



Shrines of Italy

11-DAY PILGRIMAGE • MILAN TO ROME



NOVEMBER 4 - 14, 2024
DATE OF PILGRIMAGE

\$4,700 PER PERSON
FLIGHTS FROM AUSTIN (AUS)



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DAY 1: FLIGHT TO MILAN

Your pilgrimage begins as you depart on your international overnight flight to Milan. Meals and drinks will be served on board. Enjoy your flight. Your spiritual journey awaits!

DAY 2: ARRIVE MILAN

After breakfast at your hotel, we will begin our tour of Milan. First, we will visit the city's most notable site: The Duomo, the most magnificent Gothic building in Northern Italy. Next, we will continue to the Basilica and Tomb of St. Ambrose and the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie to celebrate Mass. Next is a stop at the incredible Castle Sforzesco, built by the Duke of Milan in the 15th century. Our final stop today will be the famous La Scala Opera House. For the rest of the day, you are free to browse the Forza boutiques and stroll through the luxury shops of the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele Arcade. Dinner and overnight in Milan.

DAY 3: MILAN / PADOVA / VENICE

After breakfast, we depart Milan and travel to Padova. Upon arrival, we will celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. Anthony of Padua. Afterward, we will continue our journey to Venice, where we will check into our hotel for the evening and get a good night's rest. Dinner and overnight in Venice.

DAY 4: VENICE / FLORENCE

After breakfast, we begin our exciting day in Venice, "The Queen of the Adriatic." The total absence of wheeled transportation makes it one of the most charming and poetic cities in the world. Our day begins at the Basilica of St. Mark. Adorned with golden mosaics and religious icons, it was built to honor the body of St. Mark brought from Alexandria, Egypt. After Mass, we will visit the Piazza di San Marco and the Palazzo Ducale (the palace of the Doge, the political leader of Venice). The rest of your day is free to explore this incredible city, preferably in a gondola! Once it's time, we will depart for Florence. Dinner and overnight in Florence.

DAY 5: FLORENCE / ASSISI

After breakfast at your hotel, we will begin exploring Florence, "The Jewel of the Renaissance." We will visit the Duomo-Santa Maria, the Baptistery of San Giovanni, and L'Accademia, a well-known art gallery with artwork from Botticelli, Ghirlandaio, Pontorno, and Michelangelo (Sculpture of David). We will then celebrate Mass at a frescoed chapel in the Franciscan Church of Santa Croce. Afterward, we will drive to Assisi for the evening. Dinner and overnight in Assisi.

DAY 6: ASSISI / ROME

After breakfast, we will begin exploring the hometown of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals and the founder of the

Franciscan Order. First, we will celebrate Mass at St. Mary of the Angels Basilica. Inside, you will see the famous Porziuncola, the tiny church in the woods where St. Francis started his ministry, and St. Clare began her religious life. Next, we will enjoy a tour of St. Francis of Assisi Basilica and view the crucifix that said to him, "Rebuild my Church." Afterward, we will visit the Church of St. Clare, a follower of St. Francis and founder of the Order of Poor Ladies, known today as the Order of Saint Clare. After our tour, we will depart for Rome. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

DAY 7: ST. PETER'S / ST. PAUL OUTSIDE THE WALLS / CATACOMBS

After breakfast, we'll begin the day walking through the Holy Doors and celebrating Mass at the grand St. Peter's Basilica! Enjoy some time exploring independently before taking a more in-depth guided tour. Next, we will walk through the Holy Doors of the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, one of Rome's four major basilicas, and the burial place of St. Paul, the Apostle. Afterward, we will continue to St. Lawrence Outside the Walls, stop for lunch, and then visit the catacombs of St. Sebastian. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

DAY 8: VATICAN MUSEUMS / SISTINE CHAPEL

After breakfast at the hotel, we will begin our tour of the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel, and the Church of Santa Croce in Jerusalem. Afterward, you can spend the remainder of your day visiting Rome's other major basilicas, St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

DAY 9: ANCIENT ROME

After breakfast, we will begin our tour of Ancient Rome. We will visit the Colosseum, Capitol Hill, the Vittorio Emmanuel Monument, the Roman Forum, and Circus Maximus. Afterward, you will have the afternoon to enjoy Rome on your own. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

DAY 10: PAPAL AUDIENCE / PANTHEON / SPANISH STEPS / TREVI FOUNTAIN

After an early breakfast, we will leave the hotel and participate in the Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square with His Holiness Pope Francis. Enjoy lunch on your own before taking a walking tour of the Pantheon, Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona, and Trevi Fountain. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

DAY 11: RETURN FLIGHT HOME

After breakfast, we will transfer to the airport this morning to catch our return flight home. We hope this spiritual journey has enlightened you and given you many beautiful memories to last a lifetime.



Santa Maria del Fiore - Florence



St. Francis of Assisi Basilica



The Sistine Chapel



INCLUDED

- Round-trip airfare
- First-class hotels
- Price based on double occupancy
- Land transportation/transfers as per itinerary
- Breakfast and Dinner daily.
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Daily Masses
- Professional local guides
- Medical protection plan



NOT INCLUDED

- Trip cancellation insurance (strongly recommended)
- Nativity offers a policy at an additional cost
- Passport & visa costs
- Personal items/expenses
- Meals not specified in your itinerary
- Tips for tour guides and drivers
- Items not specifically mentioned above



REGISTERING

- A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$300.00 is due at registration, along with your registration form and copy of your passport.
- The names on your registration form and passport MUST match exactly, and U.S. Passports must be valid for at least six months after your return date.
- We are not responsible for visa procurement
- Full payment is due 100 days before your departure on 07/26/24

TERMS&CONDITIONS

Your Package Includes

Air Transportation: Economy class and round-trip airfares 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 private, luxury Deluxe Motor Coach with A/C and Wi-fi.

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 of \$900 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.

Tips for your tour guide & driver: All Tips included for the guide, bus driver, portorage (luggage handling) and wait staff (for included meals)

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.

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.

