

Italy & Lourdes with the Fr. Ron Schock September 22 – October 3, 2025

Day 1, Sept 22: Depart Detroit for your overnight flight to Rome

Day 2, Sept 23: Tuesday - Arrive in Rome, transfer to Assisi & check in at the Hotel. Enjoy dinner tonight at the Hotel. (Schedule for today will depend on flight arrival time). D

Day 3, Sept 24: Wednesday - Assisi This morning, begin the day with Mass in the Basilica of St. Francis (pending confirmation). 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, Sept 25: Thursday - Norcia
Today's excursion takes us to Norcia, the birthplace of St. Benedict and his sister St. Scholastica. We will visit the new Abbey, San Benedetto in Monte, pending confirmation. Afterward, we will have an 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, Sept 26: Friday - Assisi / Rome Today we head to Rome. En-route, we will stop in Orvieto to visit the site of the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena, that prompted Thomas Aquinas to write *Tantrum Ergo*. Arrive Rome late afternoon/early evening. (B, D)

Day 6, Sept 27: Saturday - Today we will visit the four Papal basilicas and walk through the Holy Doors. These include St Peter's, 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. (B, D)

Day 7, Sept 28: Sunday - Rome: Today we will visit a few of the famous sites of Rome, including the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, Navona Square etc. (B,D)

Day 8, Sept 29: Monday - Rome / Lourdes: Depart Rome for Lourdes France. Depending on arrival time you may visit the Shrine of Lourdes or join the evening Candlelight Procession, if available. Dinner & overnight in Lourdes. (B,D)

Day 9, Sept 30: Tuesday – After breakfast, participate in a walking tour of Lourdes, which highlights the places associated with the life of St. Bernadette. These include the Boly Mill where St. Bernadette was born; the Locale Mill, residence of her parents; the “Cachot”, formerly used as a jail, where she lived at the time of the Apparitions; and the parish church containing the baptismal font where she was baptized. After dinner, please feel free to participate in the Candlelight Procession, if available. Dinner & overnight in Lourdes. (B,D)

Day 10, Oct 1: Wednesday – LOURDES / PARIS - After breakfast we depart Lourdes for Paris via the TGV train. Upon arrival in Paris, group will be met by tour escort and motor coach for transfer to Sacre Coeur for private Mass. Hotel for check-in & rest of the day at your leisure. Dinner & overnight. (B,D)

Day 11, Oct 2: Thursday PARIS - Morning Mass at the Rue du Bac in the chapel where Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine Laboure. Following Mass, we will make a stop at the Church of St Vincent de Paul. We continue our morning with a tour of Paris, the “City of Lights” viewing such sights as the Arc de Triomphe, Champs Elysee, the Eiffel Tower, the Notre Dame Cathedral. Dinner & overnight. (B,D)

Day 12, Oct 3: - PARIS / USA - Depart for airport this morning for your return flight home. Arrive U.S. same day.



LAND ONLY: \$ 3,999.00 * per person, **Cash/Ck** based on **30 participants & double occupancy**.
** Price could change depending on the currency exchange rate mid to late 2025. We are unable to predict this aspect of the program so far in advance of travel.*

GROUP AIR: To be added once rates and routes are published.

All Credit card payments will incur a 5% surcharge.

Included

- 10 Nights hotels
- Breakfast & Dinner daily
- English speaking tour escort/guide throughout
- Private motor coach throughout
- All tips to guide / driver
- Transfers to and from all international airports
- Private Mass arrangements daily (*Locations noted pending confirmation*)
- Taxes and fuel surcharge (*subject to increase 30 days prior to departure*)

Not Included

- Group round trip air from DTW / FCO - CDG / DTW
- *Available at an additional charge once rates and routes become available.*
- Optional Travel insurance: (*strongly recommended*)
- Lunches, & beverages w/meals.
- Items of personal nature
- Any airline imposed baggage fees
- Any items not specifically mentioned
- **Limited Single rooms: Call for availability and cost.**

- Itinerary continued on the back -

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NOTES: While no changes are anticipated, there may be occasions when sequence and days of visits may change and certain alterations become necessary due to changes beyond our control. ***All Masses are subject to confirmation.***

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