

Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi



Spiritual Director
Fr. Jonathan Wilson



Your Trip Includes:

- Round-trip Airfare
- Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges
- 8 nights accommodation at centrally located first class hotels as follows: (or similar)
 - 4 nights: Oct 24 – Oct 28: Hotel Della Conciliazione, Rome
 - 4 nights: Oct 28 – Nov 1: Hotel Dal Moro, Assisi
- 4 nights Optional Post Tour to Florence and Venice
 - 2 nights: Nov 1 – 3: Machiavelli Palace, Florence
 - 2 nights: Nov 3 – 5: Hotel Biri, Padua
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- Wine and Mineral Water with Dinner
- Transfers as per Itinerary
- Transportation by Air-conditioned Motor Coach
- Whisper Headsets Where Needed
- Assistance of a Professional Local Catholic Guide(s)
- 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 PDF Confirmation of All Travel Documents

Oct. 23 - Nov. 1, 2024

\$5,949 per person
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Optional Post-Tour to Florence, Venice & Padua
November 1 – 5, 2024
\$ 1,950 per person



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Sample Daily Itinerary

Day 1, Wed, Oct 23: Depart 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, Thurs, Oct 24: Arrival in Rome

Upon landing at Rome airport, claim your baggage proceed to the arrival 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. Your group will meet in the hotel lobby for a meet and greet with fellow pilgrims and Fr. Wilson. Together depart for Mass at the Gesu Church. 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. (Daily Mass included)

Day 3, Fri, Oct 25: Rome: St. Peter's Basilica - Tombs of Pope Benedict XVI and St. Pope John Paul II - Vatican Museums

This morning we will have Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site where St. Peter the Apostle was martyred. View Michelangelo's Pieta sculpture, and pray at the tombs of Pope Benedict XVI and St. Pope John Paul II. Next you will visit the Vatican Museum, where you can see the Tapestry Gallery, Raphael Rooms, and Sistine Chapel. Dinner and overnight in Rome. (Daily Mass included)

Day 4, Sat, Oct 26: Basilica of St. Mary Major - Basilica of St. John the Lateran - Holy Stairs - Trevi Fountain - Pantheon

Holy Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. This Basilica contains a relic from the manger of the infant Jesus. Time for lunch and shopping. 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. Enjoy visits to the beautiful Trevi Fountain and the iconic Pantheon. Dinner and overnight. (Daily Mass included)

Day 5, Sun, Oct 27: Rome: Angelus and Papal Blessing in St. Peter's Square - St. Paul's Outside the Walls

Free morning to enjoy at your leisure, followed by the Angelus and Papal Blessing at St. Peter's Square (pending the Holy Father's schedule). You'll have free time for lunch, then a visit to the Basilica of St. Paul's Outside the Walls. Dinner and overnight in Rome. (Daily Mass included)

Day 6, Mon, Oct 28: Rome - Greccio - Orvieto - Assisi

Following breakfast, depart for the town of Orvieto. Visit the Cathedral which contains some of the most magnificent frescoes in the world. It also contains the Eucharistic Miracle from Bolsena. After lunch, continue to Assisi, the hometown of St. Francis and St. Clare, with a stop in Greccio along the way. Upon arriving check-in to your hotel. Dinner and overnight. (Daily Mass included)

Day 7, Tues, Oct 29: Assisi (St. Francis)

You will start your tour at the St. Francis Basilica, where we visit his tomb and view a series of frescoes depicting his life and few of the saint's possessions. After lunch, the bus will take you outside of Assisi to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. This is where St. Francis spent most of life. This Basilica is made up of two structures. The first structure, is the "Porziuncola", which is where St. Francis founded his order of the Friar Minor (Franciscans). The second, is the "Capella del Transito", the place of St. Francis' death. Visit the beautiful Rose Garden where St. Francis and other friars lived, as well as the cave where the Saint retired to pray. Return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight. (Daily Mass included)

Day 8, Wed, Oct 30: Assisi - Loreto - Assisi

After breakfast, we leave Assisi for the Marian shrine of Loreto to visit the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto. Tradition holds that this is the house where the Annunciation took place, 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. (Daily Mass included)

Day 9, Thurs, Oct 31: Assisi: Bl. Carlos Acutis - St. Clare - Vigil Mass for All Saints Day

Begin your day by visiting 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, to the Church that honors St. Clare, the foundress of the Poor Clare Sisters. Enjoy some free time on your own. Dinner and overnight. (Daily Mass included)

Day 10, Fri, Nov 1: Assisi - Rome Airport - USA

After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, your group will leave by motor coach and transfer to Rome Fiumicino airport for return flights home.

Or for Pilgrims Taking Post-Tour to Florence, Venice, and Padua:

Day 10, Fri, Nov 1: 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 passed 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. Have lunch or enjoy some shopping. Continue on 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 at leisure. In the evening gather for dinner, followed by an overnight.

Day 11, Sat, Nov 2: 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. Next, a visit to L'Accademia, the well-known art gallery. At this gallery, view the work from artists such as Botticelli, Ghirlandaio, Pontorno, 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, Sun, Nov 3: Florence - Padua

Following breakfast at your hotel, depart for 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 visit his tomb. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 13, Mon, Nov 4: Padua - Venice (Full Day Excursion)

Have breakfast and then board your bus to depart to the magical city of Venice. After Mass, enjoy a tour of the "city paved with water!" Your walking tour includes a visit to St. Mark's Square, the largest square in the city and the site of many government buildings; the Golden Basilica of San Marco, known for the great mosaics that depict the Old and New Testament of the Bible; the Bridge of Sigh, a bridge that will bring eternal love to those who drift below it. You will also have the chance to view the Doges' Palace (Duke's Palace), which served as the seat of the Government for the Republic of Venice for centuries. Return to Padua for dinner and overnight.

Day 14, Tues, Nov 5: Return Home

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

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