

Pilgrimage to Italy



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Sept. 26 – Oct. 04, 2024

Your Trip Includes:

- Round-trip Airfare
- Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges
- 7 Nights Accommodation at Centrally Located First Class Hotels as Follows: (or similar)
 - 1 night: Sep 27 – 28: Hotel Centro Spiritualita Padre Pio, San Giovanni Rotondo
 - 5 nights: Sep 28 – Oct 03: Art Hotel Grand Paradiso, Sorrento
 - 1 night: Oct 03 – Oct 04: Grand Hotel Santa Lucia, Naples
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- Transfers as per Itinerary
- Transportation by Air-conditioned Motor Coach
- Whisper Headsets
- Assistance of a professional local Catholic Guide in San Giovanni Rotondo, Amalfi Coast, Capri and Pompeii
- Sightseeing and Admissions Fees as per Itinerary
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- Mass Daily & Spiritual Activities
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Sample Daily Itinerary

Day 1 | Thursday, September 26: Depart USA for Rome

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

Day 2 | Friday, September 27: Rome Airport – San Giovanni Rotondo

Welcome to Rome, also known as, "The Eternal City". Upon arrival at Rome airport, collect your luggage in the baggage claim area, and continue to the Arrivals Hall, where you will be greeted by a tour escort and/or driver. You will make your way to the bus and transfer 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 3 | Saturday, September 28: San Giovanni Rotondo – Sorrento

Visit to San Giovanni Rotondo in the morning. 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. Arrive to Sorrento with its stunning panoramic views of the Bay of Naples, its picturesque narrow streets, parks, villa, and orange, lemon and olive groves. Enjoy some time to relax before dinner and an overnight.

Day 4 | Sunday, September 29: 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, a venue for many festivals throughout the year and magnificent gardens. 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 5 | Monday, September 30: Sorrento – Pompeii – Wine tasting – Sorrento

After breakfast, board your motor coach to Pompeii, the famous ancient city buried by the ashes of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD. You will 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 that pilgrims can freely explore.

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 presented to the pilgrims 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. Delve into the history and fate of the ancient city of Pompeii then relax over lunch at a nearby winery to taste a number of wines produced on the volcanic slopes. Return to Sorrento for dinner and overnight.

Day 6 | Tuesday, October 1: Sorrento – Capri – Sorrento

Transfer to the pier in Sorrento and travel to Capri by hydrofoil. The isle of Capri is described in many ways: "The Blue Island," "The Sleeping Beauty," or better, "The Island of Love." Due to its beauty, Emperor Tiberius ruled the Roman Empire from this island for 10 years. Take a panoramic tour of the island by small minibuses and the Blue Grotto (weather permitting) by row boats with a local guide, including a visit to the wonderful Marina Piccola; the Salto di Tiberio, the "heart" of Capri; Piazza Umberto I, a small, closed off square resembling a courtyard; the gardens of Augusto, built on the ruins of ancient Roman structures. Return to Sorrento this evening for dinner and overnight.

Day 7 | Wednesday, October 2: Sorrento. Free day

After breakfast this morning, enjoy the day at your leisure. Feel free to pray, explore or rest. This evening, we will meet for dinner and overnight.

Day 8 | Thursday, October 3: Sorrento – Naples – Free day in Naples

After breakfast transfer to Naples. You'll enjoy a short panoramic tour of Naples on the way to the hotel. After check in at the hotel, enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure. Dinner and overnight in Naples.

Day 9 | Friday, October 4: Naples Airport – USA

After breakfast, we will transfer to the airport for return flights to the US.

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