



12-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE

# SHRINES OF ITALY

ROME TO MILAN



AUGUST  
19-30  
2024



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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 Rome, we will meet our local guide, board our touring vehicle, and begin a panoramic tour of the “Eternal City.” We will continue to your hotel to settle in and unpack. There will be free time for personal activities, and dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

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

We begin by attending a public papal audience with Pope Francis. Afterward, we will visit the Vatican Museums to see centuries of incredible artwork and artifacts. We will explore the magnificent St. Peter’s Basilica and see Michelangelo’s “Pieta,” the Sistine Chapel, and the Tomb of St. John Paul II in St. Sebastian’s Chapel. Afterward, we’ll stop for a visit at Santa Cecilia Basilica in Trastevere. We will then drive through Rome and take in the sites on the way back to your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

## **DAY 4: ROME**

We begin our day by visiting the Basilica of St. Mary Major, Rome’s largest church dedicated to the Blessed Mother. From here, we will visit the Scala Sancta, the stairs Christ climbed to stand before Pontius Pilate, and the Basilica of St. John Lateran, where Pope Innocent III permitted St. Francis to begin the Franciscan Order. Next, we will visit Rome’s second-largest basilica, the Church of St. Paul Outside the Walls, where the body of St. Paul is buried. We will continue to the Church of Domine Quo Vadis and the catacombs of St. Callixtus, where many early martyrs and popes of the early church are buried. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations in Rome.

## **DAY 5: ROME / MONTE CASSINO / SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO**

Heading south, we pass through the rich Italian countryside of vineyards, orchards, and olive groves, taking in some amazing panoramic views. We find ourselves in Monte Cassino, a town founded by St. Benedict in 529. We will tour the magnificent Monte Cassino Abbey, where the Benedictine Order began, and the Church of St. Peter and Paul, before continuing to San Giovanni Rotondo, where we’ll check into your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

## **DAY 6: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO / MONTE SANT’ ANGELO**

This morning, we will celebrate Mass at the tomb of St. Padre Pio and take a sanctuary tour. We will see the old church and the crucifix St. Pio stood before as he received the stigmata in 1918. We will see the confessional, where he directed people on their path and pray before St. Padre Pio’s incorrupt body. Moving on, we will have a stunning view of the Gargano Peninsula as we travel to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

## **DAY 7: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO / LANCIANO / LORETO / CASCIA / ASSISI**

We make our way to Lanciano and visit the Church of St. Longinus, where we will see the Eucharistic Miracle and celebrate Mass. Next, we will continue

toward the Adriatic coast to the great Marian Shrine of Loreto to visit the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto. Enjoy lunch before we continue to Assisi, the hometown of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals and the founder of the Franciscan Order. Once we arrive, we will check into your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

## **DAY 8: ASSISI**

We will celebrate Mass at St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, home to 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 said to him, “Rebuild my Church.” Afterward, we will visit the Church of St. Clare, where her relics are kept, and the rest of your day is free to explore independently or relax at your hotel. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## **DAY 9: ASSISI / SIENA / FLORENCE**

Today, we will head to Siena to view its magnificent Romanesque-Gothic cathedral. Next, we will visit the Sanctuary of St. Catherine of Siena, which holds the Miraculous Crucifix from which she received her stigmata. Afterward, we will walk the shell-shaped Piazza del Campo and see two of the city’s architectural treasures: The Palazzo Pubblico and the Torre Del Mangia. We’ll then continue to see the incorrupt relics of St. Catherine of Siena at the Basilica of St. Dominic. Afterward, we’ll continue to Florence, where we’ll check into our hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

## **DAY 10: FLORENCE**

Your full day in Florence begins at the Church of the Holy Cross and the Santa Croce, where many nobles such as Michelangelo, Galileo, and Machiavelli are buried. Next, we will walk through the Piazza Signorina, Palazzo Vecchio, Uffizi, Ponte Vecchio, and Republic Square to reach the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, an iconic piece of Florence architecture. Afterward, we will visit the L’Accademia art gallery, which contains works from Botticelli, Ghirlandaio, Pontormo, and Michelangelo’s David sculpture. Afterward, there will be free time to explore independently. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## **DAY 11: FLORENCE / MILAN**

Today, we will travel to Milan! Upon arrival, we will visit the famous Duomo, known as the most magnificent Gothic building in Northern Italy. Next, we will tour the Basilica and tomb of St. Ambrose, followed by the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie, where we will celebrate Mass (subject to availability and reconfirmation). Afterward, we will stop at Castel Sforzesco and the famous La Scala Opera House. For the rest of the day, you are free to visit the Forza boutiques or stroll through the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele arcade with its many luxury outlets. Tonight, enjoy a special dinner (on us) with your spiritual director and fellow pilgrims as you share in the experiences of your spiritual journey together in Italy. Overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## **DAY 13: MILAN / USA**

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



**LATERAN**  
BASILICA OF ST. JOHN

## 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

## 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.

## 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 05/10/24 (100 days prior to departure)



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SANTA MARIA DEL FIORE  
**FLORENCE**



ST. FRANCIS OF  
**ASSISI**



THE DUOMO  
**MILAN**



# 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 05/10/24 (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.

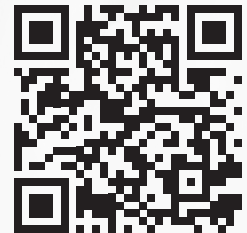
## Cancellation/Refund Policy

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.