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## Your Pilgrimage Includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- 7 nights accommodation at centrally located first class hotels as follows: (or similar)
  - o 3 nights: April 28 May 01: Hotel Della Conciliazione, Rome
  - o 2 nights: May 01 May 03: Giotto, Assisi
  - 2 nights: May 03 May 05: Hotel Della Conciliazione, Rome
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Wine and mineral water with dinners

- Transfers as per itinerary
- 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 & Digital PDF confirmation of all travel

## Sample Daily Itinerary

Day 1, Sun, Apr 27: Depart for Rome

Make your way to your local airport, where you will board your overnight flight. Meals will be served on board.

Day 2, Mon, Apr 28: Arrival in Rome Welcome to Rome, also known as "The Eternal City." Upon landing at Rome airport, your tour guide and/or driver will greet you. Following check-in at the hotel, enjoy some free greet you. Following check-in at the hotel, enjoy some free time to unpack, relax or explore Rome on your own. Your tour escort may suggest places to visit. Later this afternoon, your group will meet in the hotel lobby for a meet and greet and you will depart together for Mass. Following Mass, you will attend a welcome dinner. After dinner, you will have the opportunity to join in a walk to St. Peter's Square for the Rosary (optional) Rosary (optional).

Day 3, Tue, Apr 29: Rome: St. Peter's Basilica - Vatican Museum - Appian Way - Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls - Catacombs

Today we tour St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site where St. Peter the Apostle was martyred. Here, you'll have the opportunity to pray at the tomb of St. John Paul II and view Michelangelo's Pieta sculpture. Next, you will visit the Vatican Museum, where you can see the Tapestry Gallery, Raphael Rooms, and Sistine Chapel. After lunch, continue down the Appian Way, one of the earliest roads built in ancient Rome to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls and the Catacombs. Dinner and overnight in Rome the Catacombs. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Day 4, Wed, Apr 30: Rome: Papal Audience - Trevi Fountain - Basilica of St. John the Lateran - Holy Stairs -Basilica of St. Major

This morning we attend the Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square or at the Audience Hall. The Audience is celebrated each Wednesday by His Holiness, Pope Francis (pending the papal schedule). Next, the Trevi Fountain area for some free time and lunch (on your 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 5, Thu, May 01: Rome – Assisi
Following breakfast, board the bus and transfer to Assisi.
Enjoy a relaxing afternoon and visit Rocca Maggiore, which offers incredible views of the city below and the surrounding Umbrian region. Group will celebrate Mass at Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, then enjoy a delicious Italian dinner and restful overnight.

Day 6, Fri, May 02: Assisi You will become captivated as the atmosphere in Assisi has not changed since St. Francis began his ministry in the early 13th-century. Begin your tour at the Basilica of St. Francis. Visit his tomb, and view a series of frescoes depicting his life, along with a few of the saint's possessions. The group will celebrate Mass at St. Francis's tomb (pending confirmation). Next, visit the Santuario Della Spogliazione where Blessed Carlo Acutis' tomb is placed. Carlo is the first millennial to be declared Blessed who loved the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Continue on a walking tour through this picturesque town, including the birthplace of St. Francis, and the Bishop's house. Enjoy free time on your own, then board the bus which will take you outside the walls of Assisi to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. This Basilica is made up of two structures. The first is the "Porziuncola", which is where St. Francis founded his order of the Friar Minor (Franciscans). The second, is the "Capella del Transito", which is the place of St. Francis's death. During your Transito", which is the place of St. Francis's death. During your time here, you will have the opportunity to visit the beautiful Rose Garden where St. Francis and other friars lived and prayed. Return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight.

Day 7, Sat, May 03: Assisi – Orvieto – Bolsena – Rome This morning, drive through the beautiful Umbrian mountains to Orvieto. 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. Next, we visit the nearby town of Bolsena and the Cathedral housing the corporeal of the Miracle of the Eucharist which took place in 1262. Here we will celebrate Mass. Continue to Rome for dinner and overnight.

Day 8, Sun, May 04: Rome: Papal Blessing – Catacomb of St Agnes – Free afternoon

Agnes – Free afternoon
This morning group will attend Papal Angelus in St. Peter's
Square. The Angelus is celebrated each Sunday by His Holiness,
Pope Francis (pending the papal schedule). Continue to visit
Catacomb of St Agnes. The Catacomb of Saint Agnes is a
subterranean necropolis in Rome, named after Saint Agnes, a
virgin and martyr. This ancient labyrinth of tombs, embedded
within the monumental complex of Sant'Agnese fuori le mura, is a
testament to Rome's early Christian history. The catacomb itself
spans three levels, divided into four regions, each carrying its
unique narrative of the past. This historic place is devoid of any
significant paintings, but the epigraphic testimonies make it an
intriguing landmark for history enthusiasts. Afternoon is free for
prayer and reflections or last minute shopping. prayer and reflections or last minute shopping.

Day 9, Mon, May 05: Rome Airport – USA Following breakfast at your hotel transfer to Rome Airport for your return flights home.

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