



# SHRINES *of* ITALY



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### **DAY 1: FLIGHT TO ROME, ITALY**

Your Jubilee pilgrimage begins by boarding your international flight to Rome. Meals and drinks will be served on-board. Enjoy your flight. Your spiritual journey awaits in Italy!

### **DAY 2: ROME: TREVI FOUNTAIN / PANTHEON / SPANISH STEPS**

Upon arrival at Leonardo da Vinci–Fiumicino Airport, you will meet your professional tour guide and board your luxury deluxe touring vehicle. As we exit the airport, we will begin a panoramic tour to get acquainted with “The Eternal City.” We will stop by the famous Trevi Fountain, where there will be free time for lunch. Afterward, your tour continues at the Pantheon and the Spanish Steps. Afterward, we will proceed to your hotel for the evening. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

### **DAY 3: PAPAL AUDIENCE / ST. PETER’S / VATICAN MUSEUMS / SISTINE CHAPEL**

After an early breakfast at your hotel, we will proceed to the Vatican for the Papal Audience with Pope Francis in St. Peter’s Square! After the audience, we will walk through the Holy Doors of the grand St. Peter’s Basilica! We will celebrate Mass, explore the basilica, and continue with a guided tour of the Vatican Museums and the world-famous Sistine Chapel! There will be time for personal exploration of Rome today. Consult with your tour guide for direction, as there is much to see! Dinner and overnight in Rome.

### **DAY 4: ROME’S MAJOR BASILICAS / CATACOMBS / ANCIENT ROME**

Our tour begins by walking through the Holy Doors at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, one of Rome’s four major basilicas, and the final resting place of St. Paul, the Apostle. Next, we will explore Rome’s Catacombs, followed by an ancient Rome tour that includes the Colosseum, Capitol Hill, the Vittorio Emmanuel Monument, the Roman Forum, and Circus Maximus. This afternoon, we will have the opportunity to walk through the Holy Doors of St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran! You’ll also have free time to explore before returning to your hotel. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

### **DAY 5: ROME / ASSISI**

This morning, we will depart Rome and journey to Assisi, the hometown of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals and founder of the Franciscan Order. Upon arrival, we will celebrate Mass at St. Mary of the Angels Basilica. Inside is the Porziuncola, the tiny church in the woods where St. Francis started his ministry, and St. Clare began her religious life. Next, we will tour the St. Francis of Assisi Basilica and view the crucifix that spoke the words to him, “Rebuild my Church.” Afterward, we will visit the Church of St. Clare, a follower of St.

Francis and founder of the Order of Poor Ladies, known today as the Order of Saint Clare. The rest of the day can be spent exploring independently, shopping, or relaxing. Later, we will return to your hotel. Dinner and overnight in Assisi.

### **DAY 6: ASSISI / LORETO / LANCIANO / SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO**

After breakfast, we will leave our hotel and journey toward the Adriatic coast to the great Marian Shrine of Loreto, a famous Catholic Pilgrimage site since the 14th century. Here, we will visit the Basilica of the Holy House, which enshrines the Holy House of Nazareth, the home in which the Blessed Virgin Mary is believed to have lived. Next, we will continue to Lanciano, where we will celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Longinus, home of an 8th-century Eucharistic Miracle. If time allows, there will be free time to explore independently before returning to San Giovanni Rotondo. Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo.

### **DAY 7: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO / MONTE SANT’ ANGELO / CAVE OF ST. MICHAEL**

After breakfast, we will start our day at the Old Church, where we will celebrate Mass. After Mass, we will tour the sanctuary and view the crucifix St. Pio stood before as he received the stigmata in 1918. After your tour, we will travel along the beautiful Gargano Peninsula to Monte Sant’ Angelo and the Cave of St. Michael, where in the year 492, it is believed that Michael the Archangel appeared to a Bishop whose diocese was threatened with annihilation by pagans. St. Michael assured the bishop they would be saved. Today, almost a million pilgrims per year travel to the cave to pray for the intercession of St. Michael. Afterward, we will return to your hotel in San Giovanni Rotondo. Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo.

### **DAY 8: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO / MONTE CASSINO / ROME**

After breakfast, we will check out of our hotel and travel through the rich Italian countryside of vineyards, orchards, and olive groves to Monte Cassino, a town founded by St. Benedict in 529. We will tour the magnificent Monte Cassino Abbey, where St. Benedict started the Benedictine Order. Afterward, we will visit the Church of St. Peter and Paul before continuing to your hotel in Rome for the evening. Dinner and overnight accommodations in Rome.

### **DAY 9: RETURN FLIGHT HOME**

After breakfast, we will transfer to the airport this morning to catch our return flight home. We hope this spiritual journey has enlightened you and given you many beautiful memories to last a lifetime.



Basilica of St. John Lateran



St. Francis of Assisi Basilica - Assisi



The Pantheon



**INCLUDED**

- Round-trip airfare
- First-class hotels
- Price based on double occupancy
- Land transportation/transfers as per itinerary
- Breakfast and Dinner daily.
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Daily Masses
- Professional local guides
- Medical protection plan



**NOT INCLUDED**

- Trip cancellation insurance (strongly recommended)
- Nativity offers a policy at an additional cost
- Passport & visa costs
- Personal items/expenses
- Meals not specified in your itinerary
- Tips for tour guides and drivers
- Items not specifically mentioned above



**REGISTER**

- A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$300.00 is due at registration, along with your registration form and copy of your passport.
- The names on your registration form and passport **MUST** match exactly, and U.S. Passports must be valid for at least six months after your return date.
- We are not responsible for visa procurement
- Full payment is due 100 days before your departure on 01/31/25.

# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## Your Package Includes

**Air Transportation:** Economy class and round-trip fares are based on the time of the reservation. Rates and times are subject to change without notice. Airfares, once issued, are non-refundable, non-transferable, and cannot be used towards future travel.

**Land Transportation:** All land transportation as described in the itinerary will be by private, luxury Deluxe Motor Coach with A/C and Wi-Fi.

**Hotels:** Your hotels will be first-class with double occupancy (2 people per room with a private bath). Neither Nativity Pilgrimage nor the trip coordinator are responsible for providing a roommate.

**Single Room:** There is an additional cost of \$900 per person as specified on the registration form. Single rooms are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Meal Plan:** The meal plan offers two (2) meals per day: Breakfast & Dinner.

**Baggage:** Nativity Pilgrimage limits all passengers to one (1) piece of checked luggage and one (1) carry-on. All passengers should check with the airlines carriers for up to date baggage weight and dimensions.

**Airport Fees:** Airport Taxes, portage, fuel surcharges and security fees.

**Medical Protection Plan** is provided during the trip.

**Tips for your tour guide & driver:** All Tips included for the guide, bus driver, portage (luggage handling) and wait staff (for included meals)

## Your Package Does Not Include

**Cancellation Protection Plan:** We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance upon registration.

**Passport Expenses:** Passports or any additional documents that may be required. Passports must be valid 6 months after your return date.

**Personal Items:** Laundry, other beverages (wines, liquors, mineral water, tea, coffee, etc.) and food that are not on the menus of your included meal package, and any additional luggage.

**Non-itinerary fees:** Any sightseeing fees, other services, or personal items that are not specifically mentioned as being included in your itinerary.

**Lunch:** You are responsible for lunch or any other meals not specified in your itinerary.

## General Travel Information

**Group Air:** Group air differs from individually purchased airline tickets in that it is subject to the terms and conditions of the airlines. For this reason, we need to receive your registration and full payment by the payment deadline. After that date, registrations may be subject to a different rate, ticketing method, or airline. Additional fees and charges may apply. Group air flights are confirmed 60 - 90 days prior to departure.

**Departure Cities:** If your departure city is not listed on the brochure, indicate which airport you would like to depart from on the registration form. We will provide you with the best possible price and flight schedule in order to connect with the group. Additional fees and charges may apply.

**Land-Only Option:** If you would like to book your own air travel, indicate on your registration form that you want the "Land Only" option. By booking your own air, you may select your seat, airline, and travel schedule, use airline miles/points, provide airline reward program information, and make any special requests directly with the airline. No changes can be made after the final payment deadline. Land-only services begin and end at the hotels unless you are able to meet the group at the airport. Land-only travelers are responsible for their own airport transfers.

## Important Nativity Pilgrimage Policies

The airline selects seat assignments for group air. We do not. Seat upgrades are available for registered travelers, by request. Quoted rates for an upgrade are subject to change until payment is received. Some upgrades are not available until the group tickets are issued.

**Seat Upgrades:** Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives an upgrade request, we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee the acceptance of this request, as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

**Seat Location Requests:** Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives a seat location request, we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee acceptance of this request, as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

**Other Special Requests:** Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives a special request, such as a wheelchair, food, etc., we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

## Booking Conditions

**Deposit:** A non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 per person is required at the time of booking. No reservation will be processed without a deposit.

**Payment Deadline:** Full payment is due 100 days before departure on 01/31/25. Registrations received after the deadline require an additional \$100 (subject to availability). If payment is not made in full 50 days prior to departure, your payments are non-refundable. You may use any major credit card to pay your deposit online. There is an additional 3% fee for each credit card transaction. We also accept checks, money orders, Zelle payments, and ACH transactions.

## Late Payment Policy

Customers will receive late fees if they are not paid in full:

**100 days - 61 days prior to departure.....\$150**

**60 days - 30 days prior to departure.....\$300**

**30 days - day before departure.....**Subject to cancellation

Customers are also responsible for any difference in fare due to late payment (subject to availability). Refusal to pay will be considered a cancellation.

## Cancellation/Refund Policy

We hope that nothing will prevent you from taking your pilgrimage with Nativity Pilgrimage. However, should you need to cancel your trip, your cancellation must be in writing via email or letter. It will be effective on the date of receipt. The following cancellation fees will apply:

<u>Days Prior to Departure</u>	<u>Charge</u>
100 + Days	Lose Deposit
99-50 Days	50% of trip cost
49 Days	100% of trip cost

Insurance premiums are non-refundable. We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance to avoid these cancellation fees.

## Protect Your Trip

Follow the link or scan the QR code to view our Travel Protection Plan details.

<https://nativity.trawickinternational.com>



## Responsibility

Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. and their agents assume no liability or responsibility in regards to travel in any form for any injuries or loss of property, accidents, delays, changes in schedule or itinerary, incidental damages or any irregular circumstances. This would include, but not be limited to, default or omission by any third party providing services or facilities related to and/or included in the tour or any part thereof.

The IATA carriers, steamship firms, and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours, are not to be held responsible or accountable for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not on board their respective conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies, the purchaser of these tours and/or passengers, and Nativity Pilgrimage Inc. does not assume any liability or responsibility in connection therewith. They are not responsible for any losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, guarantees, or other causes. All such losses or expenses shall be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. The right is reserved to substitute hotels of similar quality to those specified in the itinerary. Nativity Pilgrimage reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. Refund details vary upon each trip. No refund will be made for any used portion of the tour unless arrangements are made prior to departure from the United States. Prices and itineraries are subject to change without notice if booking conditions are not complied with.