

# Shrines of Italy Pilgrimage

Planned by Catholic Journeys and Hosted by Paula Templemeyer



June 7-16, 2027 (10 days)



**Day 1 June 7** Depart from Des Moines for our overnight flight to Rome.

**Day 2 June 8** Arrival in Rome, meet our pilgrimage guide and transfer to our hotel. Afternoon free to relax or explore Rome on your own, maybe go see Trevi Fountain. Dinner at the hotel tonight. Overnight in Rome **D**

**Day 3 June 9** This morning we head to Vatican City to attend the weekly **Papal Audience with Pope Leo XIV**. After the audience we visit the **Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel**. Then we enter **St. Peter's Basilica**, the largest church in Christendom, where we will see **Michelangelo's Pieta and Bernini's bronze canopy**. Before dinner some free time to explore, shop, or enjoy a drink at an outdoor cafe. Overnight in Rome. **B, D**

**Day 4 June 10** This morning we embark on a sightseeing tour of 3 major basilicas: **St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran and St. Paul Outside the Walls**. We will also stop at **The Holy Stairs** before heading onto the **Catacombs of St. Callixtus**. Dinner will be at a local restaurant on our final night in Rome. **B, D**

**Day 5 June 11** Today we head to our first stop at **Monte Cassino** to visit the Benedictine Abbey founded by St. Benedict. This hilltop Abbey is also a famous WWII site. We arrive in **San Giovanni Rotundo**, Padre Pio's home, just in time for dinner. Overnight in San Giovanni Rotundo. **B, D**

**Day 6 June 12** Today we visit the **tomb of St. Padre Pio** and tour the old **Church of Our Lady of Grace** which holds the crucifix from which he received the stigmata in 1918. Next is the **Padre Pio Pilgrimage Church**, which houses the saint's remains in the crypt. A short drive away we will get a breathtaking view of the Gargano Peninsula and visit the **Grotto of Saint Michael the Archangel**. A panoramic view of the Adriatic Sea and surrounding countryside await us at this shrine consecrated by St. Michael himself in 490. Return to San Giovanni for reflection, dinner and overnight. There is an opportunity to attend the weekly candlelight procession at the sanctuary of St. Pio after dinner. **B, D**

**Day 7 June 13** Today's travels take us to **Lanciano** to see the 8th century **Eucharistic Miracle**. Next, journey through stunning Italian countryside to the historic town of **Manoppello** where we will celebrate Mass at the old Capuchin Monastery and view a miraculous image of Christ's face on a veil, known as the "**Veronica**" in the Santuario del Volto. After lunch we travel along the Adriatic coast to the great Marian shrine of **Loreto**, where we will visit the **Holy House of Nazareth**. Dinner and overnight in Loreto. **B, D**

When situations arise beyond our control due to covid or any other unforeseen circumstances, Northland Travel and our staff reserve the right to make itinerary changes.

**\$6995 per person**  
double occupancy

**\$8445 per person**  
single occupancy

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Average to high  
(walking on cobblestone,  
some uphill, may require  
some long walks to reach  
sites due to narrow roads)



**PRO TIP:**  
Travel Insurance:  
Available at a group rate  
for this tour. Call for  
details & pricing.

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**Day 9 June 15** This morning we are off to **Siena**, the birthplace of Saints Catherine and Bernardino, one of Italy's loveliest medieval cities. Here we stroll the Piazza Del Campo, a UNESCO World Heritage site where sections resemble the folds in the Virgin Mary's cloak. We will visit the Italian **Neo-Gothic Basilica of St. Francis** which houses consecrated hosts that have remained miraculously intact since 1730. We also visit the magnificent **Duomo or Siena Cathedral**, one of the largest churches in Europe. A pilgrimage to Siena would not be complete without visiting **St. Catherine**. We will tour her house and then proceed to the **Basilica of St. Dominic** where we can view her incorrupt head and thumb. After the visit we return to Assisi for dinner and overnight. **B, D**

**Day 10 June 16** Early breakfast and depart from Assisi for the airport in Rome for our return flight home. **B**

## Your Travel Experience Includes:

Roundtrip airfare economy

1 checked bag (up to 50 lbs) with the airlines

8-night accommodations with portorage & luggage handling

3 nights Rome

2 nights San Giovanni Rotondo

1 night Loreto

2 nights Assisi

Meals- breakfast & dinner daily, wine & bottled water with dinners

All transportation using air-conditioned motorcoach with bottled water available on the coach

Tour Guides- Professional English-speaking Catholic guides

Entrance fees- sightseeing & admissions fees as per itinerary, with Whisper headsets where needed

Daily Mass & Spiritual activities coordinated

## Not Included:

Travel insurance (optional but recommended)

Gratuities for guides & drivers

Additional baggage fees if applicable

Fees for seat assignments or upgrades

Any ETAs if required

Personal expenses

**\$500 deposit per person  
due at time of  
reservation**

**Final payment due by  
March 2, 2027**

**Same date for penalty-free  
cancellation**

## Cancellation Terms Without Travel Insurance:

From receipt of deposit to March 2 = \$600/person penalty

From March 2-April 14 = 50% penalty

On/after April 15 = non-refundable

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