



CATHOLIC
FAITH
JOURNEYS

Assisi / San Giovanni Rotondo / Sorrento / Rome

with brothers Dr. John Wood & Fr. Eric Wood

August 3 - 14, 2020

Day 1: August 03 - Depart USA for Rome Italy - Depart on your overnight flight to Rome. Dinner served aboard flight.

Day 2: August 04 – Rome/Assisi - Arrive Rome where you will be met by your tour escort after clearing customs and retrieving your luggage. Transfer to Assisi and check in at your hotel. Enjoy some time to explore on your own the quaint streets that were home to St Francis and St Clare eight hundred years ago. Welcome dinner and overnight. (D)

Day 3: August 05 – Assisi - Celebrate Mass this morning at the tomb of St. Francis (pending confirmation), followed by a guided tour of the Basilica. Then, enjoy a walking city tour of Assisi to see the art and architecture of this Umbrian town. Visit the Church of St. Clare to see her tomb and the Cross of San Damiano. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure to stroll around this charming village with its quaint shops and peaceful atmosphere. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 4: August 06 - Assisi/Lanciano/San Giovanni Rotondo - After breakfast, depart for Lanciano. Upon arrival, celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Longinus. This Church is the site of the 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 of The Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. During Mass, the monk, with doubt in his voice, said the "Words of Consecration" and the bread turned into living flesh, and the wine transformed into live blood. Continue on to San Giovanni Rotondo for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 5: August 07 – San Giovanni Rotondo / Monte S. Angelo- After breakfast walk to the Shrine of Padre Pio to celebrate Mass. After Mass, we will tour the sanctuary where you will view the crucifix, in front of which St. Pio received the stigmata. See the confessional where St. Pio spent hours listening to confessions, his room and also the Beautiful Basilica of S. Pio of Pietrelcina where his incorrupt body is exposed. After a light lunch we take the bus to travel along the Gargano Peninsula to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel, a shrine consecrated by St. Michael. At this grotto, St. Michael appeared to a Bishop to assure him that his diocese would not be annihilated as he feared. Return to San Giovanni Rotondo for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 6: August 08 - San Giovanni Rotondo/Mugnano/Sorrento - After breakfast drive to Mugnano Del Cardinale Avellino, Italy to visit The Sanctuary of Saint Philomena, which houses the Sacred Body of Saint Philomena, the tiles from her tomb, the miraculous statue which exuded oil, the chair that Ven. Pauline Jaricot was sitting on when she received her miracle. Continue to Sorrento for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 7: August 9 – Sorrento/Amalfi /Sorrento - After breakfast depart for the Amalfi Coast, one of the most beautiful roads in the world. Each winding turn reveals a dazzling and unforgettable view of the coastline and sea. The villas are perched into the rocky coastline and seem to hang from the heavens. Stop in Positano for a beautiful picture and the first lemon slush of the Day then continue to Amalfi, one of the four Maritime Republics of Italy. Visit the Cathedral of Amalfi dedicated to St. Andrew, whose relics and crypt are located here. Explore the pedestrian streets of this quaint town where there are various bars and cafes. Return to Sorrento for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 8: August 10 – Sorrento/Pompeii/Rome - After breakfast, depart for Pompeii, to visit one of the most important and interesting archaeological museums in the world. This famous ancient city was buried by the ashes of Mt. Vesuvius in AD 79. Visit as well the famous Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary and learn about the life of Blessed Bartolo Longo, who built the shrine and dedicated his life to serving orphans and preparing them for careers. Here you will celebrate Mass. Continue to Rome for Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 9: August 11 - Rome - We begin the day with Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, followed by time to explore this amazing and beautiful Catholic basilica. Tour as well the Vatican Museums and Gallery, Raphael's Room, and the Sistine Chapel. Afternoon at your leisure. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 10: August 12 – Rome - This morning attend the Papal Audience at St Peter's Square, pending confirmation. In the afternoon we will see ancient Rome, including the Capitoline Hill, the Roman Forum, the Palatine Hill, Circus Maximus, Colosseum, Arches of Titus and Constantine, to learn about the Roman context within which the Catholic Church was born and saw its early expansion. (B, D)

Day 11: August 13 - Rome - This morning, after breakfast, celebrate Mass at St. Mary Major. Then, take a Christian Rome Tour, with a guided visit of St. Mary Major, St. John in Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome, St. Paul's Outside the Walls and finally we visit the catacombs of St. Priscilla where St. Philomena's remains were discovered. Farewell dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 12: August 14 - Rome / USA This morning depart for the Rome airport for our return flight home. (B)

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/closures beyond our control.

All Mass times and locations listed are pending final confirmation.



Total Cost: Cash/Check:
\$4,339.00 per person.
Credit card: \$4,512.00 per person.
Costs based on double occupancy.

Included

- Round trip air from CINCINNATI/ROME (CVG / FCO)
- 10 Nights hotels
- 10 Breakfasts / 10 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 *(All pending final 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: \$ 700.00 cash / check - \$ 728.00 credit Card.**

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