

SHRINES OF NORTHERN ITALY & ROME

9 DAY TOUR FROM MILAN TO ROME

Catholic heritage in Italy extends well beyond the Vatican. Discover the inspiring Catholic Italian icons of northern Italy. From Milan's St. Ambrose to Turin's St. John Bosco and Padua's St. Anthony, you'll collect memories and inspiration that will remain with you for life. Visit the Holy Shroud Museum in Turin and the Gothic Duomo in Milan, and marvel at the unique beauty of the Carthusian Monastery of Pavia. Discover the history of musical notes at the Abbey of Pomposa and admire in awe the early Christian works of art of the Byzantine era in Ravenna. Spend two full days in Rome, focusing on the Papal legacies. Attend the Papal Audience (subject to availability), visit the four major Basilicas of Rome, join Mass, and collect in prayer at many inspiring places of worship instilling a sense of solemnity and serenity. Enjoy a special treat as you visit the Papal summer residence in Castel Gandolfo and its gardens, the perfect spot to meditate surrounded by beauty.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 ARRIVE IN MILAN, ITALY

Check into your hotel and, if you have time, start exploring this busy city on your own before meeting your tour companions and Tour Director during the included welcome dinner at your hotel.

Dinner

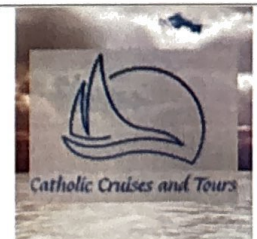
Day 2 MILAN

Dedicate the morning to Milan's most important Catholic churches: St Ambrose Basilica and the Gothic Duomo. St Ambrose is the patron saint of beekeepers, beggars, learners, and Milan. Celebrate Mass and discover the treasures of the Basilica and the Duomo with a Local Guide.

Breakfast

Day 3 MILAN-TURIN

Turin is known in the Catholic community worldwide as the home of the Holy Shroud, only available to the public on very special occasions. The city was also home to St. John Bosco, the priest who founded the Salesian religious institute to help poor children with their education during the industrial revolution. Your visit includes the Holy Shroud Museum, the



Basilica of St Mary Ausiliatrice, and St John Bosco's rooms. You'll have time to appreciate the elegance of this city and former capital of Italy before attending Mass.

Breakfast

Day 4 TURIN-PAVIA-PADUA

Pavia boasts a beautiful Carthusian Monastery, built in the 1400s by Gian Galeazzo Visconti, Duke of Milan. The monastery is one of Italy's "hidden treasures" with lavish decorations. It is still inhabited and looked after by monks who still live a traditional life of seclusion and prayer.

Breakfast/Dinner

Day 5 PADUA-POMPOSA-RAVENNA

Attend morning Mass and visit St. Anthony Basilica in Padua with a Local Guide, then enjoy a short city sightseeing tour and time on your own. In the afternoon, on the way to Ravenna, we'll stop to see the Abbey of Pomposa, where the Benedictine monk Guido d'Arezzo invented modern musical notation in the 11th century.

Breakfast

Day 6 RAVENNA-ROME

UNESCO declared the early Christian monuments of Ravenna as having "outstanding universal value." Ravenna was the seat of the Roman Empire in the 5th century and of Byzantine Italy until the 8th century. It has a unique collection of early Christian mosaics and places of worship. The Neonian Baptistry, the Basilica of St. Apollinare Nuovo, St. Vitale Church and the Archbishop's Chapel of St. Andrew were all constructed in the 5th and 6th centuries. They show great artistic skill, including a wonderful blend of Greek-Roman tradition, Christian iconography, and Asian and Western styles. The morning is dedicated to discovering these masterpieces and focusing on the Byzantine-style mosaics with a Local Guide. In the afternoon, travel to Rome.

Breakfast/Dinner

Day 7 ROME

Today you have the unique chance to attend the Papal Audience in the Vatican (subject to availability). Afterwards, enjoy an included city tour with a Local Guide to see the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, where St. Paul was buried after his martyrdom, St. John Lateran Basilica, the Cathedral of Rome, and seat of its Bishop (the Pope) and the Holy Stairs. Said to have led Jesus to the praetorium of Pontius Pilate, the stairs were transferred to Rome by Empress St Helena. Finally, visit St. Mary Major Basilica, where a reliquary contains wood from the Holy Crib. Attend Mass here before returning to your hotel.

Breakfast

Day 8 ROME

A special treat today: visit the Papal Summer Residence in Castel Gandolfo. Wander through its manicured gardens, an opportunity to reflect and meditate in quiet and relaxing surroundings. Walk through the rooms where many Popes have spent the summer months enjoying the cooler countryside on the hills outside Rome. Later, you can join the optional excursion that will take you back to St. Peter's to discover the treasures of the Vatican museums, or you can spend time at leisure enjoying the many monuments of ancient Roman heritage.

Breakfast

Day 9 ROME

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

Breakfast

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Tour Start Date	Tour End Date	Land Price
August 29, 2024	September 6, 2024	\$2129
September 14, 2024	September 22, 2024	\$2129
October 3, 2024	October 11, 2024	\$1949
May 1, 2025	May 9, 2025	\$2724
June 11, 2025	June 19, 2025	\$2529
August 28, 2025	September 5, 2025	\$2499
September 14, 2025	September 22, 2025	\$2499
September 25, 2025	October 3, 2025	\$2499