



FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

May 27-June 6, 2024

GEORGE'S
INTERNATIONAL TOURS

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Day 1 - Monday, May 27: Depart USA

Our spiritual pilgrimage begins as we depart on our overnight flight to for Rome.

Day 2 - Tuesday, May 28: Arrive Rome / Assisi

Upon arrival in Rome we will be met by our local tour director and head to Orvieto where we'll visit the Signorelli Chapel in the Cathedral of Orvieto and venerate the sacred Eucharistic miracle. See the Papal summer residence steps where Pope Urban IV held up the blood-stained corporal and announced his intention to institute the Feast of Corpus Christi. Continue our drive through the beautiful Umbrian countryside to Assisi, a town that welcomes us in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare into its peaceful interior. Check in at our hotel. (D)



Day 3 - Wednesday, May 29: Assisi

This morning we will visit St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, the site of the Porziuncola, the tiny church in the woods where St. Francis began his ministry and St. Clare began her religious life. Then proceed to the Basilica of St. Francis, where the Saint lies in rest, the Basilica of St. Clare, and the Convent of San Damiano. (B/D)



Day 4 - Thursday, May 30: Assisi / Montepulciano / Siena / Assisi

This morning we'll drive to Montepulciano to visit the sanctuary of St. Agnes, built-in 1306. Then, we'll drive

north through the beautiful Tuscan countryside to Siena, one of Italy's artistic treasures and medieval heart and soul. The town is an architectural time warp, where pedestrians rule, and the present feels like the past. We'll visit the Church of St. Dominic and St. Catherine of Siena's parish church, where she attended daily Mass and experienced ecstasy. Adjacent to the church is her home, which we'll tour and see the cell where she fasted and prayed. After Mass and spending some time in fascinating Siena, we'll drive back to Assisi. (B/D)



Day 5 - Friday, May 31: Assisi / Loreto / Lanciano

This morning we will depart Assisi and drive south to Loreto where we will see the Shrine of the Holy House which is said to be the same house in which the Virgin Mary was born and raised in Nazareth. This is where she received the angel's visitation announcing that she was the mother of Jesus. According to tradition, the home was transported by four angels from Nazareth to its present resting place in Loreto. Then proceed to Lanciano, the site of an 8th century Miracle of the Eucharist, where bread and wine became real flesh and blood. After Mass, drive to our hotel in Lanciano for overnight. (B/D)

Day 6 - Saturday, June 1: Lanciano/San Giovanni Rotondo

This morning we will drive to San Giovanni Rotondo, the home of St. Padre Pio, and enjoy a tour of this quaint 11th-century town where the famous Padre Pio spent most of his life. Visit the Capuchin Monastery where Padre Pio lived, the Church of Santa Maria Delle Grazie, the Padre Pio Pilgrimage Church completed in 2004 and Padre Pio's Tomb. Then proceed to Monte Sant' Angelo and visit the Grotto of Michael the Archangel before checking in at our hotel. (B/D)

Day 7 - Sunday, June 2: San Giovanni Rotondo / Manoppello / Rome

This morning we will depart San Giovanni Rotondo and drive to Manoppello, where we will visit the Basilica of

Volto Santo, which contains an image on a thin veil known as the Holy Face of Manoppello that has been reputed to be the veil that covered Christ's face during His burial and resurrection. We will then continue to the "Eternal City" of Rome. (B/D)



Day 8 - Monday, June 3: Rome

This morning our sightseeing of Rome includes visits to the Roman Forum, the Colosseum (outside visit), St. Peter in Chains featuring Michelangelo's "Moses," St. Sebastian Catacombs, St. Paul's Outside the Walls which was initially built by Constantine in the fourth century over the site of St. Paul's tomb, and San Clemente. The rest of the day will be at leisure to discover this fascinating city on our own. (B/D)



Day 9 - Tuesday, June 4: Rome

Our day today is filled with wonder and awe as we steep ourselves in the beauty of St. Peter's Basilica that takes us to Michelangelo's Pieta statue made of marble that almost seems fluid. A quick stop to rub the foot of St. Peter's statue like thousands of pilgrims before us, takes us to pray at the Perpetual Adoration Chapel renovated by St. John Paul II. Afterwards, we walk through the Vatican Museums which house artifacts from around the world and Eucharistic art to prepare ourselves for the greatest masterpiece yet: The Sistine Chapel. Painted by Michelangelo, it is the most famous ceiling in the world under which popes are chosen to lead the faithful. In the afternoon, our sightseeing includes visits

to St. Mary Major Basilica, which is decorated with the first gold ever collected in the new world and hosts the relic of the holy manger where Jesus was born. We conclude the day with a visit to the Basilica of St. John Lateran and the nearby Scala Santa, which according to tradition was the staircase that Jesus climbed to be judged by Pontius Pilate. (B/D)

Day 10 - Wednesday, June 5: Rome

This morning we will experience a highlight of our pilgrimage, attendance at the Papal Audience at St. Peter's (subject to the Holy Father's schedule). Later this afternoon, we visit the famous Spanish Steps, a favorite spot for artists, painters, and poets. We then head west and throw a coin into the Trevi Fountain with hopes to return to this glorious city. This evening we'll enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B/D)

Day 11 - Thursday, June 6: Rome / USA

This morning we will transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.

TOUR COST

\$4,790.00

per person based upon double occupancy

For single occupancy please add \$745.00.

This price includes:

- ✕ Roundtrip airfare from New York JFK
- ✕ Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- ✕ Accommodation in First Class/4 star hotels
- ✕ All hotel taxes and service charges
- ✕ Meals as per itinerary (B=Breakfast, D=Dinner)
- ✕ Arrival and departure transfers
- ✕ Baggage handling at hotels
- ✕ Land travel by deluxe motorcoach
- ✕ Sightseeing with professional local guides
- ✕ Professional tour manager
- ✕ All entrance fees as per itinerary
- ✕ Daily Mass

Airfares from other departure cities throughout the United States are available upon request.

For those who prefer to arrange their own flights the Land-Only cost is \$3,562.00 per person.

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Reservations and Payment: Please complete the attached Reservation Application and return it with your deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. Final payment is due 65 days prior to departure.

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