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A Pilgrimage to ASSISI & Rome

## In the Footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi June 3 - 12, 2024









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#### June 3 - Depart the USA

Our Italian adventure begins as you depart the USA on your international flight.

#### June 4 - Arrive in Italy - Orvieto, Assisi

On arrival at the Rome airport, you will be met and transferred north by coach through the stunning countryside. Stop at the Franciscan Sanctuary of Rivo Torto. Finish your day by checking in to your Assisi hotel for dinner and your overnight stay. (D)

#### June 5 – Assisi

This morning, wake up to the atmospheric sounds of chapel bells, cobblestone footsteps and a tangible spirit of St. Francis preserved within the walls of this holy town. In the morning, you will visit the Papal Basilica of St Francis, the mother church of the Franciscan Order and burial place of St. Francis. This Basilica, which was begun in 1228, is built on the side of a hill and comprises an Upper and Lower church. These are decorated with numerous frescoes by late medieval painters, including Giotto. Continue your guided pilgrimage of the town's highlights featuring the Basilica of St. Clare, where you can kneel before the famous crucifix from which Jesus spoke to St. Francis. Also, visit the Cathedral of San Rufino. Stop at the house of St. Clare. In the afternoon, visit the Church and Convent of St. Damiano, which is where, in 1205, St. Francis received his calling to "Rebuild My Church." St. Claire would later lead her Order of the Poor Ladies from here until her death in 1253. You will have time for private devotion and leisure before returning to your hotel for your overnight stay. Dinner is on your own tonight. (B)

#### June 6 – Assisi

After breakfast, visit the Sanctuary of the Carceri. In the afternoon, visit the lower city. The Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels stands at the foot of the hill of Assisi over the Porziuncola - Saint Francis' Church given to him by the Benedictine monks. You will have time for private devotion and leisure before returning to your hotel for your overnight stay. Dinner is on your own tonight. (B)

#### June 7 – La Verna Sanctuary

This morning, depart for La Verna Sanctuary. It is perched in an amazing setting in the forest on a high rocky promontory, visible from a distance. The sanctuary sits on the site where it's believed that Saint Francis received the stigmata. You will have time for private devotion and leisure before returning to Assisi for your overnight stay. (B)

June 8 – Greccio and Rome

After breakfast, you'll begin your journey to Rome. En route, stop in Greccio to visit the Sanctuary. Set within the rock like an eagle's nest, the Greccio hermitage is an extraordinary fusion of architecture and nature. The Sanctuary is famous because Saint Francis of Assisi chose it as the backdrop to one of the highest and most lyrical moments in his life: the first recreation of the Bethlehem Nativity in Christianity on Christmas Eve, 1223. Upon your arrival to Rome, enjoy a visit to the Forum and the Colosseum, once the heart of ancient Rome and a place of martyrdom for the early saints. You'll explore the romance of Rome as you stop at the famous Trevi Fountain. Legend says those who toss a coin into the fountain will one day return to Rome to toss another into the waters of Trevi. Check into your hotel for your overnight stay. (B)

#### June 9 – Rome

After breakfast, enjoy the opportunity to join in praver with Pope Francis and receive his greeting, blessing, and prayers. Begin your afternoon with a visit to the Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran. Six popes are entombed here. Next door is the Holy Staircase (Scala Santa), brought from Pilate's Palace in Jerusalem by Saint Helena in the 4th century. Climbing the stairs on your knees is a devotion that many pilgrims perform, and a plenary indulgence is granted for completing this feat. Next is the Basilica of Saint Lawrence Outside the Walls (San Lorenzo). Saint Lawrence was one of the first seven deacons of Rome, martyred in 258. The church is built next to catacombs that lead down to his grave. The relics of Saints Justin Martyr and Stephen are also enshrined here. Continue your pilgrim journey to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major (Maria Maggiore). This is the largest Marian church in Rome. Its construction began after the Council of Ephesus in 431 proclaimed that Mary was the Mother of God. Saint Jerome, translator of the Bible into the Latin Vulgate, is buried here. Celebrate Mass in one of the churches here. Dinner is on your own tonight. (B)

#### June 10 – Vatican

Enjoy a guided tour of the Vatican's Museums and the Sistine Chapel. Built by connecting portions of the old papal residence with newer structures, the museum houses a world-renowned collection of art and antiquities. Michelangelo painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel between 1508 and 1512 and later painted The Last Judgment between 1535 and 1541 for Popes Clement VII and Paul III. The primary function of the chapel is the papal conclave, providing the place where the College of Cardinals of the church gathers to elect a new pope. Then, walk through St. Peter's Basilica and celebrate Mass here. The present structure, completed in 1590, was built over the Byzantine and Middle Ages structures that marked the tomb of Saint Peter. There are more than 100 tombs within the basilica, including, most recently, Saint John Paul II. Finish the day at the Pantheon, built by Marcus Agrippa during the reign of Augustus (27 BC to 14 AD). Emperor Hadrian rebuilt it around 126 AD. The building was given to Pope Boniface IV, who converted it into a church - Saint Mary and the Martyrs (Santa Maria Rotunda). Mass continues to be celebrated here. Dinner is on your own tonight. (B)

#### June 11 – Pilgrimage in Rome

This morning, you will begin your day at the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls. The present structure stands over the place where Constantine built the first church over Saint Paul's grave. The church features a portrait of every pope who has served the church, with the face of Pope Francis I illuminated as the present pontiff. Step beneath the surface into the Catacombs of Callixtus, built along the Appian Way. Here, sixteen popes from the 2nd through 4th centuries were interred, though they have been removed to various churches over the centuries. San Sebastian Outside the Walls is another of the seven Pilgrimage churches, built over the Catacombs of Saint Sebastian. The remains of Peter and Paul were temporarily protected here during the Valerian Persecution of 258. Our seventh and final pilgrimage stop is the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem. Saint Helena brought Passion relics here, and the floor was covered with soil from Jerusalem. Relics here include the index finger of Thomas that touched the wounds of Christ after His resurrection and a piece of the Good Thief's Cross. Those who want to complete the seven-church pilgrimage as declared by Saint John Paul II in 2000 can continue to one more stop at the Shrine of Our Lady of Divine Love. Here, a pilgrim pursued by dogs appealed to Our Lady, and she intervened for his safety. Pilgrims began to frequent the site, and a chapel was built here in 1745. Celebrate Mass in one of the churches. Dinner is on your own tonight. (B)

#### June 12 – Return to the USA

Return home with memories of the people and places of Assisi and Rome or continue with the extension to San Giovanni Rotundo.

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner



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# EXTENSION



## San Giovanni Rotundo & Pompeii June 12 - 16, 2024 Starting at \$1,298\*

## June 12 – Tivoli / San Giovanni Rotundo

Depart Rome and travel to Tivoli, the resort villas of Roman emperors and others who sought to escape the crowds of Rome. This afternoon, travel to San Giovanni Rotundo for dinner and overnight. If a priest is traveling with the group, Mass will be held in San Giovanni Rotundo. (B, D)

## June 13 – San Giovanni Rotondo – Padre Pio – Mount St. Angelo

Visit the Padre Pío Pilgrimage Church, erected in 2004, and walk the Way of the Cross on the forested hillside nearby. This afternoon, we will continue to Mount St. Angelo. The Sanctuary of Mount St. Angelo was built in the 13th century by Charles of Anjou. The archangel Michael appeared here in 490, 492, and 1656, consecrating the shrine and sacred cave. You'll have time for reflection and prayer before returning to your hotel for your overnight stay. Dinner is on your own this evening. (B)

#### June 14 – Sorrento

This morning, you will travel to the Sorrento area and visit one of the beautiful Amalfi Coast villages. Check into your hotel for dinner and your overnight stay. (B, D)

#### June 15 – Pompeii / Rome

You will visit the spectacular ruins in Pompeii, which were covered by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D. The city remained buried and undiscovered for almost 1500 years until excavation began in 1748. These excavations continue today and provide insight into life during the Roman Empire. Continue to Rome for your overnight stay. Dinner is on your own this evening. If a priest is traveling with the group, Mass will be held in Pompeii. (B)

#### June 16 – Return to the USA

Transfer to the airport for your return to the USA.

Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.

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#### **TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM**

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Host: <u>Deacon Will Tribbey</u>	ID#	57121	Tour: <u>RM24</u>
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Tour Selection: Basic Program Only Add San Giovanni Extension

#### Roommate(s):

If No Roommate: Try to Match Me Single Room (availability limited)

Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan:

Travel Protection coverage cannot be added after you have paid in full.

Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable. 2

Coverage begins when your premium payment is received by EOT (separate from deposit & clearly designated as your travel protection premium). Premium must be paid in full no later than 02/19/24. 3

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#### DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED

Payment: \$\_ \_\_\_ Check #\_\_\_\_\_ (Payable to Educational Opportunities Tours)

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By signing and submitting the registration form, I/we certify that I/we have read Passenger Agreement, Program Conditions, and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure, understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the Program Conditions and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to the submitted of the statements of Responsibility of the brochure and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees

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#### **Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates**

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Payment Amount	Payment Due Dates & Notes			
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Full Payment	Final Payment is due on 03/20/24. If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.			
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