



10-DAY PILGRIMAGE

SHRINES OF ITALY

FEATURING ST. PADRE PIO



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Daily Itinerary

DAY 1: DEPARTURE / USA TO ROME

Your pilgrimage begins today by boarding your flight to Rome.

DAY 2: ROME: TREVI FOUNTAIN

Upon arrival in Rome, you will meet your guide and board your touring vehicle. You will leave the airport and begin a panoramic tour of the “Eternal City.” Shortly after, you will stop for a visit at Trevi Fountain, where you will have free time for lunch. Afterward, you will continue to your hotel for the evening. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 3: ROME: VATICAN CITY / BASILICA OF ST. JOHN THE LATERAN / HOLY STAIRS / BASILICA OF ST. MARY MAJOR

Your day begins with the Papal Audience with Pope Francis in St. Peter’s Square! Following the audience, you will visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the oldest of Rome’s four major basilicas that house the relics of Peter and Paul. Next, you will cross the street to visit the Holy Stairs, the steps leading up to Pontius Pilate’s praetorian that Jesus climbed during his Passion. The Stairs were brought to Rome by Saint Helen in the fourth century. Your day will end with Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the only Basilica that has kept its original structure and is an authentic jewel in the crown of Roman Churches. It even contains a relic from the Manger of the Infant Jesus. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 4: ROME: ST. PETER’S BASILICA / VATICAN MUSEUM / APPIAN WAY / BASILICA OF ST. PAUL OUTSIDE THE WALLS / CATACOMBS

After an early breakfast, you will begin your day at the magnificent St. Peter’s Basilica, the largest Christendom Church in the world. It is built on the site 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. Next, you will continue to the Vatican Museums, where you will see the most impressive structures, galleries, and awe-inspiring relics. You will also observe 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 at the tomb of Saint John Paul II. After some free time for lunch, you will continue your journey down the Appian Way, the earliest road of Ancient Rome, that leads to the Domus Aurea, the Baths of Caracalla, the Arch of Drusus, the Tomb of Cecilia Metella, and the catacombs of St. Callixtus. Your day concludes with a visit to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, the burial place of Saint Paul the Apostle. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

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

You will begin your walking tour of Rome this morning, starting at the Piazza Venezia. You will walk to some of Rome’s most famous sights, like the Capitoline Hill, the Roman Forum, and the Pantheon. You will visit the Capitoline Museums and view one of Italy’s finest collections of classical sculptures. Afterward, you will walk to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Altar of Heaven, the designated Church of Rome’s city council. You will walk past the Mamertine

Prison, where St. Peter and Paul were held before their executions. You will then walk to the Via dei Fori Imperiali to tour the Colosseum, Roman Forum, and Arch of Constantine. After lunch, you will visit The Basilica of St. Clement, an early Christian Basilica dedicated to Pope St. Clement. You will also visit the Basilica of St. Gregory the Great and the Mother Teresa convent for a short prayer. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 6: ROME / ASSISI

This morning, you will begin with Mass at St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, the site of the Porziuncola, the tiny church in the woods where St. Francis began his ministry. It is also where St. Clare began her religious life. Next, you will tour the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi and view many of his possessions, such as the crucifix that spoke to him, saying, “Rebuild my Church.” You will also visit the chapel where St. Francis spent most of his time, as well as the Church of St. Clare. Next, you will have a wine-tasting experience at a local winery. The rest of the day is free to shop or relax. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 7: ASSISI / LORETO / LANCIANO / SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

This morning, you will head toward the Adriatic coast to the great Marian shrine of Loreto, where you will visit the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto. Afterward, you will continue to Lanciano, where you will celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Longinus, the site of an eight-century Eucharistic Miracle. Afterward, there will be some free time to explore Lanciano before continuing to San Giovanni Rotondo. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 8: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO / MONTE SANT’ ANGELO

After breakfast, you will visit the Old Church and celebrate Mass. After Mass, you will tour the sanctuary and see the crucifix, in front of which St. Pio received the stigmata. Next, you will visit the confessional, where St. Pio spent innumerable hours listening to confessions. After your tour, you will board your touring vehicle and travel along the beautiful Gargano Peninsula to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel, a shrine consecrated by St. Michael. Following your grotto visit, you’ll have some free time to explore independently. On the way back to San Giovanni Rotondo, take in the breathtaking views of the ocean and surrounding countryside. We will also make a stop for a wine tasting in the Gargano area. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 9: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO / MONTE CASSINO / ROME

Heading north, you will pass through the rich Italian countryside of vineyards, orchards, and olive groves, taking in the amazing panoramic views. Our first stop will be 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. You will also visit the Church of St. Peter and Paul before continuing to Rome. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 10: ROME / USA

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



LATERAN
BASILICA OF ST. JOHN



SAN GIOVANNI
ROTONDO



THE HOLY HOUSE OF
LORETO



ST. PETER'S
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 07/26/24 (100 days prior to departure)

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 07/26/24 (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.

<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.