



Basilica of the National Shrines of the Blessed Virgin of Ta' Pinu, Gozo, Malta



Divine Mercy Group with Msgr. Mariano Balbago, Jr.

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Malta, Sorrento & Rome



Your Trip Includes:

- Round-trip Airfare
- All Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges
- 10 nights accommodation at centrally located first class hotels as follows: (or similar)
 - 4 nights: Oct 03 – 07: Hotel AX Odycy, Malta
 - 3 nights: Oct 07 – 10: Art Hotel Gran Paradiso, Sorrento
 - 3 nights: Oct 10 – 13: Hotel Della Conciliazione, Rome
- 3 nights Optional Post Tour to Assisi:
 - 3 nights: Oct 13 – 16: Hotel Giotto, Assisi
- Transfers as per Itinerary
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- Transportation by Air-conditioned Motor Coach
- Whisper Headsets
- Assistance of a Professional Local Catholic Guide
- Sightseeing and Admissions Fees as per Itinerary
- Mass Daily & Spiritual Activities
- Luggage Handling (1 piece per person)
- Flight Bag & PDF Digital Confirmation of All Travel Documents

Group Leader: Alex Isip

October 02 - 13, 2025

\$6,947 per person from Washington D.C. (IAD)

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Optional Post-Tour to Assisi & Cascia

October 13 - 16, 2025
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Sample Daily Itinerary

Day 1, Thu, Oct 02: Departure

Make your way to your local airport, where you will board your overnight flight(s).

Day 2, Fri, Oct 03: Arrive in Malta

Upon arrival, you'll be met by a tour guide and/or driver and transferred to your hotel. You will attend Mass at a local church before dinner at your hotel.

Day 3, Sat, Oct 04: Malta - The Three Cities - Valletta

After breakfast at your hotel, depart for a full-day guided excursion to the Three Cities of Vittoriosa, Cospicua and Senglea, where in 1530 the Knights of St. John settled on the east coast in the creeks of Grand Harbor. Next, see the Miraculous Statue of Jesus Christ the Redeemer in the Oratory of the Basilica, dedicated to the birth of the Virgin Mary in Senglea. Later, take a typical harbor boat tour from Vittoriosa across the Grand Harbor to Valletta and see its waterfront. You will also see St. Johns Co-Cathedral and Museum in Valletta, and visit the oratory, which houses the famous Caravaggio paintings. Dinner and a restful overnight.

Day 4, Sun, Oct 05: Malta - Mellieha - Gozo

After breakfast at your hotel, depart for a full day's guided excursion to Gozo, a sister island of Malta. Here you'll visit the Mellieha Sanctuary of Our Lady, a Marian Shrine. Later, see Munxar Parish Church, a Baroque style building dedicated to St. Paul, the Gozo Cathedral of the Assumption, and St. George's Basilica, known as the golden church of the "marble Basilica" of Gozo. The relics of St. Clement rest in the Baroque altar in the side chapel of St. Lazarus, one of eleven side chapels within the Basilica. Next, visit the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Blessed Virgin of Ta' Pinu, Malta's most important pilgrimage site. Lastly, return by ferry to Malta, and enjoy dinner and an overnight at your hotel.

Day 5, Mon, Oct 06: Malta - St. Paul's Bay - Mosta - Mdina - Rabat

After breakfast at your hotel, another full day's guided touring awaits. See St. Paul's Bay by boat, the Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, St. Paul's Cathedral and Museum in Mdina, the medieval walled city, the Bastions, St. Paul's Catacombs, and St. Paul's Grotto. St. Paul's Grotto is said to be the place where St. Paul took refuge and prayed for three months while trying to convert the Maltese to Christianity following his shipwreck around 60 AD. Pope John Paul prayed in the grotto during his visit in 1990. Return to Malta for dinner and your last overnight.

Day 6, Tue, Oct 07: Malta - Naples - Sorrento

Today you will transfer to the airport for your short flight to Naples. Upon arrival at Naples airport, you will be greeted by a tour escort and/or driver. You will make your way to the bus and transfer to your hotel in Sorrento. Drive to Sorrento has stunning panoramic views of the Bay of Naples, its picturesque narrow streets, parks, villa, and orange, lemon and olive groves. Following check-in, you will have free time to unpack and relax, or explore Sorrento on your own. Later in the afternoon, your group will meet in the hotel lobby with your fellow pilgrims and depart for Mass. Following Mass, you will attend a welcome dinner.

Day 7, Wed, Oct 08: Sorrento - Amalfi Coast - Sorrento

Today you will tour the Amalfi Coast, widely considered one of the most beautiful coastlines in the world; deemed a UNESCO World Heritage site as an outstanding example of a Mediterranean landscape. You'll follow the 34 miles of winding roads, making a quick stop to view the breathtaking panoramic view of Positano. Continue on through Praiano where you will drive by St. Gennaro Church, to Amalfi, one of the four maritime Republics of Italy, and view the beautiful Amalfi Cathedral consecrated to its patron, Saint Andrew. Some free time for lunch before your last stop on the Amalfi coast, Ravello. View its interesting Cathedral devoted to Saint Pantaleone, and the Villa Rufolo. View the Gulf of Salerno and its beautiful coastline. Enjoy the landscape on your return to Sorrento, where you will enjoy dinner and an overnight.

Day 8, Thu, Oct 09: Sorrento - Capri - Blue Grotto

Following breakfast, transfer to the Pier in Sorrento and travel to Capri by Hydrofoil. Take a Panoramic Tour of the Island by small minibus and visit the Blue Grotto (weather permitting) by row boats with a local guide including a visit to beautiful Marina Piccola; the salto di Tiberio, the "heart" of Capri; Piazza Umberto, a small closed off square resembling a courtyard; the gardens of Augustus, built on the ruins of ancient roman structures. Return to Sorrento for dinner and overnight.

Day 9, Fri, Oct 10: Sorrento - Saint Philomena Sanctuary, Mugnano - Montecassino - Rome

Following breakfast, you will board your bus to enjoy the scenic route to Montecassino. Passing through the Italian countryside that is known for its villas and vineyards. During the bus ride, your tour escort will share interesting information regarding the spiritual, historical, and cultural aspects of Italy. On the way to Montecassino we will stop at Mugnano del Cardinale for a visit of the Shrine of Saint Philomena. When her remains were brought to the village church at Mugnano from Rome, graces, favors and miracles began to occur among the village people. Miracles continued to occur year after year and in 1837, Philomena was elevated to Sainthood. Continue to Montecassino, the principle monastery of the Benedictine Order, was founded by Saint Benedict around 530 A.D. Following the tour, there will be an opportunity to visit the gift shop, before we board the bus for Rome also known as "The Eternal City". Enjoy some time to relax before dinner. After dinner, you will have the opportunity to walk to St. Peter's Square as a group, for the Rosary (optional).

Day 10, Sat, Oct 11: Rome: St. Peter's Basilica - Vatican Museum - Appian Way - Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls - Catacombs

After breakfast, make your way to the largest Christendom Church, St. Peter's Basilica. This Basilica was built on the site where St. Peter, the first Pope and Bishop of Rome, was martyred. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, was the first Pontiff to visit the necropolis since extensive archaeological excavations were conducted at the ancient site decades ago. It is here that you will view Michelangelo's Pieta. This stunning marble sculpture depicts the Virgin Mary holding Christ after His crucifixion, death, and removal off the cross before being placed in the tomb. Continue to proceed to the Vatican Museums. At the world-renowned museum, you will see the most impressive of edifices, galleries, and awe-inspiring relics. Additionally, you will observe the Tapestry Gallery, Raphael Rooms, Sistine Chapel, and Michelangelo's Masterpiece, the restored mural of the Last Judgment. The final stop on your Vatican tour is at the tomb of Saint John Paul II. Afterward, head to the Fontana di Trevi (Trevi Fountain), where you may enjoy some free time on your own for lunch. Continue on your short journey down the Appian Way, the earliest road of Ancient Rome. This road leads to the Domine Quo Vadis Chapel, the Baths of Caracalla, the Arch of Drusus, the Tomb of Cecilia Metella, and the catacombs of St. Callixtus. The day concludes with a visit to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. This Basilica is the burial places of Saint Paul the Apostle. Next, make your way to a local restaurant for dinner. Following dinner, feel free to explore the streets of Rome, or return to the hotel for your last overnight in Italy.

Day 11, Sun, Oct 12: Rome: Papal Angelus - Trevi Fountain - Pantheon - Basilica of St. John the Lateran - Holy Stairs - Basilica of St. Mary Major

This morning we attend the Papal Angelus in St. Peter's Square. The Angelus is celebrated each Sunday by His Holiness, Pope Francis (pending the papal schedule). Next Trevi Fountain area for some free time and lunch (on own). This afternoon, visit the oldest of the four major Basilicas in Rome, the Archbasilica of St. John the Lateran, the cathedral church and seat of the Bishop of Rome. Cross the street to the very steps that lead up to the praetorium of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem which Jesus climbed on His way to trial during his Passion. Holy Mass will be celebrated by our priest at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. This Basilica contains a relic from the manger of the infant Jesus. Dinner and overnight.

Day 12, Mon, Oct 13: Return Home

After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, transfer to Rome Fiumicino airport for your return flights home.

Or for pilgrims taking the Optional Post-Tour to Assisi:

Day 12, Mon, Oct 13: Rome - Orvieto - Assisi

We leave Rome and travel North through the Umbrian Hills to Orvieto. This incredible town sits on a volcanic high rock formation. Here we visit one of the most beautiful and most renowned Cathedrals in Italy. Because of its strategic location, it's Christian history officially started in 1004, but, Orvieto was built over preexisting Etruscan era cave tunnels dating back 2,500 years, which some historians believe Christians used to celebrate Mass when Christianity was forbidden. Continue to Assisi the hometown of St. Francis and St. Clare. Upon arriving check-in to your hotel. Dinner and overnight. Retire to your room for a restful night's sleep.

Day 13, Tue, Oct 14: Assisi

Tour of the Basilica of St. Francis, where you will see the tomb of St. Francis, and have the opportunity to view a series of frescoes depicting his life, along with a few of the saint's possessions. Next you will visit the Santuario Della Spogliazione where Blessed Carlo Acutis' tomb is, the first millennial to be declared Blessed. Continue on a walking tour through this picturesque town, where St. Francis and St. Clare both followed God's call to rebuild his church. Enjoy some free time for additional prayer, shopping and lunch. After lunch, board the bus, which will take you outside of the walls of Assisi, to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. This Basilica is made up of two structures, both of which you will visit. The first structure is the "Porziuncola" and the second is the "Capella del Transito" which is the place where St. Francis died. Return to the hotel for dinner and a restful overnight.

Day 14, Wed, Oct 15: Assisi - Cascia - Manoppello - Assisi

This morning you will travel to Cascia. The pilgrimage we will make today to Cascia is the discovery of Saint Rita of Cascia and her message of dialogue and peace. Today, pilgrims and devotees come from all over the world to visit this small village and experience moments of true spirituality. Cascia is in the heart of the Valnerina. We will be immersed in the natural landscape characterized by mountain peaks, rivers and streams, enclosed valleys, and ancient villages waiting to be discovered. Continue to Manoppello and visit the Holy Face of Manoppello located at the Basilica del Volto Santo di Manoppello. The image shows a male face with long hair and a beard parted in bands. It is the only case in the world where the image is visible on both sides of the cloth; colors are very light, the eyes are turned upward and the pupils are completely open, even though irregular. Scientific tests, observations under ultraviolet light and under a microscope show no pigments and no paintings on the veil. Return to Assisi for dinner and overnight.

Day 15, Thu, Oct 16: Assisi - Rome Airport - USA

After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, you will leave for Rome airport for a return flight home.

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