

THE HOLY SHRINES OF ITALY MILAN TO ROME



MAY 19-29, 2025

FOR INFO



Included

- * ROUND-TRIP AIR
- * ALL AIRPORT TAXES & FUEL SURCHARGES
- * FIRST-CLASS HOTELS
- * PRICE BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
- * LUXURY MOTORCOACH
 TRANSPORTATION AS PER ITINERARY
- * DAILY BREAKFAST & DINNER
- * SIGHTSEEING/ADMISSION FEES AS PER ITINERARY
- * DAILY MASSES
- * MEDICAL PROTECTION PLAN

Not Included

- * TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE
- * NATIVITY PILGRIMAGE OFFERS A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY AT AN ADDITIONAL COST
- * PASSPORT / VISA COSTS (IF ANY)
- * TIPS FOR TOUR MANAGER, GUIDE, & DRIVER
- * PERSONAL ITEMS/EXPENSES
- * MEALS NOT SPECIFIED IN PROGRAM
- * ITEMS NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED ABOVE

Registration

- * A NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF \$300 IS DUE AT REGISTRATION, ALONG WITH A REGISTRATION FORM & PASSPORT COPY.
- * NAMES ON REGISTRATION FORM/
 PASSPORT MUST MATCH EXACTLY AND
 U.S. PASSPORTS MUST BE CURRENT UP
 TO 6 MONTHS AFTER RETURN DATE.
- * WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR VISA PROCUREMENT
- * FULL PAYMENT IS DUE 100 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE ON 02/07/25



DAY 1: DEPARTURE: U.S. TO MILAN

Your pilgrimage begins today as you depart on your overnight flight to Milan. Meals and drinks will be served in-flight.

DAY 2: ARRIVE MILAN

Upon arrival in Milan, we will proceed to visit the Duomo, the most magnificent Gothic building in Northern Italy! Afterward, we will tour the Basilica and Tomb of St. Ambrose before continuing to the Church Santa Maria delle Grazie, where we will celebrate Mass. Next, we will stop at Castel Sforzesco and the famous La Scala Opera House. The rest of the day is free to visit the stores and browse the Forza boutiques. Stroll through the luxury outlets of the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele arcade. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 3: MILAN / VERONA / PADOVA

This morning, we will depart for Verona, celebrated by Shakespeare, who made it famous as the romantic setting of Romeo and Juliet. Verona is a splendid, ancient corner of the Veneto region, nestling between the Adige River and Lake Garda. Upon arrival, we will visit the Minor Basilica of San Zeno and Verona Cathedral. Afterward, we will continue to Padova, where we will celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. Anthony of Padua. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 4: PADOVA / VENICE

Venice is known as "The Queen of the Adriatic." There is a total absence of wheeled transportation, making it one of the most charming and poetic cities in the world. Our visit 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 in Egypt. After Mass, we see the Piazza di San Marco and the Palazzo Ducale (the palace of the Doge, the political leader of the Republic of Venice). The rest of our day is free to explore this exotic city, perhaps in a gondola! Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 5: VENICE / PISA / FLORENCE

After breakfast, we depart Venice for Pisa. Upon arrival, we will visit the monuments of Pizza dei Miracoli: The Duomo, the Baptistery, and the Leaning Tower. Later this afternoon, we will travel to Florence, the "Jewel of the Renaissance." Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 6: FLORENCE / ASSISI

After breakfast, we begin exploring Florence by visiting the Church of Santa Maria del Fiore, the Baptistery of San Giovanni, and the Academia, where we will marvel at Michelangelo's David. We will celebrate Mass at a frescoed chapel in the Franciscan Church of Santa Croce before driving to Assisi for the night. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.



The best stories in life are the ones told in the pages of a passport.

DAY 7: ASSISI / SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

Today, we begin our guided tour of Assisi, home to St. Francis of Assisi. First, we will visit the Basilica housing the Saint's tomb. We will enjoy a guided tour of the Basilica, as well as the town. After Mass, there is free time to explore and shop before leaving for San Giovanni Rotondo. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 8: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO / CAVE OF ST. MICHAEL / ROME

After breakfast, we will celebrate Mass at the tomb of St. Padre Pio and take a tour of the sanctuary. We will see the old church and the crucifix he stood before as he received the stigmata in 1918. We will also see the confessional where Padre Pio directed people on their path. We will also have a chance to stand and pray before St. Padre Pio's incorrupt body. As we leave San Giovanni, notice the stunning views of the Gargano Peninsula as we travel to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. Saints, popes, and people from all over have come to this grotto looking for the protection and intercession of St. Michael. After our visit, we will travel to Rome. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 9: ROME

We begin our day by exploring the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the largest church in Rome dedicated to the Blessed Mother, which contains a relic from Jesus' manger. From here, we will visit the Scala Sancta, the stairs Christ climbed to stand before Pontius Pilate. Those who wish may climb the stairs, as is the custom, on their knees. Nearby, we will visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran, which was once the residence of popes. It is here that St. Francis persuaded Pope Innocent III to give permission to begin the Franciscan Order. Next, we will visit the Church of St. Paul Outside the Walls, where the body of St. Paul is buried. It is the second-largest Basilica in Rome and one of the five largest in the world. After lunch, we will drive along the Ancient Appian way to see the Church of Domine Quo Vadis and the Catacombs of St. Callixtus. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 10: ROME: VATICAN CITY

This morning, we begin by attending the papal audience with Pope Francis! After the audience, we will explore the Vatican Museums to see centuries of beautiful artwork and artifacts. See the artwork of Michelangelo such as the Pieta and then visit the Sistine Chapel. Next, we will explore the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica. We will also visit the Tomb of St. John Paul II in St. Sebastian's Chapel. Afterward, we will continue to explore ancient Rome and tour the Colosseum. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 11: DEPARTURE: ROME TO U.S.

This morning, we will transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.



St. Paul Outside the Walls



San Giovanni Rotondo



Santa Maria del Fiore



Duomo - Milan









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 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, porterage, 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 <u>subject to availability and pricing</u> (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 100 days before departure on 02/07/25. 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:

Days Prior to Departure

Charge

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



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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.

