



JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY TO
ITALY & SWITZERLAND

12-DAY HISTORY & CULTURE TOUR



TRIP INFO

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\$6,600

per person

Houston, TX





DAY 1: FLIGHT TO ROME

Your journey begins today, boarding your overnight flight to Italy. Meals and drinks are served on board.

DAY 2: ROME

Today, we will meet your tour guide at the airport and take a panoramic tour. We will visit ancient Rome and see the Colosseum and the Roman Forum. This afternoon, we will visit the Piazza Spagna, Trevi Fountain, and the Pantheon. Dinner & overnight stay will be at your hotel.

DAY 3: ROME/ FLORENCE

After breakfast, we will explore the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica! It is built on the tomb of Saint Peter. We continue our tour by visiting the Colosseum before leaving for Florence. Your guided tour will include 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 Piazza Signorina, the Palazzo Vecchio, the Uffizi, the Ponte Vecchio, and Republic Square until reaching the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, a true Florence architectural treasure. Dinner & overnight stay will be at your hotel.

DAY 4: FLORENCE/ MESTRE

This morning, we will take a guided tour of L'Accademia, a well-known art gallery containing the work of artists such as Botticelli, Ghirlandaio, Pontormo, and Michelangelo's ever-famous sculpture, David. This afternoon, we will travel to Mestre by bus. Dinner & overnight stay will be at your hotel.

DAY 5: MESTRE / VENICE

After breakfast, we depart for Venice by ferry. Upon arrival, we will enjoy a guided tour of this unique city, including St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica, and the famous Bridge of Sighs. We will also ride the gondola and there will be free time for sightseeing and shopping before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 6: MESTRE / MILAN

We will depart early this morning for Milan. Upon arrival, we will go downtown to see DaVinci's Cenacolo (The Last Supper) and visit the Duomo, the most magnificent Gothic building in northern Italy. Afterward, we will visit the Basilica and Tomb of Saint Ambrose. Dinner and overnight stay will be at your hotel in Milan.

DAY 7: LAKE COMO / MILAN

This morning, we will have an excursion to Lake Como. We will begin with a panoramic tour lasting about an hour. Once in Como, we will take a stroll through the city center and discover the majestic white marble Duomo. You will walk along the elegant Via Vittorio Emanuele, admiring the medieval walls and the Romanesque church of Sant' Abbondio. The highlight of the tour is the magnificent 600-year-old cathedral. Next, you'll have time to explore the traditional shops and luxury boutiques in Piazza Cavour, Via Plinio, and the seafront. The walk continues along the lake shore to Villa Olmo, with magnificent views. Afterward, you can enjoy free time to explore Lake Como at your own pace and have lunch on your own. Our final site will be the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie. Dinner & overnight stay will be at your hotel.

DAY 8: MILAN / LAKE COMO

Today, we will board our bus for a guided tour of Como. Afterward, we will take a boat ride on Lake Como and admire the luxury villas and lush nature. This afternoon we will return to Milan to go shopping. Dinner and overnight stay will be at your hotel.

DAY 9: MILAN / LAKE LUGANO / LUCERNE

Today, we will cross the Swiss border to visit Lake Lugano, a crystal-clear lake in the Swiss Alps. Afterward, we will head to Lucerne and take a tour, admiring this city that still preserves its medieval architecture. After the tour, we will transfer to your hotel for the evening. Dinner and overnight stay will be at your hotel.

DAY 10: LUCERNE / PILATUS

After breakfast at the hotel, we will take the funicular for a morning trip to Mount Pilatus. Upon our return by funicular, we will return to your hotel for the evening. Dinner and overnight stay will be at your hotel.

DAY 11: LUCERNE / ZURICH

Today, we will enjoy a guided tour of Zurich focused on the Altstadt (old town). The rest of the day is free to shop on Bahnhofstrasse or choose a boat ride on the lake. We will have a farewell dinner and show tonight in Zurich. Overnight stay will be at your hotel.

DAY 12: RETURN FLIGHT HOME

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



ZURICH

SWITZERLAND

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
- 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 05/31/24 (100 days prior to departure)



SCAN ME

Follow us    

FLORENCE

SANTA MARIA DEL FIORE



LUCERNE

SWITZERLAND



MILAN

THE DUOMO



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 05/31/24 (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.

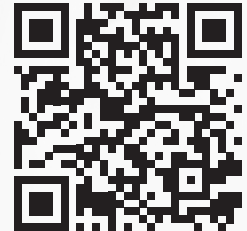
Cancellation/Refund Policy

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.