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Shrines of Italy



10 DAYS

**EMBARK ON A SOUL-ENRICHING
PILGRIMAGE THROUGH THE HEART
OF ITALY!**

**TRACING THE SACRED FOOTSTEPS
OF SAINTS IN ROME, ASSISI, SAN
GIOVANNI ROTUNDA AND MORE...**

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Day by day itinerary

Day 1: Depart point of origin

Day 2: Rome-Arrival

Upon arrival at Rome international airport, we will get our luggage and meet our Guide / Driver, then transfer to our Hotel for dinner & overnight.

Day 3: Rome-Papal Audience-Catacombs -Sistine Chapel

Following breakfast, we will make our way to St. Peter's Square to attend the Papal Audience, led by His Holiness, Pope Leo. (Papal Audience: Is scheduled to take place every Wednesday, pending the schedule of Pope Leo.) Free time for lunch (not included) Following the Audience we will visit the Catacombs where the early Christians hid themselves to escape persecution. The tour will continue with the visit St Paul. Outside the Walls. Continue our tour via the Appian Way -- the oldest road from Roman times--plus the famous Domino Quo Vadis Chapel; see the ancient Baths of Caracalla, Arch of Drusus; Tomb of Celilia Metella. Dinner & overnight in Rome.

Day 4: Basilica of St. John the Lateran and St. Mary Major-Holy Steps

After breakfast we will visit the Basilica of St. John the Lateran, the Pope's cathedral church where relics of both Peter and Paul remain under the main altar. It was here that Pope Francis was formally installed as Bishop of Rome. Next we see the Holy Staircase which is believed to be a staircase from Pilate's palace in Jerusalem and brought to Rome by St. Helen in the 4th century. Time permitting we may climb the steps on our knees in memory of Christ's Passion. Continue to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the most important and the oldest church dedicated to Our Lady. St. Mary Major contains a relic from the Manger of the infant Jesus. At the end of the tour transfer back to the hotel for dinner & overnight.

Day 5: Colosseum – Basilica of San Clemente- Basilica Di San Pietro in Vincoli-Trevi Fountain- St. Ignazio Church

After Breakfast we transfer to start the tour of the Colosseum and Roman Forum (Colosseum visit inside & Forum from external – closing time 16:30). Then we continue to visit the Basilica of St. Pietro in Vincoli and the Basilica of St. Clemente. Afterwards we visit the Church of St. Ignazio and walk to the famous Trevi fountain before our transfer back to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 6: Rome-Monte Cassino-San Giovanni Rotunda

Today we will be transferred by bus to Montecassino. This one hour and forty-five-minute (approximate) bus ride will be extremely scenic, as you pass through the Roman countryside that is known for its villas and vineyards. Throughout this bus ride, our tour escort will share very interesting information regarding the spiritual, historical, and cultural aspects of Italy. We will arrive in Montecassino, the principal monastery of the Benedictine Order, founded by Saint Benedict around 530 A.D. then we shall drive (approximately three hours) toward San Giovanni Rotunda, the hometown of Saint Padre Pio.

Day 7: Church of Padre Pio- St. Michael's Cave

We start our day early after breakfast with a visit to the Church of Padre Pio; Known as Saint Pio of Pietrelcina in a Italian, he was venerated as a saint of the Catholic church. He became famous for exhibiting stigmata for most of his life, thereby generating much interest and controversy. He was both beatified (1999) and canonized (2002) by Pope John Paul II. We Celebrate Mass there. Then we drive to St. Michael's Cave. We visit 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. Dinner & overnight at our hotel.

Price includes:

**Hotels on H/B basis (Breakfast & dinner included)*

Rome	Hotel BW President or similar	3 nights
S.G. Rotondo	Hotel Vallerossa or similar	2 nights
Assisi	BV Grand Hotel or similar	2 nights
Rome	Hotel BW President or similar	1 night

*Round Trip Airfare.

*Everyday Mass.

*City Council tax.

*English Speaking Leader /Assistant.

*local licensed tour guides.

*Deluxe Bus as per itinerary provided

*Headsets / whispers whenever required

*Papal Audience (In accordance with the Papal Agenda)

*Entrance Fees: Rome, Vatican Museums, Catacombs, Assisi, Basilica San Francesco

Excludes:

* Travel Insurance (*Optional it can be purchased through our website/home page/Travel Guard*).

* Drinks during meals.

*Everyday Lunch.

*Any personal item.

*Any other item not mentioned in the included part.

*Tips to Guides, Buses, Restaurants, Hotels Staff, Porter.

