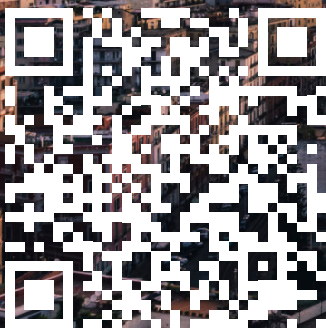




# ITALY PILGRIMAGE

FOOD & CULTURE TOUR † NOVEMBER 11 - 22, 2024



**\$4,990 PER PERSON**

DEPARTURE FROM ATLANTA, GA

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# Daily Itinerary

## **DAY 1: DEPARTURE / USA TO ROME**

Your pilgrimage begins today, boarding your flight to Rome. Meals and drinks will be served in-flight.

## **DAY 2: ARRIVAL IN ROME**

Upon arrival in Rome, you will meet your professional Italian guide. We will transfer you to your hotel and check-in. This afternoon, we will have fun in the kitchen in a pizza-making class! Overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## **DAY 3: ROMAN CASTLES**

After breakfast, enjoy the Roman countryside as we visit the little town of Grottaferrata with its famous abbey – Santa Maria di Grottaferrata, better known as San Nilo Abbey. Next, we will visit the picturesque village of Frascati before touring a family winery with an expert sommelier. We will be tasting wines and local delicatessen. Afterward, we will return to your hotel in Rome for dinner and overnight accommodations.

## **DAY 4: ROME: ST. PETER'S BASILICA / VATICAN MUSEUMS / ST. PAUL OUTSIDE THE WALLS / CATACOMBS**

After an early breakfast, we will begin our tour of St. Peter's Basilica, where St. Peter, the first Pope and Bishop of Rome, was martyred. See Michelangelo's masterpiece, "The Pieta," before continuing to the Vatican Museums, the Tapestry Gallery, Raphael Rooms, the Sistine Chapel, Michelangelo's restored mural of the Last Judgment, and the tomb of Saint John Paul II. Afterward, we will continue our journey down the Appian Way, the earliest road of Ancient Rome, which leads to the Domino Quo Vadis Chapel, the Baths of Caracalla, the Arch of Drusus, the Tomb of Cecilia Metella, and the catacombs of St. Callixtus. Our day will conclude at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, the burial place of Saint Paul the Apostle. Tonight's dinner will be at a local restaurant, and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## **DAY 5: ROME / ITALIAN GELATO MAKING CLASS**

Today, you will participate in a gelato-making class! During this authentic Italian experience, you will learn how to make your own gelato or tiramisu from scratch as you customize and create this classic Italian dessert with your favorite flavors. Choose from various seasonal fruits, like Tuscan strawberries, Sorrento lemons, deep-green pistachios, high-quality dark chocolate from Perugia, and the always-lovable Nutella. While your gelato is freezing, you'll learn about the quintessential Italian dessert, the fabulously rich tiramisu. Afterward, we will transfer to the Trevi Fountain, where you may enjoy some free time on your own for lunch. The rest of the afternoon is free, and dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## **DAY 6: ROME / NAPLES / SORRENTO COAST**

After breakfast, we will transfer to Naples. For lunch, we will have traditional Italian Pizza at a local restaurant. Afterward, we will have some sightseeing in Naples with our English-speaking guide, followed by free time for individual activities or shopping. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## **DAY 7: SORRENTO COAST / POMPEII / SORRENTO**

After breakfast at your hotel, we will visit the ruins of Pompeii. This land's unique food and wine have been created over the centuries in local kitchens and are joined by a golden thread of history and culture that weaves its way magically through the landscape. There will be a guided winery tour and lunch with a Lacryma Christi wine tasting. After our wine tour and tasting, we will continue to Sorrento. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## **DAY 8: CASTELLAMMARE / NORCIA / PERUGIA**

After breakfast, we will depart for Norcia, Umbria, where the vineyards produce some of the country's finest wines. The prestigious Sagrantino and Rosso di Montefalco are produced in the countryside surrounding Montefalco. Montefalco is worth visiting for both the wine and some of the most breathtaking views over the Umbrian countryside. Afterward, we will continue to Trevi and see an oil factory. We will continue to Norcia, a paradise for lovers of cold meats and wines such as salame and porchetta. Norcia is also a must for pecorino fans - irrespective of whether they prefer their sheep's milk cheese with or without the famous Norcia truffle. It is perhaps ironic that all these tempting delicacies are made in the town where San Benedetto was born, the saint who advocated Benedictine austerity and the rule of ora et labora (pray and work). Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Norcia.

## **DAY 9: PERUGIA COOKING CLASSE + CHOCOLATE MUSEUM**

Today, we will enjoy a cooking class as we prepare lunch, accompanied by wine. This afternoon, you will visit Perugia's chocolate factory and the Chocolate Museum to learn about chocolate production. The museum explains the process of converting cocoa into chocolate and introduces the history of the Perugina chocolate company. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## **DAY 10: PERUGIA / MONTEPULCIANO / MONTALCINO / MONTECATINI**

After breakfast, we will go south along the ancient Via Cassia to Montalcino and then to nearby Montepulciano. These two wine-producing giants are worthy stops, even for those uninterested in wine. Nearby is the model Renaissance city of Pienza, surrounded by the incredibly captivating Tuscan landscape. We will return to the Montecatini area for overnight accommodations at your hotel.

## **DAY 11: MONTECATINI / GREVE / RADDA / ROME**

Today, we will spend the day on State Road 222, which takes us through all the big-name towns in Chianti. Greve, Radda, and Castellina in Chianti are the three most worthy stops, all important winemaking areas topped by medieval villages. We will have a wine tasting in the Chianti region. Afterward, we will continue to Rome for overnight accommodations at your hotel.

## **DAY 12: ROME / USA**

We will check out after breakfast and transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.



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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



**POMPEII**

## 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.



**NAPLES**

## 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 08/02/24 (100 days prior to departure)



**MONTECATINI**

# 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 08/02/24 (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.

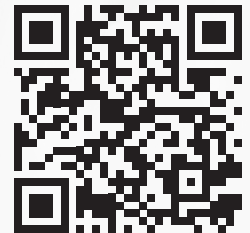
## Cancellation/Refund Policy

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.