



# Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to the All Italian Shrines

## October 13 - 23, 2025

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## Your Trip Includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- 9 nights accommodation at centrally located first class hotels as follows: (or similar)
  - 3 nights: Oct 14 – 17: Hotel Della Conciliazione or Hotel Orozio Palace, Rome
  - 2 nights: Oct 17 – 19: Centro di Spiritualita St. Padre Pio, San Giovanni Rotondo
  - 4 nights: Oct 19 – 23: Hotel Giotto, Assisi
- 4 nights Optional Post Tour to Florence and Venice:
  - 2 nights: Oct 23 – 25: Starhotels Tuscany, Florence
  - 2 nights: Oct 25 – 27: NH Padua, Padua

- 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
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Flight bag & digital confirmation of all travel documents

## Sample Daily Itinerary

### Day 1, Mon, Oct 13: Depart for Rome

Make your way to your local airport to board your overnight flight(s). Dinner and breakfast will be served on board.

### Day 2, Tue, Oct 14: Arrival in Rome

Upon arrival at Rome airport, you will collect your luggage in the baggage claim area, and continue to the arrival's hall, where you will be greeted by a tour escort and/or driver. Make your way to the bus and transfer to your hotel. You will have time to explore Rome on your own. Later in the afternoon meet at the hotel lobby, as we will make our way to Church to celebrate Mass, followed by a Welcome Dinner. After dinner, you will have the opportunity to walk to St. Peter's Square for the Rosary (optional).

### Day 3, Wed, Oct 15: 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 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 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 4, Thu, Oct 16: 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, Oct 17: 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, Oct 18: 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, Oct 19: San Giovanni Rotondo – Lanciano – Loreto - Assisi

After breakfast, you we leave for Assisi. Stop in Lanciano for private Mass at the Church of St. Longinus- the site of a Eucharistic Miracle that occurred in the eighth century. 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, Mon, Oct 20: Assisi

Tour of the Basilica of St. Francis. See his tomb and 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 prayer, shopping 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. The first structure of the Basilica is the "Porziuncola" and the second is the "Capella del Transito" where St. Francis died. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

### Day 9, Tue, Oct 21: 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. 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, Oct 22: Assisi - Cascia - Assisi

This morning you will travel to Cascia. The pilgrimage we will make today to Cascia is the discovery of Saint Rita of Cascia and her message of dialogue and peace. We will celebrate the Mass and experience the moments of true spirituality. Cascia is in the heart of the Valnerina, where the flavors of the typical cuisine are complemented by the refinement of the works of art. We will be immersed in the natural landscape characterized by mountain peaks, rivers and streams, enclosed valleys, and ancient villages waiting to be discovered. Return to Assisi for farewell dinner and restful overnight.

### Day 11, Thu, Oct 23: Assisi – Rome Airport - USA

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

### Or for pilgrims taking post-tour to Florence and Venice:

### Day 11, Thu, Oct 23: 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. Bernardino. 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. 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 to spend at your own leisure. Continue on to Florence which was home to some of the most world-renowned artists. You may explore the streets of Florence at leisure. In the evening, gather for dinner, followed by an overnight.

### Day 12, Fri, Oct 24: 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. Next, a visit to L'Accademia, the well-known art gallery. At this gallery, you will have the opportunity to 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 hotel for dinner and an overnight.

### Day 13, Sat, Oct 25: 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 14, Sun, Oct 26: Padua - Venice (Full Day Excursion)

Today, you will have early 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!" Visit 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 Sighs, a bridge that will bring eternal love to those who drift below it. 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 15, Mon, Oct 27: Return Home

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

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