



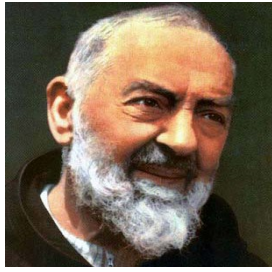
CATHOLIC
FAITH
JOURNEYS

Assisi / San Giovanni Rotondo / Rome

Celebrating the Saints of Italy

with Reverend Charlie Ray

February 18 - 28, 2019



Day 1 Monday Feb 18 - Depart Alexandria, LA airport (AEX) for overnight flight to Rome (FCO) with transfers. Meals served on board.

Day 2 Tuesday Feb 19 - Arrive in Rome, transfer to Assisi & check in at the Hotel. Enjoy dinner tonight at the Hotel.

Day 3 Wednesday Feb 20 - Assisi This morning, begin the day with Mass in the Basilica of St. Francis (if confirmed). After breakfast, you will participate in a guided tour of Assisi including such sites as the beautiful Basilica of St Francis, the Church of Santa Clara which houses her Incorrupt body and the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels which houses the Porziuncola. The Remainder of the afternoon is free to explore this lovely hillside town on your own. Dinner tonight at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 4 Thursday Feb 21 - Norcia - Today's excursion takes us to Norcia, the birthplace of St. Benedict and his sister St. Scholastica. We will celebrate Mass with the Monks in the new San Benedetto Monastery in Monte, pending confirmation. Afterward, we will have a update on the rebuilding of the town and Monastery by the founder of the order, Fr. Cassian Folsom, (pending confirmation) followed by lunch, on your own, in a local restaurant. Return to Assisi for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 5 Friday Feb 22 - Lanciano / San Giovanni Rotondo - Depart Assisi this morning after breakfast. Drive east and south to Lanciano, a city noted for the oldest Eucharistic Miracle. Continue in the afternoon toward the Adriatic Coast and arrive at San Giovanni Rotondo late afternoon, check-in at Hotel and dinner. This evening join other pilgrims to pray the rosary. (B, D)

Day 6 Saturday Feb 23 - San Giovanni Rotondo - This morning we will visit Monte Sant'Angelo, where St. Michael appeared in 490. Visit the Sanctuary of Monte Sant'Angelo, built in the 13th century by Charles I of Anjou. Return to San Giovanni Rotondo this afternoon to visit the sites associated with the life of St. Padre Pio, a Capuchin monk noted for his deep humility, pious exercises and the stigmata he bore of the wounds of Christ. Three days after the monks celebrated the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis, St. Padre Pio was "gifted" with the outward signs of the wounds of Christ, though he had suffered from these wounds for 8 years internally. Visits include his tomb and cell, the old church where he received the stigmata, and his confessional. Mass to be celebrated at the Tomb of St. Padre Pio (If confirmed). Dinner and overnight in SGR. (B, D)

Day 7 Sunday Feb 24 - San Giovanni Rotondo / Pietrelcina / Rome Today we head to Rome. En-route, we will stop in Pietrelcina, birthplace of St. Padre Pio. You will visit his home, St. Mary of the Angels church where he said his first Mass and administered his first Baptism and the Sacred Family Church, which houses a museum dedicated to the of St. Padre Pio. Arrive Rome late afternoon/early evening. (B, D)

Day 8 Monday Feb 25 - Rome This morning we begin with visits to the three major basilicas in Rome, including the 1600-year-old St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome, and St. Paul Outside the Walls, built over the Saint's burial place, and the Catacombs. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 9 Tuesday Feb 26 - Rome - Today we begin with Mass at St. Peter's (if confirmed). After Mass we will take our guided tour of the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel. Remainder of day is free to shop or explore Rome on your own. (B, D)

Day 10 Wednesday Feb 27 - Rome Walk to St. Peter's for the Papal audience, (if available). After a brief stop for lunch, on your own, we will have our tour of ancient Rome. The highlights include the Capitoline Hill, the Arch of Constantine, Circus Maximus and Palazzo Venezia. (B, D)

Day 11 Thursday Feb 28 - Rome / USA - Early morning depart for the Rome airport (FCO) for our return flight home, (AEX) with transfers.

A Scavi Tour will be requested, if confirmed group will be notified and free time will be effected.

NOTE: While no changes are anticipated, there may be occasions when certain alterations become necessary to this itinerary due to pending schedule confirmations, and/or, due to changes beyond our control.

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\$3,925.00 per person, *Cash/Ck* based on **20-24** participants & double occupancy.

Credit card: \$4,081.00 per person.

If we reach 25-29 price will be reduced to: Cash/Ck: \$3,739.00 Credit Card \$3,888.00)

LAND ONLY: 20-24: Cash/Ck \$2,915.00 / C.Card: \$3,031.00.

25-29: Ck: \$2,729.00 / CC \$2,838.00

Included

- Round trip air from AEX / FCO
- 9 Nights hotels
- 9 Breakfasts / 9 Dinners
- English speaking tour escort/ guide throughout
- Private motor coach throughout
- Transfers to and from all international airports
- Entrance fees as noted in itinerary
- Private Mass arrangements daily *(Locations noted pending confirmation)*
- Taxes and fuel surcharge *(subject to increase 30 days prior to departure)*

Not Included

- Optional Travel insurance of *(strongly recommended)*
- Lunches & beverages w/meals
- All tips to tour escort, guides and drivers.
- Items of personal nature
- Baggage fees imposed by airlines
- Any items not specifically mentioned.
- **Limited Single rooms: \$ 675.00 cash / check - \$ 702.00 credit Card.**

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