

# Pilgrimage to Italy With Father Pat O'Connor

Featuring: Assisi, Loreto, Lancia, San Giovanni Rotondo,  
Monte Sant'Angelo, Sorrento and Rome

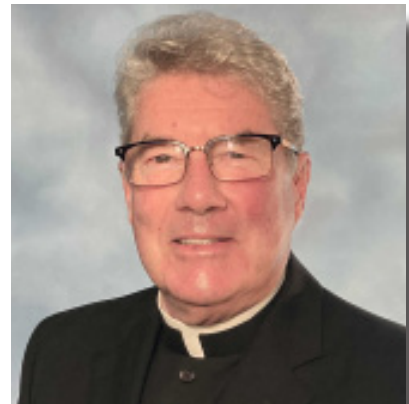
## JOIN FRIENDS OF FATHER PAT O'CONNOR AND FRED SZCZEPANSKI ON A FOURTEEN DAY PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

OCTOBER 2ND TO OCTOBER 15TH, 2024 PRICE IS \$5,387.00 PER PERSON  
FROM DETROIT, MI. BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY  
OR \$6,443.00 FOR A SINGLE OCCUPANCY

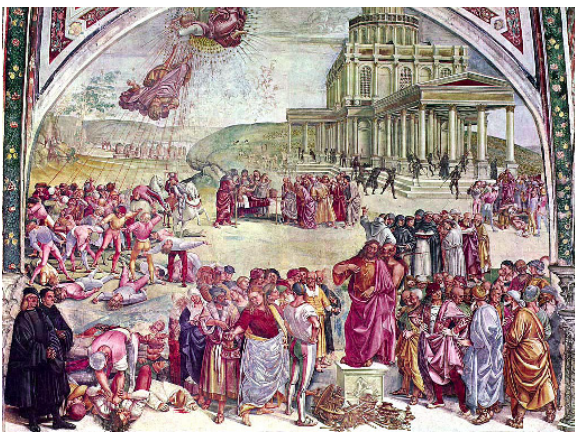
### Your Tour includes:

- Round trip air transportation from Detroit to Italy and return
- 11 night's hotel accommodations
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Deluxe motor coach transportation in Italy
- Knowledgeable and experienced coach drivers
- Meals per itinerary
- All sightseeing per the itinerary
- Bilingual Christian guide throughout
- Educational Christian Tours tour manager
- All entrance fees where required
- Based on tariffs in effect as of January 2024
- All gratuities for hotels and meals
- Tips to guides and drivers

Not included: Luggage handling in airports



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**Day 1: Wednesday, October 2 – DETROIT/ROME**

Depart from Detroit Metropolitan airport on the flight/s to a gateway city and on to Rome. Dinner and breakfast will be served on board. (M)

**Day 2: Thursday, October 3 - ROME/ASSISI**

Arrive in Rome and, after clearing customs, meet the tour leader. Proceed boarding the motor coach for a drive through the Umbrian countryside referred to as the “green heart” of Italy to reach the peaceful town of Assisi. Celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving for a safe arrival at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, before reaching the hotel in Assisi where, after check-in, dinner will be served. (B, D)

**Day 3: Friday, October 4 - ASSISI**

Today, Feast Day of St. Francis, patron saint of Italy, enjoy a free morning possibly to view or take part in the town’s procession from the town center to his tomb or just enjoy the festive atmosphere. In the afternoon, a guided tour will include the Basilica of St. Francis, the Basilica of St. Clare, St. Francis’ birthplace and the Piazza del Comune. (B, ?)

**Day 4: Saturday, October 5 – ASSISI/LORETO/PES-CARA**

Celebrate an early Mass, possibly at the Tomb of St. Francis. Then board the coach to reach the Adriatic Coast to the Marian shrine of Loreto to admire the Holy House of Mary, transported by angels to this hill. Mass will possibly be celebrated here. Finally, reach the hotel in Pescara, where dinner will be served. (B, D)

**Day 5: Sunday, October 6 – PESCARA/LANCIANO/SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO**

In the morning, ride south to reach the town of Lanciano and celebrate Mass possibly at the Church of St. Longinus, site of the first Eucharistic Miracle, in the nearby town of Lanciano. Visit the church and explore the town for a spot to enjoy your free time for lunch. Continue to San Giovanni Rotondo, home of Padre Pio, and arrive in time for dinner which will be served at the hotel. (B, D)

**Day 6: Monday, October 7 – SAN GIOVANNI ROTON-DO/MONTE SANT’ANGELO/SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO**

This morning, celebrate Mass, then experience your faith grow as you visit the Monastery Shrine of Padre Pio. The shrine is home to two churches, the older Our Lady of Grace Church (Santa Maria delle Grazie) with its stunning wall of mosaics and the new Padre Pio Pilgrimage Church that was designed by the lauded Italian architect Renzo Piano. See Padre Pio’s tomb and prayer cell inside the Our Lady of Grace Church and take a stroll to see the Way of the Cross monument on a hill overlooking the church. In the afternoon, travel along the stunning Gargano Peninsula to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel, a shrine consecrated by St. Michael. Tonight, enjoy dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

**Day 7: Tuesday, October 8 - SAN GIOVANNI ROTON-DO/POMPEII/SORRENTO**

Before leaving San Giovanni Rotondo, Mass will be celebrated at a selected church. Continue southwest to Sorrento, a sea resort town on the Tyrrhenian coast, stopping along the way in Pompeii to visit the excavations of the Roman town which was buried in one of the most disastrous volcanic eruptions, in 79 A.D. Reach the hotel in time for dinner which will be served at the hotel. (B, D)

**Day 8: Wednesday, October 9 – SORRENTO/CAPRI/SORRENTO**

Hop onboard a catamaran which will take you to the breathtaking island of Capri, the most famous in the Mediterranean. Upon arrival, weather permitting, visit the Blue Grotto (entrance fee not included), a miracle of equilibrium between water, light, and reflections of wonderful sea floors. A panoramic tour of the island will include a stop in Anacapri where you will have free time for lunch and shopping. Return to Sorrento and scout independently a local restaurant for dinner. (B, L)

**Day 9: Thursday, October 10 – SORRENTO/MONTECASSINO/CASSINO**

After breakfast, utilize the free morning to enjoy the lively atmosphere as you stroll the streets lined with shops offering local inlaid wood products as well as an endless variety of limoncello decanters and glasses. Right after lunch, depart for Montecassino, a small-town home of the sacred relics and monastery of St. Benedict, the patron saint of Europe and the founder of western monasticism. Your visit includes the historic Abbey, where Mass will be celebrated. Continue to the hotel for check-in and dinner. (B, D)

**Day 10: Friday, October 11 – CASSINO/ROME**

Early departure for Rome, the Eternal city, at the Catacombs a network of underground cemeteries which are a vivid sign of the origin of Christianity. After free time for lunch, tour of the impressive Vatican Museums. Walk through some of the most unique rooms and view the works of art of famous artists, the Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo’s masterpiece “The Last Judgment” and visit the most magnificent of churches, St. Peter’s Basilica. This evening, savor dinner at a restaurant near the hotel. (B, D)

**Day 11: Saturday, October 12 - ROME**

In the morning, possible Scavi Tours, the excavations beneath St. Peter’s, will be arranged. After free time for lunch, continue with a guided tour of the major basilicas of Rome including the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the largest church of Rome; the Cathedral of Rome, St. John Lateran; and the 4th-century Basilica of St. Paul’s Outside the Walls. In the evening, explore independently for one of Rome’s abundant restaurants. (B, L)

**Day 12: Sunday, October 13 - ROME**

The last day in Rome begins with a Mass celebration, possibly at the Vatican Grottoes. Afterwards, linger in St. Peter’s Square and receive the Papal Blessing from Pope Francis. The rest of the day is filled with a ride to the Colosseum for a panoramic view of massive Roman amphitheater, the Roman Forum and visit the Church of St. Peter in Chains. Dinner will be at a restaurant near the hotel. (B, D)

**Day 13: Monday, October 14 - ROME**

Admire in the morning’s guided tour the iconic Spanish Steps, the famous Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, built in the 1st century once a temple dedicated to all gods, currently a Catholic Church where many illustrious deceased are buried and, lastly, the Piazza Navona with another of Bernini’s masterpieces, the Four Rivers Fountain. The rest of the day has been left open for last-minute shopping, sightseeing, or packing. In the evening, an “Arrivederci Roma” toast is in order at the Farewell Dinner. Let the wine flow as you tune in to some of Italy’s most famous melodies. (B, D)

**Day 14: Tuesday, October 15 – ROME/HOME**

This morning you will be accompanied by your tour leader to the airport and helped with check-in formality to board the flight home. (B, M)

**M: Meals served on board –**

**B: Breakfast –**

**L: Lunch –**

**D: Dinner**



## Fr. Pat O'Connor PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

October 2 – 15, 2024

TRIP NUMBER: 25-05FrPatOConnor

### TRIP PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUAL PAYMENTS

Thank you for joining Fr. Pat O'Connor Pilgrimage to Italy. Please read the following information carefully. Payments made individually may be made in the following ways:

1. ACH Payment (no fee to pay in this method)
2. Credit or Debit Card Payment with MasterCard, Visa, or American Express (applicable fees apply)

When registering, make sure to click [Read More](#) on the "About this Trip" page if the page does not expand automatically. You will find information about Travel Protection, our Cancellation Policy and our Terms and Conditions. *You will need to acknowledge these sections in your registration process.*

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***This is the link where you can purchase a Travel Protection Plan: [CLICK HERE](#)***

The Trip cost is **\$5,387** per participant for **double** occupancy and **\$6,443** per participant for **single** occupancy. We have allotted \$1,200 for your airline ticket. Your trip cost may vary slightly depending on the final cost we are provided.

Payments are due on the following dates:

		AMOUNT DUE PER PERSON	
		Double Room	Single Room
1st Payment	Upon Registration	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
2nd Payment	03/31/24	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 3,500.00
Final Payment	06/30/24	\$ 987.00	\$ 1,243.00

**REGISTRATION:** Each person must register for the trip by clicking [HERE](#) or typing this address into your web browser: <https://tri.ps/kcF09>. You will make your payments on this site as well. You will receive emails when payments are due. Here are some helpful tips:

- After reviewing the Home Page information, click on the green **Select** button for the package you prefer.
- Select the number of individuals you are registering with your booking.
- Click the green **Continue** button, and then answer the registration questions. (Do NOT create an account – check out as guest. You can create your password right there to manage your account online.)
- Click **Continue to Payments**.
- You will receive one or two emails right after your booking is complete. Both are important!
  1. One is a welcome email with information to mark email addresses as safe and information to purchase travel protection.
  2. The other only comes if you did NOT set a password. It will have a link in this email for you to set a password to help you manage your booking online if not already done.
- Mark "@tours-eti.com" and "@wetravel.com" as safe senders and safe domains in your email service provider so you receive all messages/emails that are sent from this registration and payment portal.

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This is our **Full Trip** Cancellation Policy:

FULL TRIP CANCELLATION POLICY FOR THIS TRIP:	TERMS
90 days or more prior to departure	Full Refund LESS non-refundable payments and LESS a \$100 Cancellation Fee
89 to 60 days prior to departure	Full Refund LESS non-refundable payments and LESS a \$250 Cancellation Fee
59 to 30 days prior to departure	Full Refund LESS non-refundable payments and LESS a \$300 Cancellation Fee
29 days or less prior to departure	No Refund Granted

*Thank you for joining this trip!*

*If you have any trip questions, please contact one of the following:*

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**HAVE A BLESSED TRIP!**