Chapel. Afterward, we will drive through Rome and take in more of the sites as we head back to our hotel for dinner and overnight stay this evening.

DAY 4: ROME

This morning, we begin at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, Rome's largest church dedicated to the Blessed Mother. Next, we will climb the Scala Sancta, which are the stairs Christ climbed to stand before Pontius Pilate. Next, we will see the Basilica of St. John Lateran. Once the residence of popes, Pope Innocent III permitted St. Francis to begin the Franciscan Order here. Afterward, we will visit the Church of St. Paul Outside the Walls, Rome's second-largest basilica, one of the five largest in the world, and the final resting place of St. Paul. Next, we will visit the Church of Domine Quo Vadis, where Saint Peter had a vision of the risen Christ while fleeing persecution in Rome. Today's last site is the catacombs of St. Callixtus, where martyrs and popes of the early church are buried. Afterward, we will continue to your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

DAY 5: ROME / MONTE CASSINO / SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

After breakfast, we will head south through the rich Italian countryside of vineyards, orchards, and olive groves to Monte Cassino, a town founded by St. Benedict in 529. We will tour the Monte Cassino Abbey, where St. Benedict founded the Benedictine Order. Next, we will visit the Church of St. Peter and Paul before continuing to San Giovanni Rotondo, the hometown of St. Padre Pio. Upon arrival, we will check into to your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

DAY 6: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO / MONTE SANT' ANGELO

Our day begins with Mass at the tomb of St. Padre Pio, followed by a tour of the sanctuary. We will visit the old church where he received the stigmata in 1918. Next, we will see the confessional, where he directed people on their path and stand before his incorrupt body in prayer. Afterward, we will have a stunning view of the Gargano Peninsula as we travel to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. Finally, we will transfer to your hotel this evening for dinner and overnight accommodations.



Milan Cathedral



DAY 7: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO / LANCIANO / LORETO / ASSISI

After breakfast, we will travel to Lanciano. We will visit the Church of St. Longinus, where we will see the Eucharistic Miracle and celebrate Mass. Afterward, we continue toward the Adriatic coast to the great Marian Shrine of Loreto to visit the Holy House of Nazareth and the Madonna of Loreto. After lunch, we will make our way to Assisi, the home of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals and the founder of the Franciscan Order. We will transfer to your hotel this evening for dinner and overnight accommodations.

DAY 8: ASSISI

Our day begins by celebrating Mass at St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, where St. Francis and St. Clare began their religious life. We will tour the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi and view many of his possessions, such as the crucifix that said to him, "Rebuild my Church." Next, we will visit the chapel where St. Francis spent most of his time, followed by the Church of St. Clare. The rest of the day is free to shop or relax before returning to your hotel this evening for dinner and overnight accommodations.

DAY 9: ASSISI / SIENA / FLORENCE

Our day begins by traveling to the city of Siena. First, we will see the city's Romanesque-Gothic cathedral (built in 1380). Next is the Sanctuary of St. Catherine of Siena, which holds the Miraculous Crucifix from which she received her stigmata. We will then walk the Piazza del Campo and see the Palazzo Pubblico (Town Hall) and the Tower of Mangia. Finally, we will view the incorrupt relics of St. Catherine of Siena at the Basilica of St. Dominic before continuing to Florence. Once we arrive, we will check into our hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

DAY 10: FLORENCE

Today, we will spend the full day in Florence, visiting many sites that include:

The Church of the Holy Cross

The Santa Croce (where Michelangelo, Galileo, and Machiavelli are buried)

A walking portion through the Piazza Signorina, Palazzo Vecchio, Uffizi, Ponte Vecchio, and Republic Square

The Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore (an iconic piece of Florence architecture)

L'Accademia art gallery (view the works of Botticelli, Ghirlandaio, Pontormo and Michelangelo's David)

Afterward, enjoy some free time to explore on your own. We will transfer to your hotel this evening for dinner and overnight accommodations.

DAY 11: FLORENCE / MILAN

Get ready because today, we are traveling to Milan! First, we will visit the most magnificent Gothic building in Northern Italy, otherwise known as the Duomo. Next, we will tour the Basilica di Sant'Ambrogio and the Tomb of St. Ambrose before continuing to the Church Santa Maria Delle Grazie, where we will celebrate Mass (subject to availability and reconfirmation). Our next stop is Sforzesco Castle to see history and style combined with Milanese flair. Afterward, we will visit the famous La Scala Opera House and have the rest of the day to shop at the Forza boutiques. You'll enjoy a stroll through the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele arcade with its many luxury outlets. This evening, enjoy a special evening meal with your spiritual director and fellow pilgrims. Share your experiences and expectations of your spiritual journey together in Italy. We will transfer to your hotel this evening for dinner and overnight accommodations.

DAY 12: RETURN FLIGHT HOME

We will transfer to the airport this morning to catch our return flight home.

Terms & Conditions

THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

Air Transportation: Economy class and round-trip airfares 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 for future travel.

Land Transportation: All land transportation as described in the itinerary will be by Deluxe Motor Coach. Some may be equipped with Wi-Fi service.

Hotels: Your hotels will be 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: The meal plan offers two meals per day: Breakfast & Dinner. You are responsible for lunch or any meals not specified in the program's itinerary.

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 Fees: Portage, airport taxes, fuel surcharges, and security fees

Medical Insurance: Everyone is covered with a Medical Protection Plan for the duration of the trip.

THE 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, other beverages (wines, liquors, mineral water, tea, coffee, etc.) and food that are not on the menus of your included meal package, and any additional luggage.

Non-itinerary fees: Any sightseeing, other services, or personal items that are not specifically mentioned as being included in the itinerary.

Cancellation Protection Plan: We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance upon registration.

Lunch: The meal plan offers two meals per day: Breakfast & Dinner. You are responsible for lunch or any meals not specified in the program's itinerary.

Tips for your guide & driver: The recommended amounts of tips per person are \$7.00 – \$9.00 per day for guide(s), \$5.00 – \$7.00 per day for driver(s), \$1.00 – \$2.00 per day for hotels, and \$1.00 – \$2.00 per day for restaurants.

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, February 09, 2024.** 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 online. There is an additional 3% fee for every credit card transaction. For any remaining payments, we also accept checks, money orders, Zelle, and ACH.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

We hope that nothing will prevent you from taking your pilgrimage with Nativity Pilgrimage. However, should you need to cancel your trip, 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 + Days	Lose Deposit
99-50 Days	50% of trip cost
49 Days and under	100% of trip cost

PROTECT YOUR TRIP

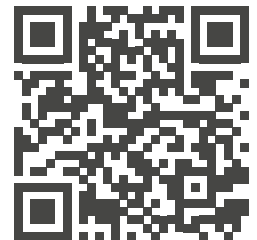
Insurance premiums are non-refundable. We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance to avoid these cancellation fees.

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

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The IATA carriers, steamship firms and other transportation companies, whose services are featured in these tours, are not to be held responsible or accountable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their respective conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passengers and Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. does not assume any liability or responsibility in connection therewith. They are not responsible for any losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, guarantees, or other causes. All such losses or expenses shall be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. The right is reserved to substitute hotels of similar quality to those specified in the itinerary.

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. Prices and itineraries are subject to change without notice if booking conditions are not complied with.

