



**BIBLE TREK  
TOURS**



## **The Shrines of Italy**

**13 Days: Nov 5-17, 2023**

*With our Spiritual Director:*

***REV. JIM MCCLINTOCK***

**Package Price Air & Land: \$4,245**

From Houston, TX (IAH): Price includes airfare, accommodation, transportation, tour guide, all entrance fees, everyday Mass and is based on double occupancy. Single room is available at a supplement of \$550

**Register now with a deposit of \$400**

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# Day by day itinerary

**Nov 5, Sun: Departure: Houston, TX (IAH) KLM 662 at 3:25 pm**

**Nov 6, Mon: Rome: Arrival (FCO airport) KLM 1601 at 11:55 am**

Upon arrival at FCO airport Rome we pass through passport control, get our luggage, meet our representative and driver. Transfer to the hotel for check in, spend the afternoon at leisure then dinner & overnight at the hotel.

**Nov 7, Tue: Rome-Vatican Basilicas**

Today we visit St Peter basilica which gathers inside 2000 years of history and famous works of art such as the Pietà by Michelangelo, you will see the most impressive of edifices, galleries, and awe-inspiring relics. Additionally, our group will have the opportunity to visit the Vatican museum to observe the Tapestry Gallery, Raphael Rooms, Sistine Chapel, and Michelangelo's Masterpiece. Continue to other Basilicas of Rome's Mary Major which contain relic from the manger of the Infant Jesus, The papal Arch basilica ,St. John in Lateran and the Holy stairs from Pontius Pilate's palace of Jerusalem during the time of Jesus. It is also said that this Staircase was brought to Rome by St. Helen in the 4th century.

**Nov 8, Wed: Rome-Papal Audience-Catacombs**

The tour begins with the Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square! This Audience is celebrated each Wednesday by His Holiness, Pope Francis (subject to the holy father's schedule). following the audience visit Vatican sop at the tomb of St. John Paul II. Afterwards, our group will enjoy free time for lunch on our own, or to purchase souvenirs from Vatican City. We will then begin the short journey down the Appian Way, the earliest road of Ancient Rome. This road will lead to the Domino Quo Vadis Chapel, the Baths of Caracalla, the Arch of Drusus, the Tomb of Cecilia Metella, and the catacombs of St. Callixtus. The day concludes with a visit to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Originally founded by Emperor Constantine in the 4th Century, this Basilica is the place of Saint Paul the Apostle.

**Nov 9, Thu: 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 we 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 principle monastery of the Benedictine Order, founded by Saint Benedict around 530 A.D. then we drive (approximately three hours) toward San Giovanni Rotunda, the hometown of Saint Padre Pio.

**Nov 10, Fri: San Giovanni Rotundo-Monte Siant'Angelo**

This morning we will see the places associated with Saint Pio. See his room, confessional and the Crucifix from which Saint

Pio received the Stigmata. Visit the Grotto 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. Following the visit to this grotto, our group will enjoy free time for lunch on their own and gaze at the breathtaking view of the ocean and surrounding countryside.

**Nov 11, Sat: San Giovanni Rotundo-Lanciano- Assisi**

Today we will board the bus and head to Lanciano (approximately two hours). Upon arrival in Lanciano, we will 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 Brazilian monk who struggled with the belief in the real presence of The Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. During the time of 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. Next we will drive towards Assisi (Approximately three hours), the hometown of St. Francis.

**Nov 12, Sun: Assisi**

Explore the hilltop birthplace of St Francis. In the Crypt of St Francis Basilica laid the tomb of one of the most beloved saints of all the time, St Francis of Assisi. During the tour, we will have the opportunity to view a series of frescoes depicting his life, as well as, view a few of the saint's possessions. next we visit the Basilica of saint Clare and the Crucifix from which Jesus spoke to St Francis.

**Nov 13, Mon: Assisi-Siena - Florence**

After breakfast, we transfer to Siena (approximately an hour and a half). the birthplace of Saints Catherine and Beranrdine . Stroll the Piazza Del Campo, and visit the Cathedral and the Basilica of saint Francis , containing the miraculous consecrated host that remained intact since 1730. next we drive to Florence (approximately an hour and a half).

**Nov 14, Tue: Florence**

Full day in Florence, the art capital of the world and home to superb churches. We soon discover why Florence is the undisputed cradle of the Renaissance era. Here one almost breathes art and culture in its charming medieval streets, in craftsmen's workshops, Renaissance palaces, and the world renowned museums, all found within the downtown area of Florence. The memories of the Medici family are united with the splendor of the works of illustrious artists such as Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, and Botticelli. A highlight will be a guided tour: see the Baptistry of St. John, the religious historic jewel of the city with Michelangelo's Gates of Paradise, so called because of their exquisite beauty; it is believed that the creation of these art pieces marked the beginning of the period to be known as the Renaissance. We see the Piazza della Signoria, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Giotto's Bell Tower, and the Basilica of Santa Croce,

yet another masterpiece of Gothic art with the pantheon of famous Italians artists such as Michelangelo and Machiavelli. we visit the Ponte Vecchio and the Duomo, whose magnificent dome was created by Brunelleschi.

**Nov 15, Wed: Florence-Padua**

We drive this morning to Padua (approximately two hours). home of St Anthony patron saint of things lost. visit the richly decorated tomb inside the Basilica. One of the Catholic Church's greatest preachers, his incorrupt tongue is kept in the chapel of Reliquaries. Dinner & overnight in Padua.

**Nov 16, Thu: Padua – Venice-Padua**

Today, we depart Padua and transfer to the magical city of Venice (approximately forty five minutes). our group will

enjoy a full day tour of the city paved with water! The tour includes visits to St. Mark's Square, the largest square in the city and the site of many government buildings; the Golden Basilica of San Marco, known for the great mosaics that depict the Old and New Testament of the Bible; and the Bridge of Sigh, a bridge that will bring eternal love to those who drift below it. Dinner & overnight in Padua

**Nov 17, Fri: Return Home** Delta 175 (MXP Milano Italy) departs at 11:00 am

After an early breakfast, we will leave by motor coach and transfer to Milan airport for return flights home. Delta 1284 arriving Houston IAH TX at 9:12 pm

## Package Details

**Price includes:**

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

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|-----------|--------------|--|----------|
| 6-9 Nov   | Rome         | Hotel Colombo or similar               | 3 nights |
| 9-11 Nov  | S.G. Rotondo | Hotel Vallerossa or similar            | 2 nights |
| 11-13 Nov | Assisi       | Hotel Cristallo or similar             | 2 nights |
| 13-15 Nov | Florence     | Hotel Grand hotel Adriatico or similar | 2 nights |
| 15-17 Nov | Padua        | Hotel Crown Plaza or similar           | 2 nights |

\*Round Trip Airfare out of IAH airport

\*Transportation from Beaumont to IAH airport and back

\*Everyday Mass / City Council tax/English Speaking Leader /Assistant and local licensed tour guide.

\*Deluxe Bus as per itinerary provided/Headsets / whispers whenever required

\*Papal Audience (**In accordance with the Papal Agenda**)

\*Entrance Fees (Skip the line reservation to the following):

-Rome, Vatican Museums, Catacombs, Montecassino Abbey, Assisi, Basilica San Francesco, -Venice St. Mark Basilica

**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, Porters.

*Unexpected circumstances / Airline final Schedule may cause changes to the itinerary!*

**Please complete the attached form for registration!**



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Form of Payment Bank/Certified/Checks, Money Orders or Wire Transfers (please email us a copy of bank confirmation when wiring funds) are accepted forms of payment at any time.(Payable to: Bible Trek Tours LLC) (send to: info@bibletrektours.com). Every reservation must be accompanied by a signed application (Mail to: Bible Trek Tours LLC. P.O.Box 20137, Beaumont, TX 77720). Returned checks will incur a \$50 service fee. In case of computer or human billing error, we reserve the right to re-invoice participants with corrected billing Passports, Visas & Documents a valid US passport is required for US citizens. If you do not have a valid passport please contact your closest passport office or see Passport Information. Passports must be valid at least 6 months after return date. Bible Trek Tours, owner, agent or employees cannot be held liable for clients not having proper passports, visa or other travel documents. Cancellations due to lack of appropriate documents will incur usual penalties. A Passport Card is not useful for International Air Travel. Attempting to use this instead of a Passport Book will result in a denial of boarding by the airlines and entry by the legal authorities Final Documents Final documents are issued upon receipt of final payment only and within 3 weeks of departure. Documents are not guaranteed if final payment is not received on time. Upon receipt of your documents you are responsible to check your itinerary, spelling of your name, dates, times and other important information to insure their validity. Should your final documents have any errors it is the passengers responsibility to contact Bible Trek Tours immediately. Cancellations And Refunds Once a deposit or partial/full payment has been made, cancellations will only be accepted in writing. Cancellation terms will be applied based on the date that the written cancellation is received. In addition to a \$300 per person administration fee, the following charges apply off the total trip cost: 60 - 46 days prior to departure 10%. /45 - 21 days prior to departure 50%. /20 - 03 days prior to departure 80%. . 02 days prior to departure or less no refund. Additionally, once tickets are issued the ticket value is non-refundable. Requests for a refund must be in writing (mail, e-mail). Phone calls cannot be used as a form of cancellation. Refunds will be issued within 30 to 60 days of receipt of written notice No change of names or substitutions are permitted. No refund or cancellation fees will be waived due to death or sickness. In the event that Bible Trek Tours would decide to cancel a departure, a full refund will be issued (including travel insurance and Supplemental Cancellation Protection). If, however the trip is cancelled closer to departure by forces outside of the control of Bible Trek Tours, refunds will be as per terms and conditions. Air Transportation Air transportation is in economy class on IATA-approved carriers. Ticketing must be completed no later than 14 days prior to departure. Fares are based on levels in effect at the time of printing and prices and schedules are subject to change without notice. All is subject to the airlines terms of carriage. Bible Trek Tours is not responsible for any cancellations, loss, delays, injury, illness, or expenses incurred due to actions made by the airlines. Business class is available at additional cost for the Trans-Atlantic portions of your ticket. For any issues which arise in relation to airline service complaints and compensation should be addressed to the specific carrier. Airport Taxes, Fees & Fuel Airport taxes (up to \$800) are included in our tour packages. Seat Assignment Random seats are assigned for all group participants. If you would like to secure a specific seat, or sit with a companion please advise us of such request at the time of booking, we will make an effort to accommodate you, however we cannot guarantee. Hotel Accommodation Hotel accommodations are based on twin-bedded or double rooms. Bible Trek Tours reserves the right to substitute similar category hotels without prior notice. SHARING ROOM: If passengers are traveling alone, and are registered prior to 60 days before departure, and wish to have Bible Trek Tours assign a roommate we will do our best. Registrations made within 60 days of departure, the passenger will be responsible for the additional Single Supplement fees. TRIPLE ROOMS In most hotels triple accommodation is possible, however, no reduction in cost is available. Meals Bible Trek Tours pilgrimages include breakfast and dinner daily, (refer to brochure "your trip includes"). Although we cannot guarantee, we will try to accommodate all special meal request. Baggage Each tour participant is permitted to bring one checked suitcase, one small carry on bag (8" x 14" x 22"), and one personal item (i.e. purse, laptop case). In general, the airlines permit 1 checked bag weighing up to 50 lbs (23 kg) and maximum dimensions of 62 in (158 cm) calculated by adding the length + the width + the height of the bag. Please check with your specific airline to verify the size and weight allowances. Bible Trek Tours is not responsible for the loss of, theft of, delay, or damage to a participant's belongings. Responsibility Clause Bible Trek Tours and/or agents of the airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for the late arrival of passengers at airports or hotels due to inclement weather, nor are they to be held liable for payment or any refund for transfers or unused hotel accommodations or meals occasioned by such late arrivals at the hotels holding rooms as confirmed itineraries. Passengers must bear all such losses or expenses. To guard against unforeseen health or other circumstances, we recommend you purchase our optional insurances or Personal insurance. Bible Trek Tours is not responsible for circumstances beyond its control. In circumstances where trip cancellations resulting from the inability for trip to depart as scheduled, such as cancellations due to acts of war and/or terrorism, covid, virus, war, God, or nature takes place, Bible Trek Tours is not liable for restitution. Though every effort will be made to follow the itinerary, it should be considered as an indication of the tour, rather than a contract of places to be visited. Occasionally local religious holidays, national days, weather, traffic conditions and other events may necessitate changes in the sequence of visits or the missing of certain visits.

Legal Note: Bible Trek Tours LLC is a registered seller of Travel in the State of Texas: TST#: 32064469755. The statements herein and the contract between tour participants and Bible Trek Tours LLC are deemed to be made and entered into in Beaumont, Texas. The tour participant(s) and Bible Trek Tours LLC hereby agree and stipulate that any controversy or claim arising out of or in any way related to these terms and conditions, brochure, or the tours itself which cannot be amicably settled shall be resolved by way of arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association. The Arbitration shall take place in the county of Beaumont, TX before a single arbitrator and shall be governed by the laws of the state of Texas. Each party shall bear its own costs and an equal share of the arbitrator's and administrative fees of arbitration.

**Registration Form-Bible Trek Tours**  
**Shrines of Italy Fr. Jim McClintock (Nov 5-17, 2023)**

**Please complete one registration form per person (Couples submit two separate forms)**

Full Name (as written in passport): \_\_\_\_\_

**\*(Photocopy of your passport is required – must be valid 6 months after your return date)**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (home/cell): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Rooming with: \_\_\_\_\_

Please try to find a roommate for me. *I understand if you cannot find a roommate for me, I will be obliged to pay the single room supplement.*

**\*Tour Cost and Method of Payments: Full package (Air & Land) \$4,245; Price is per person sharing a room.**

I wish a single room at a supplement of \$550. *Subject to availability and conformation.*

***Payment Options:***

\*Please mail a deposit of \$400.00 per person made payable to **Bible Trek Tours LLC** in a form of a check.

**Address: P.O.BOX: 20137, Beaumont TX, 77720.** For a credit card payment please fill out the form in the back.

For Zelle Payment: BIBLE TREK TOURS LLC/george@bibletrektours.com

Note: The deposit should be paid at the time of booking and no later than **Sep 4, 2023**. Balance is due on or before **Sep 13th, 2023**. Any booking after **Sep 4, 2023**. Is subject to availability.

\* For travel Insurance you can visit our home page: [www.bibletrektours.com](http://www.bibletrektours.com) and click on Travel Guard or you can get your own.

**(SUBMIT THIS BOOKING FORM WITH A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT AND YOUR DEPOSIT)**

*\*By submitting this payment and form, I acknowledge that I have read and I accept all Terms & Conditions as outlined on this pilgrimage Brochure.*

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*you can Email a copy of your passport to : [info@bibletrektours.com](mailto:info@bibletrektours.com)**

**\*All package pricing is based on a minimum of 20 paying participants. If the group does not reach this number, price or programming may be adjusted.**

**\*Only use this form if you wish to pay your deposit with a Credit Card**

**Credit Card Payment Authorization**

I authorize Bible Trek Tours LLC to charge the standard price amount plus 4% card fees to my credit card listed below. (\$400 will be charged now; balance of payment will be charged to your card upon your request/authorization per the invoice due date).

**Credit Card Type:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Card Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Exp. Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CVC** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name as it appears on credit card:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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