

SHRINES OF ITALY ROME & ASSISI

12 DAYS



TRIP INCLUDES
\$3,999 PER PERSON



Round-Trip Air
First-Class Hotels
Land Transportation
Professional Tour Guides
Medical Protection Plan AND MORE!



SEPT. 09 - 18, 2024

Departure from Jacksonville, Florida

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Daily Itinerary

included

- Round-trip airfare
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- First-class hotels (price based on double occupancy)
- Land transportation as per itinerary
- Breakfast & dinner
- Sightseeing/admissions fees as per itinerary
- Daily Masses
- Professional local guides
- Medical Protection Plan

not included

- Trip cancellation insurance (strongly recommended) We offer a comprehensive policy for an additional cost through [Trawick International](#).
- Passport & visa costs
- Tips for tour guide and driver
- Items of a personal nature (hotel extras, laundry, phone calls, etc.)
- Lunch or any meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Items not specifically mentioned above

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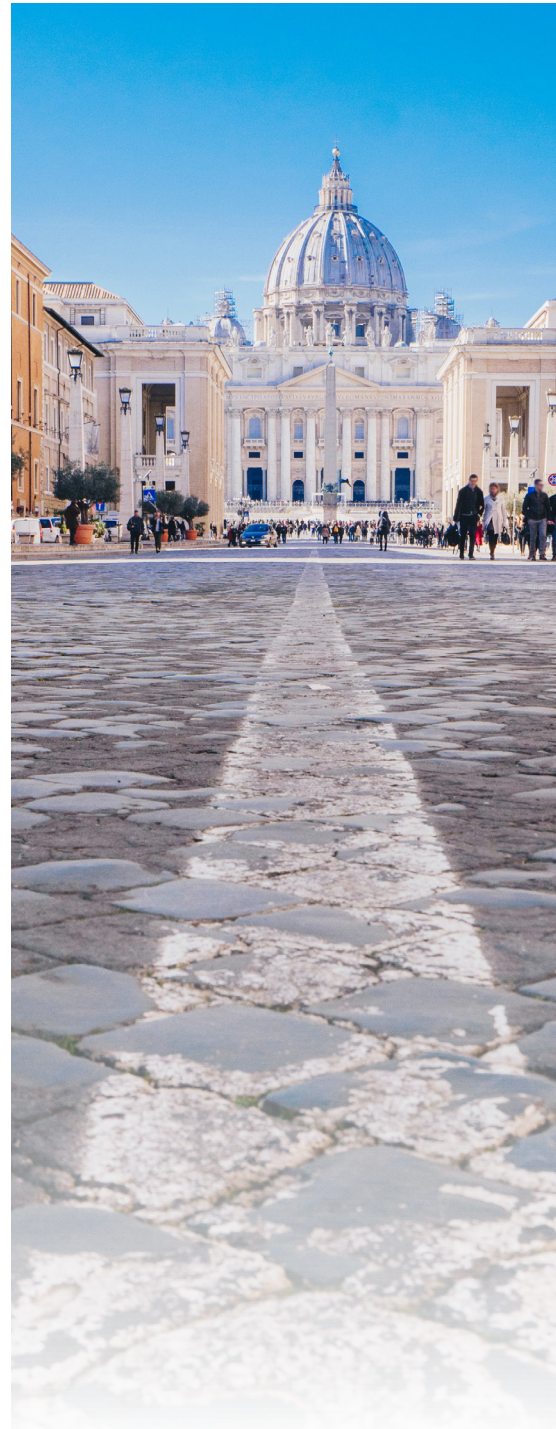
- A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$300 is due at registration.
- Your registration form must include a copy of your passport and the names on both must match exactly.
- Passports must be current six months after your departure date.
- Full payment is due 05/31/24 (100 days before departure)

DAY 1: DEPARTURE TO ROME

Your pilgrimage begins by boarding your flight to Rome. Meals and drinks will be served on board. Rest assured that all the preparations for your journey have been made. So sit back, relax, and enjoy your flight to Rome.

DAY 2: ARRIVE IN ITALY - ORVIETO, ASSISI

Once you arrive at the airport in Rome, you will be met by your guide, who will accompany you on our motor coach for a drive through the stunning countryside to Orvieto. Pope Nicholas IV laid the cornerstone for the Cathedral of Orvieto in 1290, dedicating it to the Assumption of the Virgin. Orvieto also served as a Papal residence through the Middle Ages, with Pope Clement VII being one of the last to call Orvieto home in 1527. The Feast of Corpus Christi is celebrated here, marching



from the Duomo. We will end our day by checking into our hotel in Assisi for dinner and overnight accommodations.

DAY 3: ASSISI

This morning you will wake up to the atmospheric sounds of chapel bells, cobblestone footsteps, and the tangible spirit of St. Francis preserved within the walls of this holy town. Today, we will celebrate the Transitus and the Feast of Saint Francis. In the morning, you will visit the lower city. The Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels stands at the foot of the hill of Assisi over the Porziuncola - Saint Francis' Church, given to him by the Benedictine monks. The Church and Convent of St. Damiano are where St. Francis received his calling to "Rebuild My Church" in 1205. St. Claire would later lead her Order of the Poor Ladies from Assisi until her death in 1253. You will have private devotion or leisure time before returning to your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

DAY 4: ASSISI

After breakfast, you will walk to the Papal Basilica of St Francis, the mother church of the Franciscan Order and burial place of St Francis. The Basilica was built on a hill in 1228 and is comprised of an upper and lower church. These are decorated with numerous frescoes by late medieval painters, including Giotto. We will celebrate Mass here and continue our guided pilgrimage at the Basilica of St. Clare, where you can kneel before the famous crucifix from which Jesus spoke to St Francis. This afternoon, we will travel to Rome to see the Forum and the Colosseum, once the heart of ancient Rome and a place of martyrdom for the early saints. Explore the romance of Rome as you stop at the famous Trevi Fountain. Legend says those who toss a coin into the fountain will one day return to Rome to toss another into the waters of Trevi. Finally, we will check into our hotel in Rome for dinner and overnight accommodations.

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DAY 5: LANCIANO

After breakfast, we will drive to Loreto to visit the shrine containing stones from the Holy Family house in Nazareth. We will celebrate Mass and then go to Lanciano after lunch, where we will visit the Eucharistic Miracle Church. We will end our day at our hotel in Rome for dinner and overnight accommodations.

DAY 6: VATICAN

After breakfast, we will take a guided tour of the Vatican's Museums and the Sistine Chapel. The museum houses a world-renowned collection of art and antiquities built by connecting portions of the old Papal residence with newer structures. Michelangelo painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel between 1508 and 1512 and later painted The Last Judgment between 1535 and 1541 for Popes Clement VII and Paul III. The primary function of the chapel is the Papal Conclave, providing the place where the College of Cardinals of the church gathers to select a new Pope. Next, we will walk through St. Peter's Basilica and celebrate Mass. The present structure was completed in 1590 and was built over the Byzantine and Middle Ages structures that marked the Tomb of Saint Peter. There are more than 100 tombs within the Basilica, including, most recently, Saint John Paul II. We will finish the day at the Pantheon, built by Marcus Agrippa during the reign of Augustus (27 BC to 14 A.D.). Emperor Hadrian rebuilt it around 126 AD. The building was given to Pope Boniface IV, who converted it into a church (Santa Maria Rotunda or Saint Mary and the Martyrs). Mass continues to be celebrated here. What's left of the day will be free for you to explore on your own unless otherwise stated by your Spiritual Director or Tour Coordinator. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be available at your hotel.

DAY 7: PILGRIMAGE IN ROME

This morning, you will begin your day at the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls. The present structure stands over where Constantine built the first church over Saint Paul's grave. The church features a portrait of every Pope that has served the church, with the face of Pope Francis I illuminated as the present pontiff. Step beneath the surface into the Catacombs of Callixtus, built along the Appian Way. Here, 16 Popes from the second through the fourth centuries were interred, though they have been removed to various churches. San Sebastian Outside the Walls is another of the seven Pilgrimage churches built over the Catacombs of Saint Sebastian. The remains of Peter and Paul were temporarily protected here during the Valerian Persecution of 258. Our seventh and final pilgrimage stop is the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem. Saint Helena brought Passion relics here, and the floor was covered with soil from Jerusalem. Relics here include the index finger of Thomas that touched the wounds of Christ after His resurrection and a piece



of the Good Thief's Cross. Those who want to complete the seven-church pilgrimage declared by Saint John Paul II in 2000 can continue to one more stop at the Shrine of Our Lady of Divine Love. Here, a pilgrim pursued by dogs appealed to Our Lady, and she intervened for his safety. Pilgrims began to frequent the site, and a chapel was built here in 1745. Celebrate Mass in one of the churches.

DAY 8: ROME

After breakfast, enjoy the opportunity to join in prayer with Pope Francis and receive his greeting, blessing, and prayers. Begin your afternoon with a visit to the Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran. Six Popes are entombed here. Next door is the Holy Staircase (Scala Santa), brought from Pilate's Palace in Jerusalem by Saint Helena in the fourth century. Climbing the stairs on your knees is a devotion many pilgrims perform, and a plenary indulgence is granted for completing this feat. Next is the Basilica of Saint Lawrence Outside the Walls (San Lorenzo). Saint Lawrence was one of the first seven deacons of Rome, martyred in 258. The church is built next to catacombs that lead down to his grave. The relics of Saints Justin Martyr and Stephen are also enshrined here. Next, continue your pilgrimage to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major (Maria Maggiore). This is the largest Marian church in Rome. Its construction began after the Council of Ephesus in 431 proclaimed that Mary was the Mother of God. Saint Jerome, translator of the Bible into the Latin Vulgate, is buried here. Celebrate Mass in one of the Churches here. Finally, enjoy your final dinner together.

DAY 9: POMPEII / ROME

You will visit the spectacular ruins in Pompeii, which were covered by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 A.D. The city remained buried and undiscovered for almost 1500 years until excavation began in 1748. These excavations continue today and provide insight into life during the Roman Empire. After our visit, we will continue to Rome for dinner and overnight accommodations at our hotel.

DAY 10: RETURN FLIGHT HOME

We will transfer to the airport this morning for your return flight home. We hope you've enjoyed your journey with us and hope to see you again soon! Thanks for traveling with Nativity Pilgrimage!



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TERMS & CONDITIONS

Your Package 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 towards 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 (2) meals per day: Breakfast & Dinner.

Baggage: Nativity Pilgrimage limits all passengers to one (1) piece of checked luggage and one (1) carry-on. All passengers should check with the airlines carriers for up to date baggage weight and dimensions.

Airport Fees: Airport Taxes, Porterage, Fuel Surcharges and Security Fees

Medical Protection Plan During the Trip

Your Package Does Not Include

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

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.

Lunch: Your meal plan offers two (2) meals per day: Breakfast & dinner. You are responsible for lunch or any other meals specified in your itinerary.

Tips for your tour 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.

General Travel Information

Group Air: Group Air differs from individually purchased airline tickets in that it is subject to the terms and conditions of the airlines. For this reason, we need to receive your registration and full payment by the payment deadline. After that date, registrations may be subject to a different air rate, ticketing method, or on a different airline. Additional fees and charges may apply. Group air flights are confirmed 60 - 90 days prior to departure.

Departure Cities: If your departure city is not listed on the brochure, indicate which airport you would like to depart from on the registration form. We will provide you with the best possible price and flight schedule in order to connect with the group. Additional fees and charges may apply.

Land-Only Option: If you would like to book your own air travel, indicate on your registration form that you want the 'Land Only' option. By booking your own air, you may select your seat, airline, and travel schedule, use airline miles/points, provide airline reward program information, and make any special requests directly with the airline. No changes can be made after the final payment deadline. Land-only services begin and end at the hotels unless you are able to meet the group at the airport. Land-only travelers are responsible for their own airport transfers.

Important Nativity Pilgrimage Policies

The airline selects seat assignments for group air, not the tour operator. Seat upgrades are available for registered travelers, by request. Quoted rates for an upgrade are subject to change until payment is received. Some upgrades are not available until the group tickets are issued.

Seat Upgrades: Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives an upgrade request, we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee the acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily)

Seat Location Requests: Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives a seat location request, we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

Other Special Requests: Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives a special request, such as a wheelchair, food, etc., we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily)

Booking Conditions

Deposit: A non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 per person is required at the time of booking. No reservation will be processed without a deposit.

Payment Deadline: Full payment is due 05/31/24 (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 online. There is an additional 3% late fee for each credit card transaction. We also accept checks, money orders, Zelle payments, and ACH transactions.

Late Payment Policy

Customers will receive Late Fees if they are not paid in full:

100 days - 61 days prior to departure.....\$150

60 days - 30 days prior to departure.....\$300

30 days - day before departure.....Subject to cancellation

Customers are also responsible for any difference in fare due to late payment (subject to availability). Refusal to pay will be considered a cancellation.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

We hope that nothing will prevent you from taking your pilgrimage 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 + Days	Lose Deposit
99-50 Days	50% of trip cost
49 Days	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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Responsibility

Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. and their agents assume no liability or responsibility in regards to travel in any form for any injuries or loss of property, accidents, delays, changes in schedule or itinerary, incidental damages or any irregular circumstances. This would include, but not limited to, default or omission by any third party providing services or facilities related to and/or included in the tour or any part thereof.

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. Nativity Pilgrimage reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. Refund details 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.

