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# SHRINES OF ITALY

ROME TO MILAN



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# Daily Itinerary

## DAY 1: DEPARTURE / USA TO ROME

Your pilgrimage begins today, boarding your flight to Rome.

## DAY 2: ROME

Upon arrival in the beautiful, picturesque city of Rome, you will meet your tour guide and driver, board your touring vehicle, and begin a panoramic tour of the “Eternal City.” After you settle in and unpack at your hotel, there will be free time for activities. Afterward, you will visit the Basilica of St. Mary Major, Rome’s largest church dedicated to the Blessed Mother. Next, you will see the Scala Sancta, the stairs Christ climbed to stand before Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem. You will then visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran, once the residence for popes and where St. Francis persuaded Pope Innocent III to permit to begin the Franciscan Order. Finally, we will visit the Basilica of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme to view the relics of the Passion. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## DAY 3: ROME / VATICAN CITY / PAPAL AUDIENCE

Your day begins with a papal audience with Pope Francis! Afterward, you will visit the Vatican Museums and see the centuries of beautiful artwork and artifacts. You will see the artwork of Michelangelo, such as the Pieta, and then visit the Sistine Chapel. Next, you will explore St. Peter’s Basilica and visit the Tomb of St. John Paul II in St. Sebastian’s Chapel. Finally, you will drive through Rome, taking in the sites as you return to your hotel for the evening. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## DAY 4: ROME

Today begins by visiting the Church of St. Paul Outside the Walls, where St. Paul, the Apostle, is buried. It is Rome’s second-largest Basilica and one of the five largest in the world. Next is Tre Fontane, where St. Paul was beheaded, followed by the Shrine of Our Lady of Revelation. Next is the Church of Domine Quo Vadis, where tradition says Saint Peter had a vision of the risen Christ while fleeing persecution in Rome. Finally, you will visit the catacombs of St. Callixtus, among the most significant in Rome, where early martyrs and popes of the early church were buried. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## DAY 5: ROME / NETTUNO/ MONTE CASSINO / NAPLES

Today, you will travel to Nettuno to visit the Sanctuary of Santa Maria Goretti. Heading south, you pass through the rich Italian countryside of vineyards, orchards, and olive groves. Take in the fantastic panoramic views as we arrive in Monte Cassino, a town founded by St. Benedict in 529. You will tour the magnificent Abbey of Monte Cassino, where the Benedictine Order was founded by St. Benedict, and visit the Church of St. Peter and Paul. Afterward, you will continue to Naples for the evening. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## DAY 6: NAPLES / POMPEI / PIETRELCINA

Today’s tour begins in Naples, where you will visit the Church of Gesu Nuovo (St. Giuseppe Moscati). Next, you will continue to Pompei and see the incredible ruins. You will celebrate Holy Mass at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Basilica and visit the Shrine of Bartolo Longo. Finally, you will visit the town of Pietrelcina, the birthplace of St. Padre Pio. You will see the house where he was born before continuing to San Giovanni Rotondo for the evening. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## DAY 7: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO / MONTE SANT’ ANGELO / SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

Enjoy the stunning view of the Gargano Peninsula this morning as you travel to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. You will celebrate Mass at the tomb of St. Padre Pio and take a tour of the sanctuary, where you will see the old church and the crucifix before which he received the stigmata in 1918. You will also see the confessional where Padre Pio directed people on their path. Finally, you will have the opportunity to stand and pray before St. Padre Pio’s incorrupt body. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

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

Today, you will travel to Lanciano and visit the Church of St. Longinus, where you will see the Eucharistic Miracle and celebrate Mass. Next, you will continue toward the Adriatic coast to the great Marian Shrine of Loreto. You will see the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto, then enjoy lunch before continuing to Assisi, the hometown of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals and the founder of the Franciscan Order. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## DAY 9: ASSISI

You will celebrate Mass at St. Mary of the Angels Basilica this morning. Inside, you will see the Porziuncola, the tiny church in the woods where St. Francis began his ministry and where St. Clare started her religious life. Take a tour of the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi and view many of his possessions, like the crucifix that spoke to him, “Rebuild my Church.” Afterward, you will visit the chapel where St. Francis spent most of his time and the Church of St. Clare, where her relics are. The rest of the day is free to shop or relax at your hotel. You may also want to visit the shrine of the Blessed Carlo Acutis. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## DAY 10: ASSISI / SIENA / FLORENCE

Today’s journey continues to Siena, where you will view the city’s beautiful Romanesque Gothic cathedral, completed in 1380. Next, you will see the Sanctuary of St. Catherine of Siena, which houses the Miraculous Crucifix from which she received her stigmata. You will walk the shell-shaped Piazza del Campo town square, which has the Palazzo Pubblico and the Torre Del Mangia, two of their many architectural treasures. Afterward, you will continue to the Basilica of St. Dominic to see the incorrupt relics of St. Catherine of Siena. You will then continue to Florence for the evening. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## DAY 11: FLORENCE / VENICE

From Florence, you will travel to Venice, known as “The Queen of the Adriatic.” There is a total absence of wheeled transportation, making it one of the world’s most charming and poetic cities. Your visit begins at the Basilica of St. Mark, adorned with golden mosaics and religious icons. It was built to honor the body of St. Mark, brought from Alexandria in Egypt. After celebrating Mass, you will see 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 the city and take a gondola ride. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## DAY 12: VENICE / PADOVA / MILAN

Today, you will drive to Padova, visit the Basilica of St. Anthony of Padua, and celebrate Mass. Afterward, you will make a stop in Verona, which Shakespeare celebrated as the romantic setting for Romeo and Juliet. While here, you will visit the Minor Basilica of San Zeno and Verona Cathedral. Then, you will continue to Milan for dinner and overnight accommodations at your hotel.

## DAY 13: MILAN (ST. GIANNA MOLLA)/PAVIA (ST. AUGUSTINE’S BODY / MILAN

This morning in Milan, you will visit the famous Duomo, the most magnificent Gothic building in Northern Italy. Next, you will tour the Basilica and tomb of St. Ambrose. You will then continue to the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie to celebrate Mass (subject to availability and reconfirmation). Afterward, you will stop at Castle Sforzesco to see history and style combined with Milanese flair. You will then pay a visit to nearby Pavia and see the tomb of St. Augustine. This evening, enjoy a special evening meal (on us) with your spiritual director and fellow pilgrims. Share your experiences and expectations of your spiritual journey together in Italy. Overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## DAY 14: MILAN / USA

You will transfer to the airport this morning to catch your return flight home.



# POMPEII

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## Included

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



# ST. MARK'S VENICE

## Not Included

- Trip cancellation insurance (strongly recommended). Nativity Pilgrimage offers a comprehensive policy through Trawick International at an additional cost.
- Passport & visa costs
- Gratuities to the tour manager, guides, and driver
- Personal items (hotel extras, laundry, phone calls, etc.)
- Meals not specified in the program.
- Items not specifically mentioned above.



# ROTONDO

SAN GIOVANNI

## Registration

- A non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 is due at registration.
- Names on the registration form and passport must match exactly, and passports must be current 6 months after the return date.
- The registration form must include a copy of your passport.
- We are not responsible for Visa procurement.
- Full payment is due 07/19/24 (100 days prior to departure)

# HOLY HOUSE OF LORETO



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# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## Your Package Includes

**Air Transportation:** Economy class and round-trip fares 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, portorage, fuel surcharges and security fees.

**Medical Protection Plan** is provided 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 6 months after your 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 fees, other services, or personal items that are not specifically mentioned as being included in your itinerary.

**Lunch:** You are responsible for lunch or any other meals not 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 guides, \$5.00 – \$7.00 per day for drivers, \$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 rate, ticketing method, or 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. We do not. 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 07/19/24 (100 days before departure). 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 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.

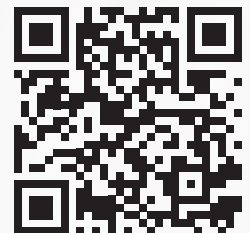
## Cancellation/Refund Policy

We hope that nothing will prevent you from taking your pilgrimage with Nativity Pilgrimage. However, should you need to cancel your 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:

<u>Days Prior to Departure</u>	<u>Charge</u>
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 be 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, 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.