

# PILGRIMAGE to ITALY



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## October 14 – 25, 2024



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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) \* Padua\* Venice \* Florence \* Siena**

### **DAY 1: Monday, Departure**

Depart USA on an overnight flight to Italy.

### **DAY 2: Tuesday, Arrival / Padova, City of St Antony**

Early morning arrival at Venice 's airport. We will meet our tour manager after the baggage claim area, continue to Padova where we will explore the **Basilica of St. Anthony** and *celebrate Mass* Then transfer to the hotel-for dinner and overnight **(D)**

### **DAY 3: Wednesday, Venice, La Serenissima**

We enjoy the entire day in Venice. An incredible site awaits us as we approach this romantic city by private. In the morning we visit the **Basilica of St Mark**, including the incredible PALA D'ORO, and walk through the city to see the most famous bridges: Rialto and Bridge of Sights. Break for lunch. The afternoon is at our leisure for optional tours (Murano and Burano islands to visit the glass factory) or Gondola ride. Return to the dock by boat and transfer to the hotel-for dinner and overnight **(B. D)**

### **DAY 4: Thursday, Venice / Pisa / Florence**

Depart Venice after breakfast, to Pisa (approx. 4 hrs. drive) - Meet the guide to visit the monuments: **Duomo and Baptistry**. Time at leisure for lunch and for an optional visit to the **Leaning Tower** (313 steps to climb to reach the top) - Continue to Florence, check in at the hotel, dinner and overnight **(BD)**

### **DAY 5: Friday, Florence The Cadre of Renaissance**

After breakfast in the hotel this morning, we meet our local guide, and we will 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 the day's *piece de resistance* is unquestionably the pinnacle of our bus tour: we'll enter **The Academia Gallery**, the location of Michelangelo's incredible marble statue of David! We'll visit the busy **San Lorenzo Market** in the heart of the city! The swarm of colors and delicious smells is truly a kitchen gourmet's muse with its plethora of artisan breads in all shapes and sizes, tables overflowing with fruits and vegetables fresh from the farms and surrounded by an immense variety of cheeses and cured meats. Gourmands and wine connoisseurs alike lap up the morning inside this fabulous market, followed by a Florentine wine & cheese tasting extravaganza. Rest of the afternoon is at leisure to explore Florence on your own. A site not to be missed is the Ponte Vecchio, a bridge covered since medieval times with goldsmiths' shops featuring a Florentine specialty—handcrafted gold jewelry, with other unique creations. We meet up again at an authentic Florentine wine bar. This exclusive food-lovers' excursion allows you to be guided by a distinguished *sommelier* as he matches four traditional wines with a luscious tasting of an assortment of locally sourced artisan cheeses accompanied by the many other authentic Italian food pairings that are traditionally served with wines—such as fresh figs, truffle honey, aromatic strawberry preserves, aged balsamic vinegars from Modena, and fresh breads. In the afternoon continue with the walking tour, to see **Baptistry of St. John, (Outside)** 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 then return to our hotel for dinner and overnight **(BD.)**

**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.

**DAY 6: Saturday, Florence / Siena/ Assisi**

After breakfast we check out and drive to **Siena** where we delight in exploring the birthplace of one of the most popular saints, **St. Catherine** [1347-1380 CE], patron saint of Italy and of Europe. This ancient city is also famous for its cuisine and the rich red color of its medieval cityscape. The historic center has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

We meet the guide to see the city's major treasures, including the fabulous marble Gothic **Duomo Cathedral**, the **Piazza del Campo**—town square—Continue to Assisi. Check in at the hotel, dinner and overnight **(BD)**

**DAY 7: Sunday, Assisi**

This morning, we will have a guided tour of this famously charming and historic city, birthplace of the beloved St. Francis! We will visit the **Church of Santa Chiara** and then we proceed to the site where St. Francis was born: the house where he spent his childhood. We reach the very heart of the town, the **Piazza del Comune** (Town Hall square), with its Roman and medieval buildings, continuing towards the ancient city walls to the **Basilica of St. Francis** built above the inspiring final resting place of the saint. The interiors of the basilica are intricately decorated with frescoes from the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries depicting the various stages of the saint's life and spiritual transformation to a life of poverty and dedication to the poor) After break for lunch and for shopping, in the afternoon we also explore **Santa Maria DegliAngeli** built over the place where Francis lived in his later years. We will see the **Portiuncola Chapel**, and the **Chapel of Transit**. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight **(BD)**

**DAY 8: Monday, Assisi / Lanciano / San Giovanni Rotondo**

After a good breakfast, we check out and drive to **Lanciano**, to visit the Church of St Francis. This Church is the site of the Eucharistic Miracle that occurred in the eighth century. Celebrate Mass. Continue to San Giovanni Rotondo Check in at the hotel, Dinner and overnight at the hotel **(BD)**

**DAY 9: Tuesday, San Giovanni Rotondo / Rome**

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. After break for lunch we depart to Rome, where we arrive in the evening. Check in at the hotel, dinner and overnight **(BD)**

**DAY 10: Wednesday, 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 **(BD)**

**DAY 11: Thursday, 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 **(BD)**

**DAY 12: Friday, Departure**

After breakfast we will transfer to the airport for our flight home. We will arrive home on the same day. **(B)**

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**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 April 14, 2024 final payment is due no less than 90 days prior to the departure date of the tour (July 14, 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 July 14, 2024 may incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms.

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

Trip date:  
October 14 - 25, 2024

Package Price: **\$4490.00 From Atlanta, GA (ATL)**  
Single supplement: **\$950.00 (Private Room)**

**Package price includes the following:**

- Meet & Assist at Rome Airport upon arrivals and departures.
- Ten nights' accommodation in Italy in double occupancy with breakfast and dinner.
- 11 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
- Wine with dinner
- Private boat transfers in Venice

**Package price does not include the following:**

- Lunches and 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

I agree to the conditions as stated above

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

**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

# RESERVATION APPLICATION

**Spiritual Leaders: The Rev. Timothy J. Watts and Dcn. Keith Kolodziej**

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Group Reference Number: **R101424**



## PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

<b>Full Name</b> (as printed on your passport):			
First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:	
<b>Name</b> (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):		<b>Date of birth:</b>	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Frequent flyer number:</b>	<b>Known traveler number:</b>

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<b>Please check one:</b> Double/Triple occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy ( <b>Private Room</b> ) \$950.00 additional <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>I agree to the terms and conditions as stated in this tour contract:</b>
Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

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