

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to

ITALY



Rome, San Giovanni Rotondo, Assisi, Florence, Padua, Milan & Turin



October 23 – November 06, 2025

Your Trip Includes:

- † Round-trip airfare
- † Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges
- † 13 nights of accommodation at centrally located first-class hotels as follows: (or similar)
 - o 3 nights: Oct 24 – Oct 27: Hotel Michelangelo, Rome
 - o 2 nights: Oct 27 – Oct 29: Centro di Spiritualita Padre Pio, San Giovanni Rotondo
 - o 3 nights: Oct 29 – Nov 01: Hotel Giotto, Assisi
 - o 2 nights: Nov 01 – Nov 03: Starhotels Tuscany, Florence
 - o 1 night: Nov 03 – Nov 04: AC Padova, Padua
 - o 1 night: Nov 04 – Nov 05: Grand Hotel Visconti Palace, Milan
 - o 1 night: Nov 05 – Nov 06: Starhotels Majestic, Turin
- † 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
- † Tips to Hotel Staff and Restaurants
- † Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- † Luggage handling (1 piece per person)
- † Flight bag & digital confirmation of all travel documents

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Sample Daily Itinerary

Day 1, Thu, Oct 23: Depart for Rome

Make your way to your local airport, where you will board your overnight flight(s) to Rome. Your meals will be served on board.

Day 2, Fri, Oct 24: Arrive in Rome

Upon landing at Rome airport, your tour guide and/or driver will 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 with fellow pilgrims and your priest. You will depart together for Mass, and following Mass, you will attend a welcome dinner. After dinner, you have to opportunity to join in a walk to St. Peter's Square for the Rosary (optional).

Day 3, Sat, Oct 25: 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 view Michelangelo's Pieta sculpture and pray at the tombs of Pope Benedict XVI and St. John Paul II. 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.

Day 4, Sun, Oct 26: Rome: Papal Angelus - Trevi Fountain - Basilica of St. John the Lateran - Holy Stairs - Basilica of St. Mary Major

This morning, we attend the Papal Blessing at 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 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 the 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, Mon, Oct 27: Rome - Pompeii - San Giovanni Rotondo

Following breakfast, you will board your bus to enjoy a scenic drive. Your tour escort will share interesting information regarding the spiritual, historical, and cultural aspects of Italy. Our first stop will be Pompeii, the famous ancient city buried by the ashes of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD. Walk through one of the most important and interesting archeological museums in the world. This is a preserved site of excavated ruins of streets and homes. Visit the Shrine of the Rosary of Pompeii "La Madonna Del Rosario", one of the most visited Catholic Shrines. The painting of "Our Lady of the Rosary" with its bronze gilt frame is on the high altar. The venerated painting depicts the Virgin Mary and Child Jesus presenting the Rosary to Saint Dominic and Saint Catherine of Siena. Inside the shrine, there are also two very important relics belonging to the Passion of Christ; a thorn from the Crown of Thorns and a small piece of the Holy Cross. Continue to San Giovanni Rotondo, where St. Pio of Pietrelcina (St. Padre Pio) lived for many decades. Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo.

Day 6, Tue, Oct 28: San Giovanni Rotondo - Monte Sant' Angelo

Visit the Old Church of Our Lady of Grace, and see the confessional where St. Pio spent an innumerable number of hours listening to confessions. Next, you will board the bus and travel along the beautiful Gargano Peninsula to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. Return for dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo. *Candlelight Procession - Between May and October, attend the weekly candlelight procession at the Sanctuary of St. Pio after dinner, at 9:00 pm.

Day 7, Wed, Oct 29: San Giovanni Rotondo - Lanciano - Loreto - Assisi

After breakfast, you leave for Assisi. On the way, stop in Lanciano for private Mass at the Convent/Church of Saint Francis built on top of the antique Church of St. Longinus - the site of a Eucharistic Miracle that occurred in the eighth century. At the time, there was a Basilian monk, who struggled with the belief in the Real Presence in the Eucharist. During the time of Mass, the monk, with doubt in his voice, said the words of consecration and the bread and wine transformed into physical flesh and blood. Leave for Marian shrine of Loreto to visit the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto. Tradition holds that this is the house in which Mary first prayed the Magnificat, in which Jesus grew to manhood, and in which the Holy Family lived, before it was transported several times by angels, to its current location. End the day in Assisi, with dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Day 8, Thu, Oct 30: Assisi

Begin your tour at the Basilica of St. Francis. Visit the tomb of St. Francis, and view a series of frescoes depicting his life, along with a few of his possessions. 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 with a walking tour, including the birthplace of St. Francis, and the Bishop's House. Enjoy some free time on your own. After lunch, you will board the bus, which will take you outside of the walls of Assisi, to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. This is where St. Francis spent most of his life. 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' death. Visit the beautiful Rose Garden where St. Francis and other friars lived and prayed. Return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight.

Day 9, Fri, Oct 31: Assisi - Gubbio - La Verna - Assisi

After breakfast, you will drive through the beautiful Umbrian mountains to Gubbio. Enjoy this medieval town with a visit to St. Francis Church, where you will be celebrating Mass. After Mass, visit a town that seems painted onto the hill, a succession of backdrops against which towers and houses stand out, all embraced by walls. The town had been freed by St. Francis from a terrible and fierce wolf who afflicted it. After lunch on your own, continue to La Verna, the place where St. Francis, over the years, had been seven times, the last time in 1224 where he received the stigmata. Pray in the Chapel of the Stigmata, the Basilica, and the Chapel of Saint Mary of the Angels. Admire the beautiful artwork of Andrea della Robbia. Return to Assisi for dinner and overnight.

Day 10, Sat, Nov 01: Assisi - Siena - Florence

Breakfast, followed by a scenic drive to the Tuscan city of Siena. This medieval city is the birthplace of St. Catherine "Doctor of the Church", and the Apostle of Italy, St. Bernardine. Visit the Basilica of St. Catherine (which is also known as the Basilica of St. Domenico). St. Catherine spent a large part of her life inside the walls of this Basilica. It is here you will also view the incorrupt head of St. Catherine. After, visit the Shrine of St. Catherine, which occupies the site of her family home. Enjoy your walking tour through the Siena including a visit to its Cathedral (Duomo di Siena). Conclude at one of Italy's finest squares, the Piazza Del Campo, where you will be given free time. Continue to Florence. Some of the most world-renowned artists are from Florence such as Dante, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael, Botticelli, Donatello, and many others. For the remainder of the afternoon, explore the streets of Florence at your leisure. In the evening gather for dinner, followed by an overnight.

Day 11, Sun, Nov 02: Florence

In Florence, your day begins with breakfast, followed by a guided tour. The tour starts at the Church of the Holy Cross, the Santa Croce, where many nobles are buried, such as Michelangelo, Galileo, and Machiavelli. Continue to walk by Piazza Signorina, Palazzo Vecchio, Uffizi, Ponte Vecchio, and Republic Square to the Santa Maria del Fiore. This Cathedral is an iconic piece of architecture of the city of Florence. It was designed by Filippo Brunelleschi in the 13th century. Next, a visit to L'Accademia, the well-known art gallery. At this gallery, you will have the opportunity to view the work of artists such as Botticelli, Ghirlandaio, Pontormo, and the ever-famous sculpture by Michelangelo, David. This afternoon you will have time to explore Florence on your own. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 12, Mon, Nov 03: Florence - Padua

Following breakfast at your hotel, board the motorcoach for your transfer to Padua. This Northern Italian city honors the "Patron Saint of Lost Things and Causes", St. Anthony. You will begin a sightseeing tour of the city, including a view of one of the oldest Universities in Italy, the University of Padua, as well as the Basilica of Santa Giustina, the "Patron Saint of Padua." The tour will conclude at the Basilica of St. Anthony, where you will have the opportunity to visit his tomb. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 13, Tue, Nov 04: Padua - Milan

Today we leave Padua for Milan. Upon arrival, visit the famous Da Vinci's "Last Supper". Our visit continues to the magnificent Duomo Cathedral of Milan. This cathedral is the largest in Italy and is a symbol of faith and art which spans over six centuries. Buried here is St. Charles Borromeo. We will visit the Sant'Ambrogio Basilica; one of Milan's oldest churches. It was built by St. Ambrose, the great confessor, and Doctor of the Church, who was appointed as Bishop of Milan from 374-397. St. Ambrose is buried in the Basilica along with Saints Gervase and Protase (early Christian martyrs). Dinner and overnight in Milan.

Day 14, Wed, Nov 05: Milan - Turin (Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, St. Don Bosco, St. Dominic Savio)

Today the highlight of our tour will be visiting the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist which houses one of the Catholic faith's most cherished relics: the Holy Shroud of Turin. The Sacred Shroud is believed to be the same in which Christ was buried after His crucifixion and death. If on display, you will have the opportunity to view the Holy Shroud, which St. John Paul II called "a mirror of the Gospel". This Cathedral is also where Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, was buried in 1925. Our tour continues to Santuario della Consolata, a Marian sanctuary to venerate the tomb of St. Joseph Cafasso as well as Bl. Giuseppe Allamano: two Italian priests who served the Lord with great love. As a young man, one of Bl. Giuseppe's Spiritual Directors was St. Don Bosco. Next to the Basilica of Our Lady Help of Christians, the home founded for impoverished boys by St. Don Bosco, and is now where both he, St. Dominic Savio, and other saints are buried. A beautiful painting of Our Lady under the title "Mary Help of Christians" adorns the main altar. Our last dinner and overnight in Italy.

Day 15, Thu, Nov 06: Turin Airport - USA

After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, you will leave for Turin airport for return flights home.

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