

ROME

"THE ETERNAL CITY"

PILGRIMAGE



Fr. Bill Vander Werff

April 01 - 11, 2024

\$4390.00 From Detroit, MI (DTW)

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Package Price Includes:

- Roundtrip Airfare
- All Nights accommodations in double occupancy luxury hotels
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner
- 10 days sightseeing in modern air conditioned private bus
- English speaking government licensed tour guide on duty
- Mass daily at different historical sites



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Rome Pilgrimage Itinerary

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**Rome (Pope Francis) * San Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio) * Monte Sant'Angelo (St. Michael)
Lanciano (Eucharistic Miracle) * Assisi (St. Francis)**

– DAY 1 Depart the USA

Depart USA on an overnight flight to Italy.

- DAY 2: ARRIVAL Arrive Rome's Airport.

Arrival in Rome. After the baggage claim, we will meet our tour manager and drive to the Hotel for free time at leisure. Dinner and overnight. (D)

- DAY 3: Papal Audience / Major Basilicas

This morning we will join the pilgrims that come from all over the world and seat in San Peter's square (or in the Paolo VI Hall) to attend the **Papal Audience** and blessing. – After break for lunch, we continue our guided tour by visiting two of the other major basilicas of Rome. We begin our tour with **the Basilica of St John in Lateran** which houses a fragment of the table on which Jesus consumed his last supper, from there we cross the street to the Holy **Stairs** so named because they are the steps which lead to the praetorium of the Roman Procurator Ponzio Pilato, finally we reach the **Basilica of St Mary Major**. The crypt is built to resemble the cave of nativity in Bethlehem and there is a reliquary containing part of the Holy Crib in which our Lord Jesus Christ once lay. – We celebrate Mass and return to the hotel for dinner and overnight

- DAY 4: Vatican Museums / Trevi Fountain

We will begin the day with visit at one of the most important museums in the world. Legally its own country, Vatican City is the head and administrative center of the Catholic Church. One of the most extensive museum collections in the world, the museum is also home to the **Sistine Chapel**, where the legendary Michelangelo created one of his most famous masterpieces on the ceiling. After the museums we will visit **St. Peter's Basilica**, the largest Catholic Basilica ever built. It's soaring dome was engineered by Michelangelo and the artist's famous **Pieta** sculpture and countless other artistic wonders make St. Peter's church one of the most awe-inspiring buildings in the world. – After break for lunch, we will reach the city center. Celebrate Mass at a selected church. Enjoy a walking tour starting from Navona Square, we walk to the Pantheon and to the Trevi Fountain. Balance of the day is at our leisure. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight

- DAY 5: IMPERIAL ROME & BASILICA OF ST PAUL OUTSIDE THE WALLS

After breakfast, drive to the city center. Our first stop is at the **Basilica of St Paul outside the Walls**. Celebrate Mass Break for lunch. Continue on a panoramic tour of Imperial Rome. Walk down to the **Colosseum** (visit from outside) and walk passing by the Roman Forum, the Traian Forum and column, till the Capitol Hill and Venice square. Regain our bus and drive to the hotel for dinner and overnight

DAY 6: ROMA – MONTECASSINO – SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO After breakfast, we will drive towards south for approx 2 hours, to reach **Montecassino**, where we stop to visit the Abbey. We can celebrate Mass at the chapel where Saint Benedict and his sister St Scholastica are buried. Our guided tour includes also the abbey's museum – After lunch we continue our journey to reach San Giovanni Rotondo. Check in at the hotel, dinner and overnight

- DAY 7 SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO - ST MICHAEL'S CAVE : This morning is dedicated to **Saint Padre Pio**. We honor his work as we visit his tomb, his cell, his confessional and the Capuchin Monastery of Our Lady of Grace. where we celebrate Mass We will also visit the new Church of Santa Maria Delle Grazie, and the Home for the Relief of the Suffering. In the afternoon, we visit the **Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel**. Overnight in San Giovanni.

- DAY 8: LANCIANO – LORETO – ASSISI After a good breakfast, we check out and drive to **Lanciano**, to celebrate to visit the Church of St Francis. This Church is the site of the Eucharistic Miracle that occurred in the eighth century. Celebrate Mass. After break for lunch, we continue our journey to Assisi, stopping in **Loreto** to see the Holy House of Nazareth. This tradition, based on devotion and popular belief, ascribed the transportation of the House of Nazareth to an angelic mission; current historical studies have developed the hypothesis of a transportation carried out by Man, through sea and land, that came true with special assistance from above. That's the way "to read between the lines" and give the most probable explanation to the Holy House event- We Celebrate Mass and visit the shine, then our drive continues to Assisi. Check in at the hotel, dinner and overnight

DAY 9 : ASSISI After early breakfast, transfer to the Basilica of St. Francis to Celebrate Mass at the Tomb of St. Francis, at which we will. After Mass, visit the **Basilica of St. Francis**. Our local guide will take us to explore the Basilica complex, which is actually composed of two churches built one atop the other. Beneath both churches is the crypt that houses the tomb of St. Francis. The lower Basilica dates from 1228 to 1230, and is richly decorated with beautiful stained glass windows, and paintings done by some of the most important artists of the 13th and 14th centuries. In the upper Basilica, built from 1230 - 1253, we will marvel at the monumental frescoes painted by Giotto, which depict scenes from the life of the saint. Continue to visit the Basilica of St. Clare, the first and most important heroine of the Franciscan movement, view her remains and see the miraculous Crucifix. Independent lunch – In the afternoon we will visit San Damiano Sanctuary "One day in the autumn of 1205 the Lord was waiting here for Francis On a morning in April of 1211 the Lord welcomed Clare together with her first sisters. They were encounters and thus began their Christian adventure. Brother, Sister. Perhaps here today the Lord will meet with you. May your faith be firm and may the Lord grant you peace. Next we will visit the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli. Crowned by the magnificent dome designed by Alessi, this great Basilica was built in 1569. It enclosed the shrine of the "Porziuncola" or the Little Portion Chapel around which the first Franciscan community was centered, the place where Clare received the habit from Francis, and the Capella Del Transito, which marks the spot where the Saint died. Return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight.

- DAY 10 ASSISI - ORVIETO – CASTEL GANDOLFO we depart Assisi in the early morning and drive approx 2 hours to reach Orvieto, where we will visit where we visit the gothic **Cathedral** built to house the holy relics of the Eucharistic Miracle of Orvieto. It was this miracle that occasioned the proclamation of the Feast of Corpus Christi and inspired St. Thomas Aquinas to write the famous hymn "Tantum Ergo." After lunch we continue to **Castel Gandolfo**, where we will celebrate our farewell dinner at a hotel overlooking the lake

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– DAY 11 Departure

In the morning, transfer to Rome's airport. Departure

Note: While we do our very best at making sure all items listed in your itinerary are included, there are times when conditions beyond our control affect your program/itinerary, including but not limited to air carrier changes, delays, weather, political climate, time constraints, or changes by your tour leader and tour guide.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$500.00 per person is required to make a reservation. An additional payment of \$750.00 per person is due by October 01, 2023 final payment is due no less than 90 days prior to the departure date of the tour (January 01, 2024). Payment can be made by personal check or money order. Credit card payments will be accepted for the tour cost at the time of booking at 4% surcharge. Reservations received after January 01, 2024 may incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: If a passenger cancels his/her tour membership there will be a cancellation fee of \$100.00 per person to cover administrative and communication costs up until 121 days before departure. For cancellations 120-91 days before departure the cancellation fee will be \$250.00 per person. There will be no refund for cancellations within 90 days of departure, no-shows, or partially completed tours. All cancellation requests must be addressed to Goodshepherd Travel in writing. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

FARE INCLUSIVE: Roundtrip air transportation from Detroit, MI (DTW) or (as indicated on the registration form. Nine (9) nights hotel accommodations, based on two people sharing a double or twin-bedded room in four hotels. All meals as outlined in the brochure consisting of full Local breakfasts (B), and dinners at the hotel (D). Sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary by private motor coaches, utilizing the services of a Government licensed, local English-speaking tour guide. Entrance fees for attractions if applicable. All transfers between airports and hotels by private motor coach. Service charges and taxes normally levied by hotels and restaurants. All U.S. & Italian departure taxes are included in the price of the tour. Tips to guides, motor coach drivers, hotel porters, and restaurant staff (i.e., maitre d', table waiter, etc.) are **Not included**. The brochure price is per person in US dollars.

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HOTELS: Tour prices are per person, based on two people sharing a room in Deluxe hotels. Single rooms are subject to availability and at an additional cost of \$950.00 our participants without a roommate will have to pay single room surcharge).

BAGGAGE: You may check no more than one (1) piece of luggage who's overall

dimensions does not exceed 62 inches (length + width + height) and whose weight does not exceed fifty (50) pounds in total. Checking a second bag will cost up to

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DISABILITIES: Due to the difficult terrain at sites we visit, persons requiring oxygen or oxygen therapy will not be permitted on the tour. For reasons of passenger safety and well-being, persons with impaired mobility, vision, or mental capacity will not be permitted on the tour. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to refuse passage to someone who is in such physical or mental condition as to be unfit for travel or who may require care and attention beyond that which the tour guide and tour host can provide. The tour requires a substantial amount of walking and the sites are not accessible by wheelchair.

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PASSPORT: A valid passport is required and must be obtained in person by each tour member. Complete instructions and application forms for passports can be obtained by contacting your local courthouse or post office.

PRICE CHANGES: Tour conditions and air fares are subject to Governmental, IATA, ARC, and airline regulation requirements in effect at the date of and during the tour. All rates are quoted in US dollars and are based on tariffs and costs in effect in January 2024 and are subject to change without notice. Taxes and fuel surcharges of \$684.00 are included in your tour cost and are subject to change without notice. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to pass along additional fuel surcharges or additional taxes imposed by the airline.

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ACCEPTANCE: Registration for trip and payment of deposit constitutes your acceptance of the "Fine Print."

<p><u>Trip date:</u> April 01 - 11, 2024</p>	<p>Package Price: \$4390.00 From Detroit, MI (DTW) Single supplement: \$950.00 (Private Room)</p>
<p><u>Package price includes the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet & Assist at Rome Airport upon arrivals and departures. • Nine nights' accommodation in Italy in double occupancy with breakfast and dinner. • 10 days sightseeing in modern air-conditioned private bus. • English speaking government licensed Christian guide on duty. • Wine with dinners • Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary • Spiritual activities • Luggage handling (1 piece per person) • portfolio of all travel documents • Lunches 	<p><u>Package price does not include the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soft drinks. • Tips for Guide, Driver . • All Personal Expenses. • Travel Insurance. • All prices reflect a 4 cash discount and is forfeited when using a Credit card <p>I agree to the conditions as stated above</p> <p>Signature: _____ Date: _____</p> <p><small>Notes: All prices are in US Dollars based on per person in a double room, Pax rooming alone is subject to single supplement, and maximum capacity of the bus is 50 Pax. All prices are VAT inclusive</small></p>

RESERVATION APPLICATION

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Pilgrimage to Italy
April 01 - 11, 2024
Group Reference Number: **R021924**



PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

Full Name (as printed on your passport):			
First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:	
Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):		Date of birth:	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Mailing Address:	Street:	Mobile phone:	Home phone:
City:	State:	Zip code:	Work phone:
Email address:			

PASSPORT INFORMATION

Country of citizenship:	Passport number:
Passport date of issue:	Passport date of expiration:
Frequent flyer number:	Known traveler number:

ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

Please check one: Double/Triple occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy (Private Room) \$950.00 additional <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>*All prices are in US Dollars based on per person in a double/Triple room, Passengers rooming alone is subject to single supplement*</i>
If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:
If choosing single occupancy, would you be willing to share a room with another person? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please list the name, relationship, and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:
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I agree to the terms and conditions as stated in this tour contract:
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please enclose a copy of current passport and a deposit of **\$500.00 per person** made payable to

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