

THE SHRINES OF

Italy

13 DAY PILGRIMAGE



TRIP INCLUDES

\$4,790 PER PERSON



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



MAY 13 – 25, 2024

Departure from Houston, TX



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

register

- 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 02/02/24 (100 days before departure)

Daily Itinerary

DAY 1: DEPARTURE / USA TO ROME

Today: Your pilgrimage begins today, boarding your flight to Rome. Meals and drinks will be served in-flight.

DAY 2: ROME: TREVI FOUNTAIN

Today: We arrive in the beautiful picturesque city of Rome. We are greeted by our guide and driver to board our coach bus for a panoramic tour of the “Eternal City.” We will visit the Trevi Fountain, where you may enjoy some free time on your own for lunch. We travel to your hotel to settle in and unpack. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

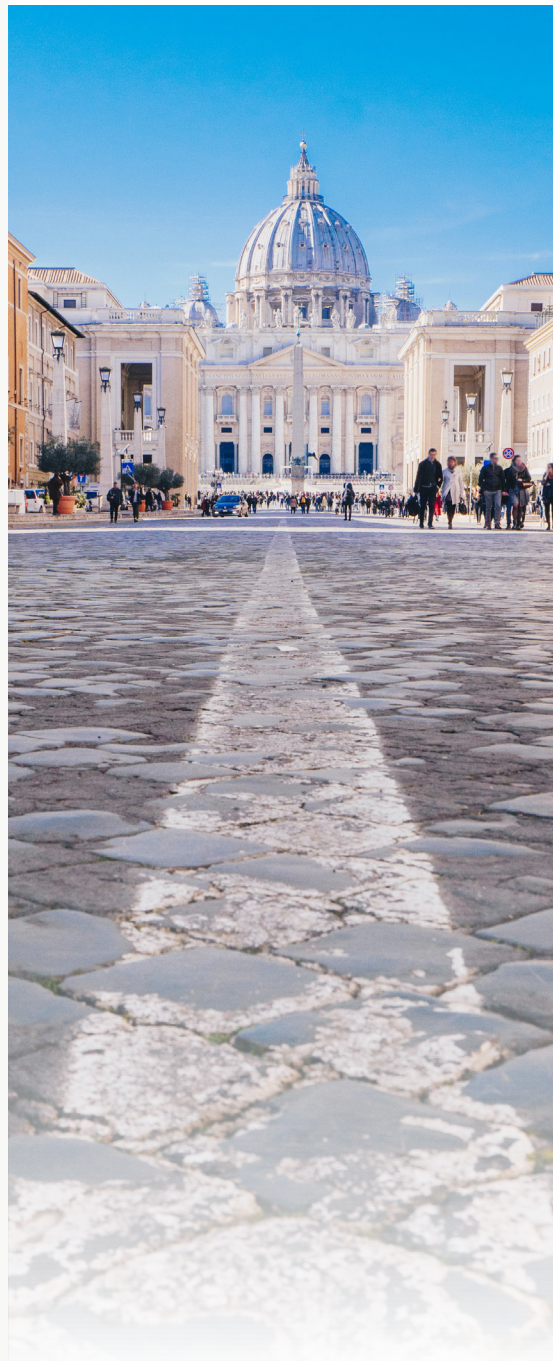
DAY 3: ROME: VATICAN CITY / BASILICA OF ST. JOHN THE LATERAN / HOLY STAIRS / BASILICA OF ST. MARY MAJOR

Today: We begin 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, you will visit the oldest of the four major basilicas in Rome and the home to the relics of Peter and Paul, the Basilica of St. John the Lateran. This Basilica is where Pope Francis was installed as Bishop of Rome. Next, you will cross the street to visit the Holy Stairs. These Holy Stairs are the very steps leading up to the praetorian of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem on which Jesus stepped on his way to trial during his Passion. The Stairs were

brought to Rome by Saint Helena in the fourth century. Ascending these stairs on your knees in memory of Christ’s agonizing Passion. We conclude your day with a Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary Major. Church dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, St. Mary Major, reigns as the only Basilica that has kept its original structure and is an authentic jewel in the crown of Roman Churches. This Basilica contains a relic from the Manger of the Infant Jesus. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 4: ROME: ST. PETER’S BASILICA / VATICAN MUSEUM / APPIAN WAY / BASILICA OF ST. PAUL OUTSIDE THE WALLS / CATACOMBS

Today: This morning, you will enjoy an early breakfast before going to the largest Christendom Church, St. Peter’s Basilica. This Basilica was built on the site where St. Peter, the first Pope and Bishop of Rome, was martyred. Also, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, was the first Pontiff to visit the necropolis since extensive archaeological excavations were conducted at the ancient site decades ago. It is here that you will view Michelangelo’s Pieta. This stunning marble sculpture depicts the Virgin Mary holding Christ after His crucifixion, death, and removal from the cross before being placed in the tomb. Continue to proceed to the Vatican Museums. At the world-renowned museum, you will see the most impressive of edifices, 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 at the tomb of Saint John Paul II. After Free time for lunch, we will continue on your short journey down the Appian Way, the earliest



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road of Ancient Rome. This road leads to the Domino Quo Vadis Chapel, the Baths of Caracalla, the Arch of Drusus, the Tomb of Cecilia Metella, and the catacombs of St. Callixtus. The 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 places of Saint Paul the Apostle. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 5: ROME / COLOSSEUM / ROMAN FORUM / BASILICA OF ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

Today: We begin our walking tour of Rome. Starting at the Piazza Venezia we will walk to some of Rome's most famous sights like the Capitoline Hill, the Roman Forum and the Pantheon. Visit the Capitoline Museums and view one of Italy's finest collections of classical sculptures. We walk to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Altar of Heaven (Sancta Maria de Aracoeli) which is the designated Church of the city council of Rome. Walk past the Mamertine Prison where St. Peter and Paul were held before their executions. Walk to the Via dei Fori Imperiali where we have an opportunity to tour the Colosseum, Roman Forum and Arch of Constantine. After lunch, we visit The Basilica di San Clemente (Basilica of St. Clement) an early Christian basilica in Rome dedicated to Pope St. Clement. Visit the Basilica of San Gregorio Magno al Celio (St. Gregory the Great) which is part of a monastery of monks of the Camaldolese branch of the Benedictine Order We stop at Mother Teresa convent for a short prayer. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 6: ROME / MONTE CASSINO / SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

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

DAY 7: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO / MONTE SANT' ANGELO

Today: Our day begins with Mass at the tomb of St. Padre Pio, followed by a sanctuary tour. 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 for dinner and overnight accommodations this evening.



DAY 8: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO / LANCIANO / LORETO / ASSISI

Today: After breakfast, we will travel to Lanciano. We will visit the Church of St. Longinus to 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 go 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 9: ASSISI

Today: 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 10: ASSISI / SIENA / FLORENCE

Today: 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 11: 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 12: FLORENCE / ROME

Today: We drive to Rome. Arrival, afternoon at leisure. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 13: ROME / USA

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



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 02/02/24 (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



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

<https://nativity.trawickinternational.com>

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.

