



12-DAY JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF ITALY



October 5 - 16, 2025

With Fr. Leronio Vodivodi



\$4,750 Per person

\$150 off if registered before March 5



Rome - Assisi - San Giovanni Rotondo - Florence - Venice

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✓ INCLUDED

- Round-trip airfare
- Airline taxes and fuel surcharges
- First-class hotels
- Land transportation as per itinerary
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- Professional local guides
- Tips to guides, tour escort and bus driver
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Modern air-conditioned motor coaches + WIFI
- Daily Masses
- Farewell Dinner

✗ NOT INCLUDED

- Travel insurance is not included but is highly recommended in case of unforeseen circumstances.
- Drinks and Lunches not mentioned in the itinerary.

👤 REGISTRATION

- To reserve your spot, a \$300/person deposit is due at the time of booking.
- Fill out the registration form and mail/e-mail it along with a copy of your passport ID page. *Passports must be valid for at least six months after your intended return date.
- All checks must be made out to Ascension Tours Travel.



DAY 1 DEPARTURE

Our Spiritual pilgrimage begins as we depart USA on our overnight flight to Italy. Meals will be served on board.

DAY 2 ARRIVE IN ROME

Upon arriving at Rome's airport, we will be greeted by our tour escort and driver. Transfer to our hotel, dinner and overnight in Rome.



DAY 3 ROME: APPIAN WAY, CATACOMBS, IMPERIAL ROME & BASILICA OF ST. MARY MAJOR

This morning, we will start the day exploring the ancient Appian way. Stop to visit the Catacombs and the Basilica of St. Sebastian. Continue for a visit to the Church of Domine Quo Vadis, where we will see the stone with the footprints of Jesus. Our day continues with a walking tour of Imperial Rome, including an exterior visit to the Colosseum and the Roman Forum, as well as the Arches of Constantine and Titus. After lunch, celebrate mass at St. Francesca. Following Mass, we will visit one of Rome's major basilicas; St. Mary Major, to walk through the first Holy door of our pilgrimage. This basilica is one of the oldest shrines dedicated to the blessed Virgin Mary. Continue to the Trastevere neighborhood, known for its historic charm and vibrant local life. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.



DAY 4 ROME: PAPAL AUDIENCE – ST. JOHN LATERAN – HOLY STAIRS

Early morning, transfer to St. Peter's Square to join pilgrims from all over the world to attend the weekly Papal Audience and blessing. After lunch, continue to visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran, where we will walk through the second Holy Door of our pilgrimage. Continue to the Shrine of the Holy Stairs, believed to be those that led to the praetorium of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem. Later this afternoon, we will visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls to walk through the third Holy door of our pilgrimage before returning to the hotel for dinner and overnight.



DAY 5 ROME: VATICAN CITY & BAROQUE ROME

After breakfast, we will visit St. Peter's Basilica, walking through the fourth Holy Door of our journey and celebrating Mass. Enjoy a guided tour of the Basilica, admiring Michelangelo's Pietà and the tombs of St. Peter and Pope John Paul II. Continue the Vatican Museum and walk through the richly decorated galleries and visit the Sistine Chapel. In the afternoon, visit the most beautiful monuments of the Baroque Rome area, including Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, the Trevi Fountain, and the Spanish Steps. Enjoy some time for shopping before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight.



DAY 6 ROME – SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

After breakfast, drive to San Giovanni Rotondo (approximately 4 hours). This small town is in southern Italy and is best known for being the home of St. Padre Pio. Upon arrival, we will visit the Sanctuary of St. Padre Pio, which includes the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie. Celebrate Mass at the Shrine of St. Padre Pio. We will also have the opportunity to reflect on the life and miracles of Padre Pio and visit significant places connected to his life and work, including his cell and his tomb.




DAY 7 SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO – ASSISI

This morning, after breakfast, we'll leave San Giovanni Rotondo and make a special visit to St. Michael's Cave (Sanctuary of Monte Sant'Angelo). This ancient pilgrimage site is renowned for its historic significance and the legendary appearances of the Archangel Michael. We'll have the opportunity to explore the cave's remarkable beauty and spiritual atmosphere. Following our visit, we'll continue our journey to Assisi, which takes about 4.5 hours. Upon arrival, we'll check into our hotel and enjoy dinner together before spending the night in Assisi.




DAY 8 ASSISI

Today, we will enjoy a full day of touring the hometown of St. Francis. We will start the tour at the Sanctuary of San Damiano, where St. Francis received his divine calling. Next, we will visit the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, home to the Porziuncola, the tiny chapel where St. Francis founded the Franciscan Order. Continue to the Basilica of St. Francis where we will celebrate Mass and visit his tomb. Later this afternoon, visit the Basilica of St. Clare. After our guided tour, you'll have some free time to wander through the charming medieval town of Assisi. Its narrow cobblestone streets and rich historical ambiance provide a perfect setting for exploration and reflection.



DAY 9 ASSISI - FLORENCE

After breakfast, we'll leave Assisi and head to Florence, approximately 2.5 hours drive. Once we arrive, we'll check into our hotel and embark on a guided walking tour of the city. We'll visit Michelangelo Square for stunning panoramic views of Florence, explore the Duomo, see the exterior of the Baptistry, and admire the famous Ponte Vecchio. Later, we'll attend Mass at the Church of Santa Croce, where notable figures such as Michelangelo are buried. In the afternoon, you'll have free time to explore Florence at your own pace. Return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay in Florence.



DAY 10 FLORENCE – PADUA – MESTRE

After breakfast, we'll leave Florence and head to Padua, where we'll visit the Basilica of St. Anthony, a renowned pilgrimage site dedicated to one of the Catholic Church's most cherished saints. We'll celebrate Mass at the Basilica and take time to appreciate its magnificent architecture and the tomb of St. Anthony. Following our visit, we'll continue our journey to Mestre, which is about an hour away from Padua. Upon arrival, we'll check into our hotel, and you'll have the rest of the afternoon to relax or explore Mestre at your leisure.



DAY 11 MESTRE - VENICE

Today, we will travel to Venice by private motorboat. Upon arrival, we will enjoy a guided tour of this enchanting city, including an exterior visit to the Doge's Palace and an interior visit to St. Mark's Basilica. In the afternoon, free time for an optional Gondola ride, or shopping. Then, we will board a private boat back to our bus and drive to our hotel in Mestre.

DAY 12 RETURN TO USA

Today our pilgrimage comes to an end. We will transfer to the airport for our return flight.

Terms & Conditions

- **Reservations & Payments:** Ascension Tours Travel requires a deposit of \$300 per person at the time of booking. This deposit is part of your final payment which is due 90 days prior to departure. A signed registration form is required to secure a spot. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that payments made by debit/credit card will incur a processing fee of 3.5%.
- **Insurance:** Insurance is not included in the tour price. We strongly recommend that you purchase insurance for your trip.
- **Travel Documents:** If you have a U.S. passport, no visa is required. However, your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date of the trip. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please contact us to learn more about VISA requirements.
- **Baggage:** Passengers are allowed to bring one checked bag and one carry one. Ascension Tours Travel is not responsible for lost, delayed, damaged, or stolen baggage.
- **Hotels:** Prices are based on double occupancy rooms. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking. In case we are not able to find a roommate for the traveler, the traveler will be required to pay the single supplement.
- **Cancellation:** All cancellations must be submitted in writing. Cancellation fees and penalties will be deducted from your refund. If canceled 46 days or more prior to departure, a \$300 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 45-31 days prior to departure, a \$750 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 30-15 days prior to departure, a \$1000 administrative fee will be charged. No refund will be made within 14 days of departure. Once the airline tickets are issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable.
- **Air Transportation and Taxes:** Airline taxes, port charges and fuel surcharges are included in the tour price. Any ticketing changes made within 90 days of your departure date are subject to airline penalties.
- **Medical Condition:** Tour Members are expected to be in good health. Tour members, who require any form of special assistance, must be accompanied by a helper who is totally responsible for those tour members. Please note that not all sites are handicap accessible. We are traveling by tour bus to various sites, but there is always walking involved with the pilgrimage, including hills and stairs.
- **Seat Assignment:** Tour flights do not have an advance seats selection. Please contact the airline directly.
- **Responsibility:** Ascension Tours Travel is responsible for making all arrangements for tour services offered in the itinerary. Ascension Tours Travel and/or co-operating selling agents or other suppliers of services are not responsible or liable for the service of aircraft, transfers, hotels, flights, motor coach, car or any conveyance, which may be used in the performance of its duty to the passengers. If the tour services, as indicated by the itinerary, cannot be supplied or there are changes in the itinerary for reasons beyond the control of Ascension Tours Travel. Ascension Tours Travel will arrange for provisions of comparable services. If Ascension Tours Travel cancels a tour, it shall have no responsibility beyond the refund of all payments made to Ascension Tours Travel. The passenger participant agrees that Ascension Tours Travel shall not be liable in any way for any changes in flight schedules, delays, weather conditions, damages, losses (including personal injuries and deaths) or expenses occasioned by acts or omissions of any person, including suppliers providing services, or for any other reason beyond the control of the tour operator. Tour operator reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to change or reverse the sequence of activities in the itinerary.
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