



**10-DAY PILGRIMAGE • NOVEMBER 3 - 12, 2024**

# **EXPERIENCE ITALY**

**FAITH, CULTURE, & ART**

**WITH ROSE SWEET, ELIZABETH WESTHOFF,  
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**Trip Code = 3621**



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# Daily Itinerary



Assisi

## **DAY 1: USA / ROME**

(Sunday, Nov. 3rd) Your pilgrimage begins today as you depart on your flight to Rome.

## **DAY 2: ROME / ORVIETO / ASSISI**

(Monday, Nov. 4th) Upon arrival in Rome, we will board our touring vehicle, exit the airport, and stop at the Fiumicino Fuel Stop for a hot chocolate and croissant. We will then travel through the Umbrian hills to Orvieto. We will visit the Orvieto Cathedral, where the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena is kept. After celebrating Mass, our group will enjoy a welcome lunch at a local restaurant, including the famous regional Orvieto Classico wine. Afterward, we will travel to Assisi for dinner and overnight accommodations at your hotel.

## **DAY 3: ASSISI: ST. FRANCIS BASILICA / CHURCH OF ST. CLARE**

(Tuesday, Nov. 5th) After breakfast, we will visit St. Mary of the Angels Basilica and the Porziuncola (the tiny church within the church with a famous indulgence). Next, we will continue to the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, where his body is entombed. After Mass, we will walk through this quaint little town. After lunch (on your own), you'll have some leisure time. Afterward, we will visit the Basilica of St. Clare and the Chapel of San Damiano, where St. Francis received his call to rebuild the Church. Today's last stop will be the Sanctuary of the Spoliation, where we will see the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis in the Church of St. Mary Major. Dinner will be at a local restaurant tonight, with wine tasting overlooking the Umbrian hillside. Overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Assisi.

## **DAY 4 FLORENCE / ASSISI**

(Wednesday, Nov. 6th) Following breakfast, we will travel to Florence. Upon arrival, we will celebrate Mass at the Santa Croce Church, followed by a city tour. We will see Michelangelo's statue of David at the Academy of Fine Arts, followed by the Gothic-style Ponte Vecchio Duomo and the Baptistery, with its celebrated bronze doors. After lunch (on your own), you'll have time to explore more of Florence before returning to Assisi for dinner and overnight accommodations at your hotel.

## **DAY 5: ASSISI / ROME**

(Thursday, Nov. 7th) After breakfast, we will check out of the hotel and drive to the beautiful, picturesque city of Rome! Upon arrival, we will visit and celebrate Mass at the church of St. Paul Outside the Walls. After lunch at a local restaurant, we will enjoy a city tour, exploring more famous Roman sites such as the Colosseum, Roman Forum, and Castel Sant'Angelo. Tonight's dinner will be at a local restaurant. Overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## **DAY 6: ROME: ST. PETER'S BASILICA / VATICAN MUSEUM**

(Friday, Nov. 8th) After breakfast, we will visit St. Peter's Basilica, where St. Peter, the first Pope and Bishop of Rome, was martyred. We will view Michelangelo's Pieta and the tomb of Saint John Paul II in St. Sebastian's

Chapel. Next, we will explore the underground grottoes and visit the tomb of Pope Benedict XVI. We will then celebrate Mass, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon, we will tour the Vatican Museum, including the Raphael Rooms and Sistine Chapel, and see Michelangelo's Masterpiece, the restored mural of the Last Judgment. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## **DAY 7: ROME: WALKING TOUR OF FOUNTAINS AND SQUARES**

(Saturday, Nov. 9th) After breakfast, we will visit the Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps, and the Pantheon. We will also see the Piazza Navona, St. Ignatius Church, St. Monica Church, and Santa Maria sopra Minerva, where St. Catherine is buried. After lunch (on your own), we will head over to the Trinita Dei Pellegrini for Mass. Pope Benedict made it the parish church for the exclusive celebration of the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite in 2008. The care of the church was given to the FSSP. Dinner will be on your own tonight, and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## **DAY 8: ROME: BASILICA OF ST. MARY MAJOR / BASILICA OF ST. JOHN THE LATERAN / SCALA SANTA / SANTA CROCE IN GERUSALEMME**

(Sunday, Nov. 10th) After breakfast, we will begin our day at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, which is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother and contains a relic from the Manger of Jesus. After celebrating Mass, we will visit the Basilica of St. John the Lateran, which was the primary basilica of the Catholic Church before St. Peter's and where Pope Francis was installed as Bishop of Rome. The relics of Peter and Paul are kept here as well as wood from the table used during the Last Supper. Next, we will visit the Scala Santa (the Holy Steps). These are the steps Jesus walked on during his Passion in Jerusalem, leading up to Pontius Pilate's praetorian. They were brought to Rome by Saint Helena in the 4th century. Afterward, we will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and continue to Santa Croce in Gerusalemme, a minor basilica that holds fragments of the true Cross brought to Rome by St. Helena. Dinner will be on your own tonight and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## **DAY 9: ROME**

(Monday, Nov. 11th) After breakfast, we will journey along the Ancient Appian way to see the Church of Domine Quo Vadis, where tradition says Saint Peter had a vision of the risen Christ while fleeing persecution in Rome. Christ gave him the courage to follow him to martyrdom, as foretold in the Gospels. After celebrating Mass, we will visit the Galleria Borghese to see Bernini & Caravaggio art. After lunch (on your own), you'll have free time this afternoon. Our farewell dinner will be at a local restaurant and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## **DAY 10 RETURN TO USA**

(Tuesday, Nov. 12th) After breakfast, we will transfer to the airport for our return flight home.

St. John the Lateran



Orvieto



Florence



Trevi Fountain



## Included

- Round Trip airfare from New York (JFK) (other departure cities available upon request)
- All airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- All hotel and city taxes
- First Class hotels (price based on double occupancy)
- Private, luxury motorcoach with A/C for airport transfers and travel throughout Italy
- Buffet breakfast daily at your hotel
- 4 Restaurant lunches (including one wine-tasting lunch)
- 3 Restaurant dinners (including one wine-tasting dinner overlooking the Umbrian hillside)
- 3 hotel dinners
- Wine/beer at all included hotel and restaurant dinners
- Customized, intentionally planned, detailed itinerary
- All sightseeing and admissions fees to sites, as per itinerary
- Confirmed Daily Mass (locations are tentative and subject to confirmation)
- Professional, Experienced Catholic Tour Guide
- Whisper listening sets
- Luggage handling at all hotels (one suitcase per person in/out)
- All Tips included for the guide, bus driver, portorage (luggage handling), and wait staff (for included meals)
- Travel Portfolio, including name tags, luggage tags, etc.
- Medical insurance (during pilgrimage only)

## Not Included

- Personal Expenses
- Airport transfers for 'land only' travelers
- Trip Cancellation Insurance
- Any items not explicitly mentioned in the listed inclusions
- 4 lunches and 2 dinners on your own
- Beverages at meals, unless otherwise noted
- Church donations

## Registration

- Fill out the registration form completely; names must match passport exactly.
- Provide a clean copy of your passport picture page with your registration; passports must be current six months after your return date.
- A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$300 is due at registration.
- Mail registration form, passport copy & deposit to Nativity Pilgrimage — 15710 JFK Blvd., Suite 225, Houston, TX 77032
- Full payment must be received 07/26/24 (100 days before departure date).
- For registration information & payments, contact Deisi at (832) 406-7050 ext. 109 or [deisi@nativitypilgrimage.com](mailto:deisi@nativitypilgrimage.com)

# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## Your Package Includes

**Air Transportation:** Economy class and round-trip fares are based on the time of the reservation. Rates and times are subject to change without notice. Airfares, once issued, are non-refundable, non-transferable, and cannot be used towards future travel.

**Land Transportation:** All land transportation as described in the itinerary will be by Deluxe Motor Coach. Some may be equipped with Wi-Fi service.

**Hotels:** Your hotels will be first-class with double occupancy (2 people per room with a private bath). Neither Nativity Pilgrimage nor the trip coordinator are responsible for providing a roommate.

**Single Room:** There is an additional cost of \$800 per person as specified on the registration form. Single rooms are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Meal Plan:** The meal plan offers two (2) meals per day: Breakfast & Dinner.

**Baggage:** Nativity Pilgrimage limits all passengers to one (1) piece of checked luggage and one (1) carry-on. All passengers should check with the airlines carriers for up to date baggage weight and dimensions.

**Airport Fees:** Airport Taxes, Portage, Fuel Surcharges and Security Fees

**Medical Protection Plan** During the Trip

**Tips/Gratuities:** All tips included for the guide, bus driver, portage (luggage handling), and wait staff (for included meals).

## Your Package Does Not Include

**Cancellation Protection Plan:** We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance upon registration.

**Passport Expenses:** Passports or any additional documents that may be required Passports must be valid after 6 months of return date.

**Personal Items:** Laundry, other beverages (wines, liquors, mineral water, tea, coffee, etc.) and food that are not on the menus of your included meal package, and any additional luggage.

**Non-itinerary fees:** Any sightseeing, other services, or personal items that are not specifically mentioned as being included in the itinerary.

**Lunch:** Your meal plan offers two (2) meals per day: Breakfast & dinner. You are responsible for lunch or any other meals specified in your itinerary.

## General Travel Information

**Group Air:** Group Air differs from individually purchased airline tickets in that it is subject to the terms and conditions of the airlines. For this reason, we need to receive your registration and full payment by the payment deadline. After that date, registrations may be subject to a different air rate, ticketing method, or on a different airline. Additional fees and charges may apply. Group air flights are confirmed 60 - 90 days prior to departure.

**Departure Cities:** If your departure city is not listed on the brochure, indicate which airport you would like to depart from on the registration form. We will provide you with the best possible price and flight schedule in order to connect with the group. Additional fees and charges may apply.

**Land-Only Option:** If you would like to book your own air travel, indicate on your registration form that you want the "Land Only" option. By booking your own air, you may select your seat, airline, and travel schedule, use airline miles/points, provide airline reward program information, and make any special requests directly with the airline. No changes can be made after the final payment deadline. Land-only services begin and end at the hotels unless you are able to meet the group at the airport. Land-only travelers are responsible for their own airport transfers.

## Important Nativity Pilgrimage Policies

The airline selects seat assignments for group air, not the tour operator. Seat upgrades are available for registered travelers, by request. Quoted rates for an upgrade are subject to change until payment is received. Some upgrades are not available until the group tickets are issued.

**Seat Upgrades:** Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives an upgrade request, we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee the acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily)

**Seat Location Requests:** Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives a seat location request, we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

**Other Special Requests:** Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives a special request, such as a wheelchair, food, etc., we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily)

## Booking Conditions

**Deposit:** A non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 per person is required at the time of booking. No reservation will be processed without a deposit.

**Payment Deadline:** Full payment is due 07/26/24 (100 days before departure). Late registrations received after the deadline require an additional \$100 (subject to availability). If payment is not made in full 50 days prior to departure, your payments are non-refundable.

You may use any major credit card to pay your deposit online. There is an additional 3% late fee for each credit card transaction. We also accept checks, money orders, Zelle payments, and ACH transactions.

## Late Payment Policy

Customers will receive Late Fees if they are not paid in full:

100 days - 61 days prior to departure.....\$150

60 days - 30 days prior to departure.....\$300

30 days - day before departure.....Subject to cancellation

Customers are also responsible for any difference in fare due to late payment (subject to availability). Refusal to pay will be considered a cancellation.

## Cancellation/Refund Policy

We hope that nothing will prevent you from taking your pilgrimage with Nativity Pilgrimage, however, should you need to cancel your cancellation must be in writing via email or letter. It will be effective on the date of receipt. The following cancellation fees will apply:

### Days Prior to Departure

100 + Days

99-50 Days

49 Days

### Charge

Lose Deposit

50% of trip cost

100% of trip cost

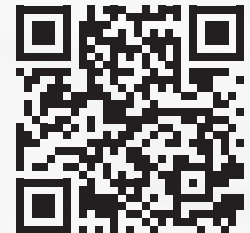
Insurance premiums are non-refundable. We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance to avoid these cancellation fees.

## Protect Your Trip



Follow the link or scan the QR code to view our Travel Protection Plan details.

<https://nativity.trawickinternational.com>



## Responsibility

Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. and their agents assume no liability or responsibility in regards to travel in any form for any injuries or loss of property, accidents, delays, changes in schedule or itinerary, incidental damages or any irregular circumstances. This would include, but not limited to, default or omission by any third party providing services or facilities related to and/or included in the tour or any part thereof.

The IATA carriers, steamship firms and other transportation companies, whose services are featured in these tours, are not to be held responsible or accountable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their respective conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passengers and Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. does not assume any liability or responsibility in connection therewith. They are not responsible for any losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, guarantees, or other causes. All such losses or expenses shall be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. The right is reserved to substitute hotels of similar quality to those specified in the itinerary. Nativity Pilgrimage reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. Refund details vary upon each trip. No refund will be made for any used portion of the tour unless arrangements are made prior to departure from the United States. Prices and itineraries are subject to change without notice if booking conditions are not complied with.



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