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FROM SAN ANTONIO



Daily *itinerary*



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 11/08/24

DAY 1: DEPARTURE / U.S. TO ROME

Your pilgrimage begins today by boarding your flight to Rome. Rest assured, all the necessary preparations for your trip have been made. So sit back, relax, and enjoy your flight to Rome. Your spiritual journey awaits!

DAY 2: ROME: TREVI FOUNTAIN

We will arrive in the beautiful picturesque city of Rome, where our guide and driver will greet us. We will board our coach bus for a panoramic tour of the "Eternal City." Next, we will visit the Trevi Fountain, where you can enjoy some time for lunch. Next, we will transfer to your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

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

We begin with the Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square. The Audience is celebrated each Wednesday by His Holiness Pope Francis (pending the papal schedule). Following the Audience, we will visit the Basilica of St. John the Lateran, the oldest of Rome's major basilicas. Next, you will cross the street to visit the Holy Stairs. These stairs are the steps Jesus walked during his Passion leading up to the praetorian of Pontius Pilate. The Stairs were brought to Rome by Saint Helena in the fourth century. It is custom to climb these stairs on your knees to remember Christ's agonizing Passion. Finally, we conclude our day with Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. St. Mary Major is the only Basilica that has kept its original structure and remains an authentic jewel in the crown of Roman Churches. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

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

This morning, we will have an early breakfast before visiting the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica, where St. Peter, the first Pope and Bishop of Rome, was martyred. After a tour, we will continue to the Vatican Museums, the Tapestry Gallery, the Raphael Rooms, the Sistine Chapel, and the tomb of Saint John Paul II. After lunch, we will continue our journey down the Appian Way, the earliest road of Ancient Rome. We will visit the Domino Quo Vadis Chapel, the Baths of Caracalla, the Arch of Drusus, the Tomb of Cecilia Metella, the Catacombs of St. Callixtus, and the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

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

We begin our day with a walking tour of Rome. We will start at the Piazza Venezia, where we will walk to some of Rome's most famous sights like Capitoline Hill, the Roman Forum, and the Pantheon. We will visit the Capitoline Museums and view one of Italy's finest collections of classical sculptures. Afterward, we will visit the Basilica of St. Mary of the Altar of Heaven



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(Sancta Maria de Aracoeli), the designated Church of Rome's city council. Next, we will walk past the Mamertine Prison, where St. Peter and Paul were held before their executions, and the Via dei Fori Imperiali, where we will tour the Colosseum, Roman Forum, and Arch of Constantine. After lunch, we will visit sites including the Basilica of St. Clement, the Basilica of St. Gregory the Great, and the Mother Teresa convent. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 6: ROME / ASSISI

This morning, we will celebrate Mass at St. Mary of the Angels Basilica and the Porziuncola, the small church where the Franciscan movement started. Next, we will tour the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi and view many of his possessions, like the crucifix that spoke to him, saying, "Rebuild my Church." Next, we visit the chapel where St. Francis spent most of his time and the Church of St. Clare. The rest of the day is free for you to shop or relax. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

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

This morning, we head toward the Adriatic coast to the great Marian shrine of Loreto to visit the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto. Next, we will continue to Lanciano and celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Longinus, the site of the Eucharistic Miracle that occurred in the eighth century. At the time of the Miracle, a Basilian monk struggled with the belief in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. During Mass, the monk said the "Words of Consecration," and the bread turned into living flesh, and the wine transformed into blood. Afterward, we will have 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, we will visit the Old Church. After Mass, we will tour the sanctuary and view the crucifix, in front of which St. Pio received the stigmata. We will also view the confessional from where St. Pio spent innumerable hours listening to confessions. Afterward, you will board the bus and travel along the beautiful Gargano Peninsula to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. On our way back to San Giovanni Rotondo, view the breathtaking ocean views and surrounding countryside. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 9: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO / MONTE CASSINO / ROME

We will drive north through the rich Italian countryside of vineyards, orchards, and olive groves. We will take in the fantastic panoramic views as we arrive in Monte Cassino, a town founded by St. Benedict in 529. First, we will tour the Abbey of Monte Cassino, where St. Benedict founded the Benedictine Order. Next, we will visit the Church of St. Peter and Paul and continue to Rome. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 10: RETURN FLIGHT HOME

We will transfer to the airport this morning to catch our return flight home.



St. Paul Outside the Walls



San Giovanni Rotondo



The Colosseum



Cave of St. Michael

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 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 100 days before departure on 11/08/24. 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.