

2025 JUBILEE YEAR!!  
**PILGRIMAGE to SHRINES OF ITALY**  
in partnership with Ave Maria Pilgrimage

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Rome, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano, Monte Sant'Angelo, Orvieto and Benedictine Abbey in Montecassino

**March 24 – April 2, 2025**

LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO, SAN FRANCISCO: \$3,950 USD per person/double occupancy

PALM SPRINGS: \$4,080 USD (Round trip transportation to LAX included)

NEW YORK, CHICAGO, HOUSTON: \$3,880 USD

Please book early to reserve your space

Single Room Occupancy: \$480.00 USD extra

*\*\*Please call for departure from other cities. We look forward to welcoming you to our group along with offering the very best value.\*\**

Your Trip Includes:

- all taxes
- Round trip airfare from your departure city to Rome
- 3 nights' accommodations in Rome - 4-Star Hotel
- 3 nights' accommodations in Assisi - 4-Star Hotel
- 2 nights' accommodations in San Giovanni Rotondo – 4-Star Hotel
- Breakfast buffet and Dinner daily
- Transfers by Private Motor Coach
- Assistance of Tour Director
- Sightseeing Tours and Daily Mass
- Visit to Montecassino Benedictine Abbey of St. Benedict
- One day excursion to Cascia to view the incorrupt body of St. Rita, Patron Saint of the Impossible

NOT INCLUDED in price: Beverages with dinner and tips (\$80 USD per pilgrim) for drivers, servers, and hotel staff.

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You will receive your travel documents approximately three weeks prior to departure.

Cancellation fees are as follows:

120 to 61 days before departure date..... \$1,200.00

60 to 31 days before departure date..... \$1,800.00

30 days to 1 day before departure or no show.....no refund

## **ITINERARY FOR ITALY**

Day 1: Depart city for Rome, Italy. Meals are served onboard our transatlantic flight.

Day 2: Upon arrival in Rome, we will be greeted by our tour director and board our private bus. Before checking into our hotel for 1 night, we will stop to visit St. John Lateran Church.

Day 3: This morning, we'll depart for Vatican City. For the Holy Father's General Audience. Afterwards you will have free time for lunch, shopping and to visit St. Peter's Basilica. 5pm mass will be celebrated at the main altar of the basilica. After mass we return to our hotel.

Day 4: This morning, we will depart Rome for San Giovanni Rotondo for 2 night's stay. On the way we will stop for a visit at Benedictine Abbey. Where St. Benedict and his sister, St. Scholastic, are buried in Montecassino.

Day 5: After breakfast we will visit Monte Sant'Angelo and the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel that he consecrated himself in 490 A.D. Popes and saints have visited this site requesting St. Michael's intercession. We will return to San Giovanni Rotondo and visit the shrine of Padre Pio where we will have Mass, visit his tomb and view his incorrupt body. We will also tour the sanctuary; see the old church and crucifix from which he received the stigmata in 1918. We will return to our hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 6: This morning, we will depart San Giovanni Rotondo for Assisi for 3 night's stay. On the way we'll stop in Lancia to view the Eucharistic Miracle that is the real flesh and blood of Jesus that has been there for 12 centuries unchanged. Here we will celebrate Holy Mass. Arrive in Assisi for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 7: This morning, we will visit the Basilica of St. Francis which contains many of the Saint's possessions, his tomb and the tombs of some of his brothers. We will visit the church of San Rufino, where Francis and Clare were baptized and the Church of St. Clare to see her incorrupt body and the original San Damiano Cross that spoke to Francis. Some free time before returning to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 8: This morning, we will visit Our Lady of the Angels Basilica and the small Porziuncola chapel where St. Francis died. Father will celebrate Holy Mass. After mass we'll travel 1 hour and 30 minutes to Orvieto. In the year 1263 (Bolsena, Italy) a Eucharistic Miracle occurred when a consecrated Host began to bleed onto the Corporal cloth the host and chalice were resting on. The relic is preserved in the Orvieto Cathedral. Late afternoon return to the Hotel.

Day 9: This morning after breakfast, we'll depart Assisi for Rome. On the way to our hotel, we will visit the Basilica of St. Mary Major. Father will celebrate Holy Mass. After that we'll drive to our hotel for check in and overnight.

Day 10: Depart Rome for Hometown or continue with us on our next sacred journey. Ciao! Ciao! Have a blessed trip home!

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