

# Shrines of Italy

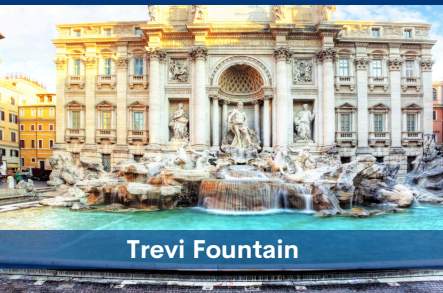
Apr. 21 - 30, 2025

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Trevi Fountain



Papal Basilica of St. Peters

## Medjugorje Optional Post Tour Apr 30 – May 5, 2025

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### Group Leader: **Helen Zec**

#### Your Pilgrimage Includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Catholic Priest
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Hotel accommodations: (or similar) in double occupancy
  - ~ 3 nights: Apr 22 - 25: Le Meridien Visconti Hotel or Starhotels Michelangelo, Rome
  - ~ 2 nights: Apr 25 - 27: Centro Di Spiritualità Padre Pio, San Giovanni Rotondo
  - ~ 3 nights: Apr 27 - 30: Giotto Hotel, Assisi
- Breakfast and Dinner daily
- All airport taxes & fuel surcharges
- Wine with dinners
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Free WiFi & Water on bus
- Assistance of local guide throughout
- Whisper headsets
- Transfers as per itinerary



#### Post Tour hotel accommodations:

- ~ 5 nights: Apr 30 - May 5: Pansion DH Dragicevic, Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Breakfast and Dinner daily
- Wine with dinners
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Assistance of local guide throughout
- Whisper headsets
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)

During a Jubilee Year, the Catholic Church offers faithful a the plenary indulgence, that is, the remission of sins for themselves or for deceased relatives. The Jubilee Year will begin on December 24, 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica. The Holy Door is a special door that is only opened during Jubilee Years, and it symbolizes the opening of the gates of mercy. Pilgrims from all over the world will come to Rome to walk through the Holy Door and to receive a plenary indulgence, which is a complete remission of their sins.

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# Day-By-Day Itinerary

## Day 1, Mon, Apr 21: Depart for Rome

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

## Day 2, Tue, Apr 22: Arrival in Rome

Welcome to Rome, also known as "The Eternal City." Upon landing at Rome airport, claim your baggage and proceed to the Arrivals Hall, where 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 the opportunity to join in a walk to St. Peter's Square for the Rosary (optional).

## Day 3, Wed, Apr 23: Rome: Papal Audience - Trevi Fountain - Basilica of St. John the Lateran - Holy Stairs - Basilica of St. Mary 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 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. Dinner and overnight.

## Day 4, Thu, Apr 24: Rome - Pantheon - Colosseum - Roman Forum

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, 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 5, Fri, Apr 25: Rome - Monte Cassino - San Giovanni Rotondo

This morning, you will board the bus and enjoy the scenic route to the Abbey of Monte Cassino, the principal monastery of the Benedictine Order, founded by St. Benedict around 530 A.D. Continue on to San Giovanni Rotondo, where St. Pio of Pietrelcina (St. Padre Pio) lived for many decades and where thousands of people have flocked in order to be closer to this great saint and to Our Lord. Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo.

## Day 6, Sat, Apr 26: San Giovanni Rotondo - Monte Sant' Angelo

Visit the Old Church of Our Lady of Grace, see the confessional from 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, Sun, Apr 27: San Giovanni Rotondo - Lanciano - Loreto - Assisi

After breakfast, you will leave for Assisi. On the way we stop in Lanciano for private Mass at the Church of St. Longinus- the site of a Eucharistic Miracle that occurred in the eighth century. At the time of the miracle, 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, hometown of St. Francis and St. Clare, with dinner and overnight at your hotel.

## Day 8, Mon, Apr 28: Assisi (St. Francis)

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 tour by walking 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, shop 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 9, Tue, Apr 29: Assisi - Orvieto - Assisi

This morning, you will ride through the beautiful Umbrian mountains 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. Return to Assisi for dinner and overnight.

## Day 10, Wed, Apr 30: Return Home

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

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