



SHRINES OF ITALY

12-DAY PILGRIMAGE



SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 11, 2024

\$4,990 per person • Departure from Cedar Rapids, IA



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Daily Itinerary

DAY 1: DEPARTURE / USA TO ROME

Your pilgrimage begins today by boarding your flight to Rome. Meals and drinks are served in-flight.

DAY 2: ROME: TREVI FOUNTAIN

Upon arrival in the “Eternal City” of Rome, you will meet your guide and driver, board the tour bus, and begin a panoramic tour of Rome. We will visit the Trevi Fountain, where you may enjoy some free time for lunch, before continuing to your hotel. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 3: ROME: VATICAN CITY / ST. PETER’S BASILICA / VATICAN MUSEUM / BASILICA OF ST. MARY MAJOR

We begin our day with the Papal Audience in St. Peter’s Square! Following the audience, we will visit St. Peter’s Basilica, where St. Peter, the first Pope and Bishop of Rome, was martyred. Inside, you will view Michelangelo’s Pieta, the stunning marble sculpture depicting the Virgin Mary holding Christ after His crucifixion. We will then proceed to the Vatican Museums. You will also view 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 the tomb of Saint John Paul II. Afterward, we will visit the Basilica of St. Mary Major, which contains a relic from the Manger of the Infant Jesus. Continue to your hotel for the evening. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 4: ROME: BASILICA OF ST. JOHN THE LATERAN / HOLY STAIRS / APPIAN WAY / BASILICA OF ST. PAUL OUTSIDE THE WALLS / CATACOMBS

This morning, you will enjoy an early breakfast before making your way to the Basilica of St. John the Lateran, the oldest of Rome’s four major basilicas. Next, you will cross the street to visit the Holy Stairs. The Holy Stairs are the steps leading up to the praetorian of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem, where Jesus walked during his Passion. The Stairs were brought to Rome by Saint Helena in the fourth century. We will continue our journey down the Appian Way, the earliest road of Ancient Rome. This road leads to the Domine 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, the burial place of Saint Paul the Apostle. Continue to your hotel for the evening. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

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

Today, we will take a 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. We will visit the Capitoline Museums and view one of Italy’s finest collections of classical sculptures. Next, we will walk to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Altar of Heaven (Santa Maria in Ara Coeli), the designated Church of Rome’s city council. We will also walk past the Mamertine Prison, where St. Peter and Paul were held before their executions. We will visit the Via dei Fori Imperiali and tour the Colosseum, Roman Forum, and the Arch of Constantine. After lunch, we will visit The Basilica di

San Clemente (Basilica of St. Clement), an early Christian Basilica in Rome dedicated to Pope St. Clement. Next, we will 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. Finally, we will stop at the Mother Teresa convent for a short prayer before returning to your hotel. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 6: ROME / ASSISI

This morning, we will visit St. Mary of the Angels Basilica and the Porziuncola, the tiny church in the woods where St. Francis began his ministry and where St. Clare began her religious life. We will tour the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi and view the crucifix that spoke the words to him, “Rebuild my Church.” We visit the chapel where St. Francis spent most of his time, as well as the Church of St. Clare, where her relics are housed. Return to your hotel for the evening. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 7: ASSISI

Today, we will have a retreat with holy hour at the Church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva and conference talk. The remainder of the day is at leisure for shopping or relaxing. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 8: ASSISI

Free day in Assisi. Visit to a winery. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 9: ASSISI / LORETO / LANCIANO

This morning, we head toward the Adriatic coast to the great Marian shrine of Loreto to visit the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto. We will continue to Lanciano and celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Longinus, the site of the eighth-century Eucharistic Miracle. You will have free time to explore Lanciano before returning to your hotel. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 10: LANCIANO / ROME

Heading north, we will pass through the rich Italian countryside of vineyards, orchards, and olive groves, taking in the amazing panoramic views. We find ourselves in Monte Cassino, a town founded by St. Benedict in 529. We will tour the magnificent Abbey of Monte Cassino, where the Benedictine Order was founded by St. Benedict. We will also visit the Church of St. Peter and Paul before continuing to Rome. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 11: ROME

Today, you will have a free day in Rome. Farewell dinner at a local restaurant and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 12: ROME / USA

This morning, we will transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.

St. John the Lateran



The Colosseum



Montecassino



San Giovanni Rotondo



Included

- Round-trip airfare
- First-class hotels (prices based on double occupancy)
- Land transportation/transfers as per itinerary
- Bus transportation to/from Dallas airport
- Breakfast and Dinner daily
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Daily Masses
- Professional local guides
- A medical travel protection plan that covers your medical expenses for the duration of your trip.

Not Included

- Trip cancellation insurance is not included but is strongly recommended. Nativity Pilgrimage partners with Trawick International Insurance to offer a comprehensive policy at an additional cost. This policy is through Trawick and will be handled through Trawick.
- 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

Registration

- A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$300.00 is due at registration, along with your registration form and copy of your passport.
- Names on the registration form and passport **MUST** match exactly.
- 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 06/21/24 (100 days before your departure)

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, Portage, 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 06/21/24 (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

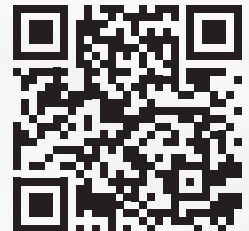
Insurance premiums are non-refundable. We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance to avoid these cancellation fees.

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.

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