# Nativity Pilgrimage

Where Faith Meets Adventure



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Milan, Padova, Venice, Florence, Pisa, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant' Angelo, and Rome!



\$5,299 with air from Midland, TX



\$4,499 Land Only Package

### **FOR INFO**

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- surcharges
- First-class hotels
- Land transportation as per itinerary
- Daily breakfast and dinner
- Sightseeing/admission fees as per itinerary
- Daily Masses
- Professional tour guides
- Medical protection plan

#### **NOT INCLUDED**

- \* Trip-cancellation insurance (available at an additional
- Passport/Visa costs
- Tips for your tour guide and driver
- Personal items/expenses
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Items not specifically mentioned above.

#### REGISTER

- Submit a non-refundable \$300 deposit along with a copy of your registration form and passport.
- \* Names on the registration form and passport must match exactly.
- \* U.S. passports must be current up to six months after the return date.
- We are not responsible for Visa procurement.
- \* Full payment is due 100 days before departure on 04/25/25.

#### **DAY 1: FLIGHT TO MILAN**

Your spiritual journey commences today as you board your overnight flight to Milan. Throughout the flight, enjoy a selection of meals and beverages thoughtfully provided to make your journey comfortable. Prepare for an enlightening experience as you set off on this meaningful pilgrimage.



#### **DAY 2: ARRIVE MILAN**

Upon arriving in Milan, we will embark on a guided tour of the Duomo, known as "the most magnificent Gothic building in Northern Italy." We'll admire its stunning exterior, intricate sculptures, and stained-glass windows. Next, we will visit the Basilica di Sant'Ambrogio, home to the Tomb of St. Ambrose, one of the city's patron saints, followed by attending Mass at the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie. Afterward, we will explore Castel Sforzesco, a historic fortress reflecting Milanese architecture, before visiting the prestigious La Scala Opera House, famous for its glamorous stage. The rest of the day is yours to shop at the Forza boutiques or stroll through the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele. We'll conclude the day with dinner and time to relax at our hotel, reflecting on a day rich in culture and history.

#### DAY 3: MILAN / VERONA / PADOVA / VENICE

After enjoying a breakfast at the hotel, we will embark on our journey to Verona, a city immortalized by Shakespeare as the enchanting backdrop for "Romeo and Juliet." Nestled between the winding river Adige and the serene shores of Lake Garda, Verona boasts a rich historical heritage. Our first stop will be the Minor Basilica of San Zeno, a masterpiece of Romanesque architecture, known for its stunning altar and exquisite art. Next, we will visit the majestic Verona Cathedral, where the beauty of



its frescoes and the tranquility of its surroundings offer a peaceful respite. Following our tour of Verona, we will proceed to Padova, a city renowned for its vibrant culture and significant religious sites. Here, we will pay homage at the Basilica of St. Anthony of Padua, celebrated for its remarkable artworks and spiritual significance. This visit will be accompanied by the celebration of Mass, providing a moment of reflection. Our journey will then continue to the iconic city of Venice. As the day concludes, we will enjoy a delicious dinner and retire for the night at our comfortable hotel, resting well for the adventures that await in the morning.



#### **DAY 4: VENICE**

Venice, often referred to as "The Queen of the Adriatic," enchants visitors with its charming, car-free streets and picturesque canals. Our journey starts at the magnificent Basilica of St. Mark, renowned for its stunning golden mosaics and religious significance, built to honor the remains of St. Mark brought from Alexandria. After attending a reflective Mass, we'll explore the iconic Piazza



di San Marco and the Palazzo Ducale (Palace of the Doge), who served as the political leader of the Venetian Republic. The rest of the day offers freedom to wander through this romantic city, with the option to experience a traditional gondola ride through its serene waterways. We'll conclude the day with dinner and restful accommodations at our hotel.

#### **DAY 5: VENICE / PISA / FLORENCE**

We will begin our journey by departing from Venice to Pisa, where we will explore the iconic Piazza dei Miracoli. Our visit will include the magnificent Duomo, the exquisite Baptistery, and, of course, the renowned Leaning Tower, each a stunning example of medieval architecture. In the late afternoon, we will continue our journey by motor coach to Florence, celebrated as the "Jewel of the Renaissance" for its rich artistic heritage and historic significance. After a day of exploration, you will enjoy dinner and have a restful overnight stay at your hotel.



#### DAY 6: FLORENCE / ASSISI

On our journey, we explore the breathtaking Duomo di Santa Maria and the ornate Baptistery of San Giovanni. We then visit the Galleria dell 'Accademia, where we marvel at Michelangelo's iconic statue of David. Later, we celebrate Mass in the beautifully frescoed chapel of the Franciscan Church of Santa Croce. As the day concludes, we travel to Assisi for an overnight stay, enjoying a delightful dinner and comfortable accommodations at our hotel.

#### DAY 7: ASSISI / SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

Join us for a guided tour of Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi. Our visit includes the Basilica that houses the Saint's tomb, followed by an insightful tour of both the Basilica and the charming town, rich in medieval architecture. After attending Mass, you'll have free time to explore the local shops and cafés, immersing yourself in the vibrant culture before we depart for San Giovanni Rotondo. Dinner and overnight accommodations await you at your hotel, ensuring a restful end to a spiritually enriching day.

## DAY 8: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO / MONTE SANT' ANGELO / ROME

We begin our pilgrimage with a solemn Mass at the tomb of St. Padre Pio, followed by an insightful tour of the sanctuary, where we explore the historic church and the iconic crucifix where he received the stigmata in 1918. We pay our respects at the confessional where he guided countless souls and stand in contemplative prayer before his incorrupt body. As we journey to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel, we are treated to breathtaking views of the Gargano Peninsula, a site revered by saints, popes, and pilgrims seeking St. Michael's divine protection and intercession. Our day culminates in Rome, where we enjoy dinner and settle in for the night at our hotel.



#### **DAY 9: ROME**

We start our day with a visit to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the largest church in Rome dedicated to the Blessed Mother, which houses a relic from the manger. Next, we proceed to the Scala Sancta, the sacred stairs that Christ ascended to be presented before Pontius Pilate; those wishing to participate can climb them on their knees, continuing the age-old custom. Our journey takes us to the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the former papal residence, where St. Francis famously persuaded Pope Innocent III to establish the Franciscan Order. We then visit the Church of St. Paul Outside the Walls, the burial site of St. Paul, renowned as the second largest Basilica in Rome and among the five largest worldwide. After a break for lunch, we explore the Catacombs of St. Callixtus, recognized as some of the most significant in Rome. Finally, we conclude our day with a guided tour of Ancient Rome, including the iconic Colosseum, before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

#### DAY 10: ROME / VATICAN CITY

In the morning, we will have the unique opportunity to attend a papal audience with Pope Francis, immersing ourselves in the spiritual atmosphere of the Vatican. Following the audience, we will explore the Vatican Museums, where we can admire centuries of breathtaking artwork and artifacts, including Michelangelo's renowned Pieta and the iconic Sistine Chapel, with its stunning frescoes. Our journey continues as we delve into the grandeur of St. Peter's Basilica, built above the revered tomb of St. Peter, and pay our respects at the Tomb of St. John Paul II in St. Sebastian's Chapel. After a day filled with history and inspiration, we will enjoy dinner and relax with overnight accommodations at our hotel.



#### **DAY 11: RETURN HOME**

This morning, we will embark on our journey to the airport, ensuring we arrive with ample time to check in and navigate security before boarding our return flight home.



#### 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.

Meal Plan: The meal plan offers breakfast & dinner daily, unless otherwise stated.

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 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 after 6 months of 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, other services, or personal items that are not specifically mentioned as being included in the itinerary.

Extra food/beverage: You are responsible for any 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 air rate, ticketing method, or on a different 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, not the tour operator. 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.

**Single Room Supplement:** Tour price based on double-occupancy. If you wish to stay in a single room, there is an additional single room supplement as stated on your registration form. Single rooms are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

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 100 Days before departure on 04/25/25. Late 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% late 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 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 99-50 Days Lose Deposit 50% of trip cost

49 Days Rise 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 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 and 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.



