

# ROME "THE ETERNAL CITY"



Fr. Constantine Nasr

September 16 - 27, 2024

**\$4690 From Chicago, IL (ORD)**  
*Available from other cities (surcharge applies)*

## Package Price Includes:

- Roundtrip Airfare
- All Nights accommodations in double occupancy luxury hotels
- 2 Course meals breakfast and dinner Daily
- 11 days sightseeing in modern air conditioned private bus
- English speaking government licensed tour guide on duty
- Spiritual activities at different historical sites
- And much more

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# Rome Pilgrimage Itinerary

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Rome (Pope Francis) \* Venice \* Florence \* Assisi (St. Francis) \* Milan

### Day 1 – Depart for Rome

Make your way to your local airport where you will board your overnight flight(s). Your meals will be served on board.

### Day 2 - Arrive Rome

Welcome to Rome! Also known as, “The Eternal City.” Upon arrival at Rome Airport, you will collect your luggage in the baggage claim area and continue to the Arrival’s Hall where you will be greeted by a tour guide and/or driver. Make your way to the Bus where your group will transfer to your hotel. Following check-in, dinner and overnight. (D)

### Day 3 – Rome: Papal Audience – Trevi Fountain / Piazza Navona

Today the Pope takes the weekly Papal Audience, in case you are interested in joining the pilgrims in San Peter Square. In the afternoon we can visit the Vatican Museums, the Sistine chapel and San Peter’s Basilica. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight (BD)

### Day 4 - Rome: - Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls - Catacombs

In the morning, we will visit Catacombs of St Priscilla. Then continue visiting Basilica of St Paul outside the Walls and the Church of Cosmas and Damian. Break for lunch - In the afternoon continue visiting Basilica of St Mary Major which is the largest in Rome dedicated to the Blessed Mother. We will also visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran which is the oldest of the major basilicas and ranks first as the actual “parish church” of the Pope (Bishop of Rome). There we will learn about the Scala Sancta (Holy Stairs). Tradition has it that these steps, said to be the staircase leading once to the praetorium of Pilate at Jerusalem, are sanctified by the footsteps of Jesus Christ during his Passion. Visit also Basilica of Holy Cross in Jerusalem. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (BD)

### Day 5 - Rome –Roman Forum - Colosseum

In the morning we visit the church of San Giorgio al Velabro, which according to the tradition, houses the head of St George. Continue with the church of St Maria in Cosmedin, with its famous “ bocca della verità” and finally we reach the church of San Teodoro al Palatino is a 6th-century church in Rome. It was dedicated to Theodore of Amasea and given to the Orthodox community of Rome by Pope John Paul II in 2004. It and is located on an ancient road between the Roman Forum and Forum Boarium, along the north-western foot of the Palatine Hill – Continue our walking tour passing by the Roman Forum and the Colosseum. After break for lunch we enjoy time at leisure in the city centre. We will see the most beautiful fountains and squares of Rome: Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, Navona Square. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight (BD)

### DAY 6 - Rome - GROTTAFERRATA - ASSISI

This morning, we will drive to Grottaferrata, a village near Frascati in the area known as Castelli Romani. Here we will visit the Abbey of Santa Maria di Grottaferrata also known as the Abbey of St Nilo in honor of the saint of Calabria who founded it with a group of followers. This is a monastery exarchs maintained by Byzantine monks. The religious complex is located in the heart of Grottaferrata and the decor of the façade reminiscent the style of oriental world. Beside the church we can admire the great bell on the door, while inside we find a splendid mosaic that depicts Mary Mother of God.

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The church's interior is in Baroque style and retain the original structure with three naves. Along the south aisle we'll find the Farnese Chapel, decorated with frescoes depicting the stories of St Nilo. In the Abbey is preserved the work of Gian Lorenzo Bernini depicting "Mary and Child". After a break for lunch tasting local product as porchetta, we will drive to Assisi. Check in at the hotel, dinner and overnight. (BD)

### **Day 7 – ASSISI**

This morning we will visit the Church of St. Clare, which houses her incorrupt body. One of the chapels contains the crucifix that bowed its head and ordered St. Francis to “repair God’s Church”. Afterwards, we will tour the Basilica of St. Francis built in 1228 to house the Relics of the saint. The “upper “basilica houses beautiful frescoes of Giotto which describe the life of St Francis and his community. Some time at leisure for shopping. In the afternoon we will drive to Rome. Check in at the hotel, dinner and overnight. (BD)

### **DAY 8 - ASSISI / FLORENCE**

After breakfast at the villa we travel to Florence (2 hr and half drive) where we meet our local guide for a 2 hours walking tour to discover why Florence is the undisputed cradle of the Renaissance era. Here one almost breathless art and culture in its charming medieval streets, in craftsmen's workshops, Renaissance palaces, and the world-renowned museums. The legacy of the Medici family is found in the works of Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, and Botticelli. Explore Piazza della Signoria, the Baptistry of St. John, and Michelangelo’s Gates of Paradise. We walk to the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, with the imposing cupola by Brunelleschi and Giotto’s Bell Tower. We’ll then visit the busy San Lorenzo Market in the heart of the city! Enjoy the site of artisan breads in all shapes and sizes, tables overflowing with fruits and vegetables fresh from the farms, and the immense variety of cheeses and cured meats. Choose your lunch at the market- In the afternoon we continue our walking tour to Ponte Vecchio, and then we visit the Basilica of Santa Croce, where famous Italian artists such as Michelangelo and Machiavelli are buried. Check in at our hotel. Dinner and overnight (BD)

### **DAY 9 - FLORENCE / RAVENNA / VENICE**

After breakfast, we will drive to Ravenna, filled with breathtaking early Christian mosaics from the Byzantine period. The mosaics span the years of Roman and Byzantine rule. The town converted to Christianity in the 2nd century AD. Ravenna is a medley of old streets, fine shops, and peaceful piazzas. After lunch, we continue our drive to Venice. Check in at our hotel, dinner and overnight. (BD)

### **DAY 10 -VENICE**

After breakfast, we depart our hotel by bus to reach the dock – From here, by private motorboat, we reach Venice in 30 minutes by sea. In the morning, there will be a guided tour to see the Doge’s Palace (outside), the Basilica of St. Mark (inside) and Cathedral of St George. Break for lunch. In the afternoon we will enjoy a short boat ride to San Giorgio dei Greci. This church was the center of the Scuola dei Greci, the Confraternity of the Greeks in Venice. For centuries, despite the close ties of Venice to the Byzantine world, the Greek Orthodox rite was not permitted in Venice Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (BD)

### **DAY 11- VENICE / MILAN**

After breakfast we drive to Milan, for a walking tour which includes: the Duomo, the Cathedral of Milan, started being built in 1386. It is the third largest church in the world, after St Peter’s in Rome and the Cathedral of Seville in Spain. It is overall made in marble, with immense statues, arches, pillars and pinnacles. The statues are about 3500, including the 96 gargoyles. The highest pinnacle is at the height of 108, 5 meter and has at his top the statue of Our Lady covered in gold. The afternoon is at our leisure for shopping in the fashion district of Milan. Check in at the hotel. Dinner and overnight (BD)

### **DAY 12 - DEPARTURE**

Transfer to the airport for departure. (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 March 16, 2024. Final payment is due no less than 90 days prior to the departure date of the tour (June 16, 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 June 16, 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 Chicago, IL (ORD) or (as indicated on the registration form. Eleven (11) 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.

**TOUR ITINERARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE:** Goodshepherd Travel constantly strives to adhere to the specifics shown in the itinerary; however, circumstances may necessitate changes. Such circumstances may require changes without advance notice during the tour. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to change the itinerary if unforeseen circumstances beyond our control force a change. Goodshepherd Travel is not responsible for any changes caused by unforeseen circumstances.

**TOUR CANCELLATION:** Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to cancel or withdraw the tour at any time. In the event of a cancellation deemed necessary by Goodshepherd Travel, the sole and exclusive responsibility of Goodshepherd Travel is to refund all monies received.

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**AIR ROUTINGS:** The brochure price includes IATA jet economy class transportation from the international departure city applicable on all IATA and ARC carriers, based on the 6/45-day Apex fare to the Middle East. Goodshepherd Travel. Reserves the right to choose the air carrier, routing, and departure time for each passenger. Airfares used are based on contracted group fares and are highly restrictive. Payments for and restrictions on airline tickets are governed by the applicable fare. Cancellation fees levied by the airlines are applicable if you cancel or change your air ticket for any reason after purchase of air ticket. Ticketing must be completed 45 days prior to departure. Group fares do not permit deviations; passengers who wish to deviate may arrange their own airfare. An airline credit of \$1250.00 will be given to those passengers who arrange their own airfare. Passengers planning to arrange their own air transportation must notify Goodshepherd Travel. In writing on or before June 16, 2024. Seat numbers will be assigned by the airline at check-in; specific seat requests cannot be guaranteed. Passengers are responsible for providing frequent flyer information upon check-in.

**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 \$890.00 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

\$100.00. Each passenger may also bring one (1) piece of carry-on luggage. Tips to hotel porters are included for one normal sized piece of luggage, excluding carry-on bags which must remain in your possession at all times. These regulations may change without notice so please read the monthly correspondence you will receive from Goodshepherd Travel for the most current information. Garment bags cannot be carried. Under no circumstances may dangerous articles such as firearms, explosives, oxygen, or combustible substances be contained in any baggage. Medications, valuables, passports, and a change of clothing should be packed in your carry-on bag.

**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.

**INSURANCE:** Acting only as agents for suppliers, Goodshepherd Travel is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of luggage and/or personal belongings, or for personal injury, accident, illness and/or death as a result of any occurrences or conditions beyond its control, including, but not limited to, defects in vehicles, breakdown in equipment, strikes, terrorist attacks, hostage situations, kidnappings, hijackings, protests, riots, public demonstrations, or theft. For your protection, it is important that you have adequate insurance to cover these possibilities. Additional information and application forms for all types of coverage will be supplied you prior to departure.

**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 September 2023 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"

<u>Trip date:</u> September 16 - 27, 2024	<b>Package Price: \$4690 From Chicago, IL (ORD)</b> <b>Single supplement: \$890.00 (Private Room)</b>
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<b><u>Package price includes the following:</u></b>	<b><u>Package price does not include the following:</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet &amp; Assist at Rome Airport upon arrivals and departures.</li> <li>Eleven nights' accommodation in Italy in double occupancy with breakfast and dinner.</li> <li>11 days sightseeing in modern air-conditioned private bus.</li> <li>English speaking government licensed Christian guide on duty.</li> <li>Wine with dinners</li> <li>Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary</li> <li>Spiritual activities</li> <li>Luggage handling (1 piece per person)</li> <li>portfolio of all travel documents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lunches and Soft drinks.</li> <li>Tips for Guide, Driver .</li> <li>All Personal Expenses.</li> <li>Travel Insurance.</li> <li>All prices reflect a 4% cash discount and is forfeited when using a Credit card</li> </ul>

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 Leader:**  
**Fr. Constantine Nasr**  
Pilgrimage to Italy

(September 16 - 27, 2024)

Group Reference Number: **R091624**

## 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>	<b>Male</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Female</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	Street:	<b>Mobile phone:</b>	<b>Home phone:</b>
City:	State:	Zip code:	<b>Work phone:</b>
<b>Email address:</b>			

## PASSPORT INFORMATION

<b>Country of citizenship:</b>	<b>Passport number:</b>
<b>Passport date of issue:</b>	<b>Passport date of expiration:</b>
<b>Frequent flyer number:</b>	<b>Known traveler number:</b>

## ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

<b>Please check one:</b> Double/Triple occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy ( <b>Private Room</b> ) \$890.00 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>
<b>If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:</b>
<b>If choosing single occupancy, would you be willing to share a room with another person?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

<b>Please list the name, relationship, and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:</b>
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<b>I agree to the terms and conditions as stated in this tour contract:</b> Signature: _____ Date: _____
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Please enclose a copy of current passport and a deposit of **\$500.00 per person** made payable to

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