



MARIAN SHRINES

12-DAY PILGRIMAGE

WITH ROME



AUGUST 5 - 16, 2024

\$5,749 per person
Departure from Cincinnati, OH

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Daily Itinerary

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DAY 1: FLIGHT TO ROME, ITALY

His pilgrimage begins today, boarding his flight to Rome. Please be assured that all necessary preparations have been made for your trip. So, sit back, relax, and enjoy your flight to Rome. Your spiritual journey awaits!

DAY 2: ROME

Upon arrival, we will meet our local tour guide, board our bus, and head to the Trevi Fountain. Afterward, we will go to the Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere. According to legend, on the day Jesus was born, a stream of pure oil flowed from the earth at the site of the church, signifying the arrival of God's grace. We will then walk along the Via Julia and cross the Via dei Penitenzieri bridge to walk to St. Peter's Square for the midday Angelus. We will stop for lunch and then take the metro to Plaza de España. Finally, we will transfer to our hotel in Rome for dinner and overnight accommodations.

DAY 3: ROME / VATICAN CITY

We begin our day with a papal audience in St. Peter's Square! The audience is held every Wednesday by His Holiness Pope Francis (pending papal program). After the audience, we will visit the Basilica of Saint John Lateran, the oldest of Rome's four major basilicas and home to the relics of Peter and Paul. It was here that Pope Francis was installed as Bishop of Rome. Next, you will cross the street to visit the Holy Stairs, the steps that Jesus walked to Pontius Pilate's Praetorium during his Passion. The stairs were brought to Rome by Saint Helena in the 4th century. We will conclude the day with Mass in the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the only Basilica that has preserved its original structure, remaining a true jewel in the crown of Roman churches. This Basilica also contains a relic of the Manger of the Baby Jesus. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 4: ROME

This morning, you'll enjoy an early breakfast before heading to St. Peter's Basilica, where Saint Peter, the first Pope and Bishop of Rome, was martyred. Here, we will see Michelangelo's Pieta, a stunning marble sculpture depicting the Virgin Mary holding Christ after his crucifixion. Next, we'll visit the Vatican Museums, which contain some of the most impressive collections of art galleries and relics in the world. You'll also see the Tapestry Gallery, Raphael's rooms, the Sistine Chapel, and Michelangelo's restored mural of the Last Judgment. The last stop on your Vatican tour will be the tomb of Saint John Paul II. After lunch, we will continue along the Appian Way, the oldest path in Ancient Rome. We will visit the Domini Quo Vadis Chapel, the Baths of Caracalla, the Arch of Drusus, the tomb of Cecilia Metella, and the Catacombs of Saint Calixtus. Our day concludes with a visit to the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, the burial place of St. Paul the Apostle. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 5: ROME / ASSISI

We begin our day with Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, the site of the Porziuncola, where St. Francis began his ministry, and St. Clare began her religious life. We will tour the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi and see many of his personal possessions, including the crucifix that spoke the words to him, "Rebuild my Church." Finally, we will visit the chapel where Saint Francis spent most of his time and the Church of Saint Clare before returning to Rome. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 6: ROME

On today's tour, we will explore Ancient Rome and see the Colosseum, the Arch of Constantine, the Palatine, the Roman Forum, Circus Maximus, Bocca della Verità, and Trastevere. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 7: ROME / BARCELONA

After breakfast, we will transfer to the airport and board our flight to Barcelona. Upon arrival, we will tour the city, visiting the most important sites in Barcelona, such as the Sagrada Família, Passeig de Gràcia, Las Ramblas, and Bari Goti (Pago de la Sagrada Família). After some free time for lunch, we will celebrate mass in the Barcelona Cathedral. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 8: BARCELONA / LOURDES

This morning, we will travel to Lourdes. Our tour of Lourdes begins at the house of Saint Bernadette, followed by the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. We will also visit the Miraculous Spring, Bernadette's Shrine, the 12th century Castle, and participate in the Way of the Cross. The rest of the day is free to participate in any private ceremonies or devotions. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 9: LOURDES / LOYOLA / BURGOS

We begin our day by traveling to Loyola, the birthplace of Saint Ignatius, the founder of the Jesuit Order. We will visit the Basilica of Loyola, where the Saint was born, before continuing to Burgos. We'll check into our hotel, followed by dinner and a candlelight procession. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 10: BURGOS / MADRID

Today, we travel to Madrid. Upon arrival, we will take a guided tour that includes Buen Retiro Park, Gran Vía, Plaza de España, Puerta de Alcalá, Puerta de Sol, Plaza Mayor, and the Royal Palace (from outside). We will also visit the Almudena Cathedral, where we will celebrate Mass. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 11: MADRID / TOLEDO

After breakfast, we will enjoy a tour of Madrid that includes the Royal Palace and Plaza Mayor. Afterward, we will proceed to Toledo. Toledo is situated on a rocky mound isolated on three sides next to a winding gorge of the Tagus River. Every available inch of this city is filled with churches, synagogues, mosques, and houses piled on top of each other in a haphazard spiral. Toledo is known as the city of the Three Religions or Cultures. For many centuries, Christians, Moors, and Jews lived together in relative equality and peace. Inside the city walls, we will find the beautiful Church of Santo Tomé, the Tránsito Synagogue, the Santa María la Blanca Synagogue, the Church of San Juan de los Reyes, the Puerta de Bisagras, the Puerta del Cambrón, the Puerta del Sol, and more. Afterward, we will return to Madrid for dinner and overnight accommodations at your hotel.

DAY 12: RETURN HOME

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



BASILICA

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 04/26/24 (100 days prior to departure)

LA SAGRADA FAMILIA BARCELONA



OUR LADY OF LOURDES



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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 04/26/24 (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.

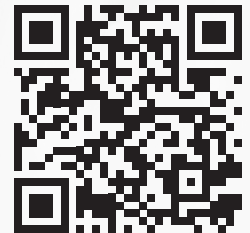
Cancellation/Refund Policy

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.

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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 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.