



CATHOLIC
FAITH
JOURNEYS

A Pilgrimage to Italy with Rev. Eric Mueller November 6 - 17, 2023

Day 1 Nov 6 : Monday - Depart Detroit for overnight flight to Rome with connection in Paris

Day 2 Nov 7 : Tuesday - Arrive in Rome, transfer to Assisi & check in at the Hotel. Enjoy dinner tonight at the Hotel.

Day 3 Nov 8: Wednesday - 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, visit the tomb of Carlo Acutis, as well as 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 Nov 9: Thursday - 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 Nov 10: Friday - Assisi / 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. (Pending local schedule it may be possible to join other pilgrims praying the rosary this evening). (B, D)

Day 6 Nov 11: Saturday 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 Nov 12: Sunday- San Giovanni Rotondo / Monte Cassino / Rome

Today we head to Rome. En-route, we will stop at the Monastery of Monte Cassino, where St. Benedict lived out the remainder of his life. St. Benedict and St. Scholastic are buried in the crypt. Arrive Rome late afternoon/early evening. (B, D)

Day 8 Nov 13: Monday- 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 Nov 14: Tuesday - 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 Nov 15: Wednesday - Rome

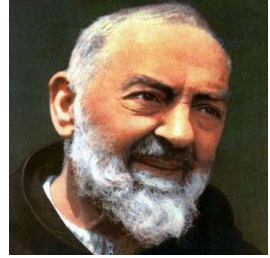
This morning we will head to St. Peter's for the Papal audience, (if available). After a brief stop for lunch, on your own, we will have our tour of ancient Rome. The highlights include the Capitoline Hill, the Arch of Constantine, Circus Maximus and the Colosseum. (B, D)

Day 11 Nov 16: Thursday -Rome

Today you may participate in an optional walking tour of the historical centre of Rome visiting: Trevi fountain, Pantheon and Navona square. Remainder of the afternoon is free to do as you wish. Tonight enjoy a Farwell dinner.

Day 12 Nov 17: - Rome / USA - Depart for the Rome airport (FCO) for our return flight home.

NOTE: While no changes are anticipated, there may be occasions when certain alterations become necessary to this itinerary due to changes beyond our control. All Masses are subject to final confirmation.



Total Cost: 4,969.00, per person, Cash/Check, based on 30 participants, & double occupancy.

Included

- Round trip airfare DTW/FCO
 - 10 Nights accommodations
 - Breakfasts & Dinners daily
 - English speaking tour escort/guide throughout
 - Private motor coach throughout
 - Transfers from international airport, for those on group air.
 - Entrance fees as noted in itinerary
 - Tips for Tour escort/guides & driver
 - Private Mass arrangements
 - Taxes and fuel surcharge
- (subject to increase 30 days prior to departure)*

Not Included

- Optional Travel insurance: *(strongly recommended)*
- Lunches & beverages w/meals other than those listed in "included"

NOTE: *Some countries may require travel insurance. (At this printing Italy is not requiring insurance. This could change by the time the group travels)*

- Any/all Covid-19, or other test(s), that may be required by airlines, departing /arriving country and transfer country. (Nothing required at this printing)
- Transportation to/from Domestic Airport
- Items of personal nature
- Mass donations
- Any items not specifically mentioned
- **Limited Single rooms:**
- **CALL FOR AVAILABILITY AND COST.**

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*You must be physically fit and capable of walking on uneven terrain and being on your feet all day.
Foreign countries do not have the “American Disabilities Act”.
You are responsible for handling your own luggage.*

*To register for this pilgrimage please read, complete and sign the registration form, and the Covid-19 release form and return with your deposit.
I understand that countries may implement or change health requirements at anytime and I will abide by the requirements of the country I am in visiting and transferring through.*

In todays uncertain times all prices are subject to change prior to departure due to major currency fluctuations, changes in fuel prices and/or unforeseen economic circumstances beyond our control

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