

Italy

12 DAY PILGRIMAGE



TRIP INCLUDES

\$4,999 PER PERSON

PRICE VALID UNTIL 01/19/2024



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



04/29/24 - 05/10/24

Departure from Austin, TX

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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
- Bus to/from Austin airport
- 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 1/19/24 (100 days before departure)

Start planning your next pilgrimage at



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Daily Itinerary

DAY 1: FLIGHT TO MILAN

Your pilgrimage begins today as you depart on your overnight flight to Milan. Rest assured, all necessary preparations for your journey have been made. So sit back, relax, and enjoy your flight. Your spiritual journey awaits!

DAY 2: ARRIVE IN MILAN

After arriving in Milan, you will meet your tour guide, who will escort you throughout our pilgrimage. Today's sites will include:

- The Duomo - The most magnificent Gothic building in Northern Italy.
- The Basilica di Sant'Ambrogio and the Tomb of St. Ambrose.
- The Church Santa Maria Delle Grazie (Celebrate Mass)
- Sforzesco Castle (built in the 15th century by Francesco Sforza, Duke of Milan)
- La Scala Opera House
- Free time to browse and shop at the Forza boutiques. You can walk through the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele arcade with its luxury outlets.

Dinner and overnight accommodations will be available at your hotel in Milan.

DAY 3: MILAN / VERONA / PADOVA

After breakfast at your hotel, we will begin today's journey by departing for Verona, the city Shakespeare chose as the romantic setting for Romeo and Juliet. Verona is a beautiful, ancient corner of the Veneto region, nestled between the Adige River and Lake Garda. First, we will visit the Minor Basilica of San Zeno, followed by Verona Cathedral. Afterward, we will continue to Padova and visit the Basilica of St. Anthony of Padua. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Padova.

DAY 4: PADOVA / VENICE

After breakfast at your hotel, we will begin today's journey by departing for Venice, also known as "The Queen of the Adriatic." Venice has a total absence of wheeled transportation, making it one of the most charming and poetic cities in the world. Today's tour of Venice will include the following:

- The Basilica of St. Mark (It is adorned with golden mosaics and religious icons and was built to honor the body of St. Mark brought in from Alexandria, Egypt)
- Visit the Piazza di San Marco and the Palazzo Ducale (the palace of the Doge, the political leader of the Republic of Venice).

The rest of your day is free to explore this beautiful city, perhaps with a gondola ride. Dinner and overnight accommodations at your hotel.

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DAY 5: VENICE / PISA / FLORENCE

After breakfast at your hotel, we begin our day by traveling to Pisa. Today's sites will include:

- The Piazza dei Miracoli
- The Piazza dei Duomo
- The Pisa Baptistery
- The Leaning Tower of Pisa

Afterward, we will depart for Florence, the "Jewel of the Renaissance." Dinner and overnight accommodations at your hotel.

DAY 6: FLORENCE / ASSISI

We start our day with breakfast at your hotel, followed by a tour of Florence which will include:

- The Duomo-Santa Maria
- The Baptistery of San Giovanni
- The Academia Gallery (also known as the Gallery of the Academy of Florence), where we will see Michelangelo's David
- The Franciscan Church of Santa Croce

Drive to Assisi for dinner and overnight accommodations at your hotel.

DAY 7: ASSISI / LANCIANO / SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

After breakfast at your hotel, we will begin our day in Assisi, including the Basilica housing St. Francis's tomb. Leave for San Giovanni Rotondo. We make a stop in Lanciano to visit the Church of St. Longinus, where we will see the Eucharistic Miracle. Continue to San Giovanni Rotondo. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in San Giovanni Rotondo.

DAY 8: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO / CAVE OF ST. MICHAEL / ROME

After breakfast at your hotel, we begin today's journey focussed on St. Padre Pio. First, we will celebrate Mass at the tomb of St. Padre Pio, followed by a sanctuary tour. Next, we will see the old church and crucifix before which he received the stigmata in 1918, followed by the confessional where he directed people on their path. We will also have the opportunity to pray before his incorrupt body. Afterward, we leave San Giovanni Rotondo to travel to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. Saints, popes, and people from all over have come to this site looking for the protection and intercession of St. Michael. Finally, we will drive to Rome for dinner and overnight accommodations at your hotel.

DAY 9: ROME

After breakfast at your hotel, we will begin our full-day tour of Rome, which will include the following:

- The Basilica of St. Mary Major (Rome's largest church dedicated to the Blessed Mother. It even contains a relic from



the manger of Jesus.)

- The Scala Sancta - The stairs Christ climbed to stand before Pontius Pilate. As is the custom, those who wish may climb the stairs on their knees.
- The Basilica of St. John Lateran - Once the residence of popes, it is here that Pope Innocent III permitted St. Francis to begin the Franciscan Order.
- The Church of St. Paul Outside the Walls - Rome's second-largest Basilica and one of the five largest in the world. It also is the final resting place of St. Paul.
- After lunch, drive along the Ancient Appian way to the Church of Domine Quo Vadis (where tradition says Saint Peter had a vision of the risen Christ while fleeing persecution in Rome.)
- The Catacombs of St. Callixtus are among the most significant in Rome.
- The Church of St. Peter in Chains (which contains Michelangelo's statue of Moses)
- End the day with a panoramic tour of Imperial Rome and walk to the Roman Forum.

Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Rome.

DAY 10: ROME: VATICAN CITY

After breakfast at your hotel, we will begin today's journey by attending a Papal audience with Pope Francis. Afterward, we continue to explore Rome. Today's sites will include:

- The Vatican Museums with their centuries of beautiful artwork and artifacts like Michelangelo's Pieta.
- The Sistine Chapel
- St. Peter's Basilica
- The Tomb of St. John Paul II in St. Sebastian's Chapel
- The Coliseum

Dinner and overnight accommodations at your hotel in Rome.

DAY 11: RETURN FLIGHT HOME

After breakfast, we will transfer to the airport to board 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!



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 1/19/24 (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

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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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.

