



# Shrines of Italy Pilgrimage with Fr. Joseph Arockiasamy

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## OCTOBER 7 - 16, 2024

### INCLUSIONS:

- † Roundtrip Airfare from Albany
- † All Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges
- † 8 nights accommodation at centrally located First Class hotels as follows: (or similar)
  - ~ 3 nights: October 8 - 11: Le Meridien Visconti or Michelangelo, Rome
  - ~ 2 nights: October 11 - 13: Centro di Spiritualita St. Padre Pio, San Giovanni Rotondo
  - ~ 3 nights: October 13 - 16: Giotto, Assisi
- † Breakfast and Dinner daily
- † Wine and Mineral Water with Dinners
- † Transfers as per itinerary by air-conditioned motor coach
- † Whisper Headsets where needed
- † Assistance of a professional Tour Escort throughout
- † Assistance of a professional Local Guide where needed
- † Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- † Mass daily
- † Luggage handling

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# Sample Day-By-Day Itinerary



## Day 1, Mon, October 7: Depart for Rome

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

## Day 2, Tues, October 8: Arrival in Rome

Welcome to Rome, also known as "The Eternal City". 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. Later this afternoon, your group will meet in the hotel lobby for a meet and greet with fellow pilgrims and your Priest. Make your way to celebrate Mass, followed by dinner and overnight.

## Day 3, Wed, October 9: 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. This Basilica contains a relic from the manger of the infant Jesus. This evening you are free to grab dinner on your own in the many wonderful restaurants available in Rome. Feel free to speak with your Guide for suggestions. Return to your Hotel for dinner and overnight.

## Day 4, Thurs, October 10: 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, 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, October 11: 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, October 12: 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.

## Day 7, Sun, October 13: San Giovanni Rotondo – Lanciano – Loreto – Assisi

After breakfast, you we 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, October 14: Assisi

Today you will 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. You will then 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.. This evening is free for you to take in a local restaurant for dinner on your own. Return to the hotel for a restful overnight.

## Day 9, Tues, October 15: Assisi – Gubbio – La Verna - Assisi

This morning you will ride through the beautiful Umbrian mountains to Gubbio. Following Mass visit the town of Gubbio, which seems painted onto the hill, a succession of backdrops against which towers and houses stand out, surrounded by walls. Through the power of God, St. Francis freed the town from a terrible and fierce wolf that afflicted it. After lunch on your own, the group will continue to La Verna, the place where St. Francis received the stigmata in 1224. Return to Assisi for dinner and overnight.

## Day 10, Wed, October 16: Return Home

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

**\*206 Tours Disclaimer: Though every effort will be made to follow the itinerary, it should be considered as an indication, rather than a contract of places to be visited. Occasionally local religious holidays, national days, weather, traffic conditions and other events may necessitate changes in the sequence of visits or the missing of certain visits.**

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