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2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage

11- 22, May 2025

Venice - padova - Florence - ASSISI - CASCIA - LORETO
LANCIANO - SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO - ROMA



DAY 1- SUNDAY, 11 MAY | LOS ANGELES – ITALIA

Departing from the international airport of Los Angeles to Venice, Italia.

DAY 2- MONDAY, 12 MAY| VENICE

Late afternoon arrival at Marco Polo airport in Venice. .. Meet Italian tour escort and transfer at hotel in **PADOVA** for check . Time permitting we will visit the **Abbey** where **St. Anthony** is buried.... **Anthony , the Saint of poor people**, *he wanted to live side by side with the most humble and poor class of society, taking on as his own their sufferings and the contradictions in which the populace groaned, abandoned to the arrogance of the strong, unprotected from the violent. Anthony fought courageously to restore each man with his original image and resemblance to God, opening his heart to receive the Gospel of the Kingdom carried by the Saviour.*

"He brought brothers in discord together in peace; he gave freedom back to prisoners; he caused the restitution of that which had been robbed through usury or violence He liberated prostitutes from the obscene market, and thieves famous for misdeeds held back from laying their hands on the things of others." Return at hotel for dinner and overnight

DAY 3- TUESDAY, 13 MAY|VENICE

Buffet breakfast at the hotel when the times allows transfer to Venice for a full day of excursion part by boat and on foot in this fascinating town. In the morning a guided tour to visit the **Doge's Palace**, the **Basilica of St. Mark the Evangelist**. Rest of the day at leisure for an **optional** "Gondola ride" , for shopping or to discover the city on your own Return at hotel in PADOVA in the late afternoon Dinner and overnight. Mass will be Celebrated in the Basilica of St. Anthony

DAY 4- WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY| PADOVA-FORLI-FLORENCE

Buffet breakfast at the hotel, then transfer to FORLI Visit he **Sanctuary of Saint Pellegrino** located in the historical city Centre in the Sanctuary where the body of the Saint is preserved a service for the ill is hold on Wednesdays at 5.00 pm. Names of ill peoples are collected and then place near the urn. The ill who cannot attend the service or are faraway can join us by starting a large **Prayer Chain:"One for All and All for One"**. On the afternoon transfer to Florence Today's destination is regarded as the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance and is one of the most beautiful and inspiring cities of the world with its rich artistic, historic and spiritual heritage. Florence is birthplace or chosen home of Dante, Boccaccio, Leonardo da Vinci, Botticelli, Machiavelli, Michelangelo, Donatello, Galileo, We will be treated to a wonderful tour of this *Cradle of Renaissance*, allowing us to see many unforgettable sights such as the domed cathedral of the city, **Santa Maria del Fiore**, **Florence's Duomo**, **Piazza della Signoria**, Giotto's Bell Tower, the bronze "gate of Paradise, of **St. John's Baptistery** Balance of the day at leisure to explore additional treasures of Florence and shop on your own. Transfer at hotel, dinner and overnight



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DAY 5- THURSDAY, 15 MAY | FLORENCE-ASSISI

Buffet breakfast at the hotel then transfer to **ASSISI**, *Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace (attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi)* Upon arrival in Assisi, visit the **Church of Santa Maria degliAngeli**, containing the famous **Porziuncola** The very ancient chapel, venerated for an apparition of angels within it, was originally property of the Benedictines of Subasio. It was located on a piece of land known as the Portiuncula; this name became attached to the chapel. After a long period of abandonment, it was restored by St. Francis. Here he was given a dear understanding of his vocation. He founded here the Order of Friars Minor (1209), "establishing here his home", In the afternoon, sightseeing tour includes visits to 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, you 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** mass will be celebrated here at the Basilica of St. Francis

DAY 6- FRIDAY, 16 MAY|ASSISI-CASCIA-LORENTO

Breakfast at the hotel then transfer to **Cascia** to visit the shrine of Santa Rita and celebrate Mass. When the times allows transfer to **Loreto** to visit the **house of the Virgin Mary**, which arrived from the Holy Land this precious relic was brought to Italy after the fall of the kingdom of the Crusaders in the Holy Land. Recent studies of stones and graffiti and other documents, purifying the tradition of legendary elements, confirm and certify the authenticity of the holy house. The shrine of Loreto has been for centuries and is still one of the places of pilgrimage of the most important of the Catholic world. E 'was visited by about 200 saints and blessed, and from above. Dinner and overnight in Loreto.

DAY 7 - SATURDAY, 17 MAY|LORETO-LANCIANO-SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

Buffet breakfast at the hotel then transfer to **Lanciano** visit the site of the **Eucharistic Miracle** The host that turned to flesh and the wine that turned to visible blood in the 8th century *"Let us devote ourselves entirely to knowing God. The more we know Him, the more we want to know Him. Since love is generally measured by knowledge, the deeper and more extensive the knowledge, the greater will be the love. And if our love is great, we will love Him equally in pain and consolation."* - Brother Lawrence **Mass will be Celebrated at Santuario del Miracolo Eucaristico**. At the afternoon transfer to **San Giovanni Rotondo**. Dinner and overnight

DAY 8 - SUNDAY, 18 MAY| SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO-MONTE SANT ANGELO

O, Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners, and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender mother and ours. ,
Buffet breakfast at the hotel then visit the convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie where Padre Pio lived and the modern Padre Pio Pilgrimage Church built in 2004 behind Santa Maria delle Grazie Church. Celebrate Mass, if possible on the Tomb of San Pio. In the afternoon, enjoy a breath taking view for the Gargano Peninsula and visit to the Grotto of St,. Michael Archangel. Six different popes, Saint Francis and at least four other saints have knelt in prayer at this grotto where St. Michael appeared in the 4th century This is the only building of worship in the Roman Catholic Church not consecrated by humans, it was consecrated by St. Michael himself Return at hotel, dinner and overnight



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DAY 9 – MONDAY, 19 MAY | SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO-MUGANO DEL CARDINALE – ROME

Buffet breakfast at the hotel, then transfer to Mugnano del Cardinale, to visit the Shrine of Santa Philomena which houses the earthly remains of the Saint The young virgin martyr St. Philomena lived in the 3rd century world dominated by the Roman empire' love of power, hedonism and decay. Celebrate Mass , After lunch, continue towards north – Arrive in Rome in the late Afternoon- Check in at hotel, dinner and overnight

DAY 10 – TUESDAY, 20 MAY | ROME –ANCIENT ROME-BASILICAS

We greet the new day in a city nicknamed Caput Mundi (Capital of the World) and The Eternal City, not only because Rome has always been the hub of art, education, high culture and politics in the western world, but because it is also a spiritual capital and a powerful center of pilgrimage

After breakfast, we will walk through the very core of Roman antiquity. We tour **Trajan's market, Nero's Golden House, Trajan's Forum and Column, Arch of Constantine**, House of Knights of Rhodes. Next, we proceed to the **Mamertine Prisons** (where St Peter was held prisoner), the **Roman Forum** (the civic heart of the Roman Republic), the **Coliseum**

On the afternoon visit the one of the **Major Basilicas** to pass through the holy doors, ceiling of the **Basilica of St. Mary Major** is said to be decorated with gold that Columbus brought back from the new world. This basilica, the largest in Rome dedicated to the Blessed Mother, is part of the day's "Christian Rome" tour, and has beautiful Biblical mosaics, a marble floor, bell tower and one of the oldest shrines (containing a relic from the manger of the infant Jesus) dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. 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. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight

DAY 11 – WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY | PAPAL AUDIENCE – VATICAN MUSEUMS

Early morning transfer to San Peter's Square to attend the Wednesday Papal Audience, Then enjoy guided tour of the **Vatican Museums** which house what can be described as the most important collections of art in the world. The history and awe surrounding the galleries and all the treasures they contain will truly transfix us. Highlights include The Tapestry Gallery, The Raphael Rooms, and The Sistine Chapel where we will gaze on Michelangelo's incredible masterpiece. We will also enter St. Peter's Basilica which has the largest interior of any Christian church in the world and which has been described as the reason Rome is still the center of the civilized world. Tradition and historical evidence hold that St. Peter's tomb is directly below the altar of this basilica, which American Ralph Waldo Emerson described as *an ornament of the earth... the sublime of the beautiful*. Next we will have the chance to marvel at Bernini's beautiful bronze canopy and Michelangelo's Blessed Mother holding her crucified son, known as the **Pieta**. Time permitting, we will visit the tomb of Pope John Paul II, Return to hotel for dinner and overnight

DAY 12 – THURSDAY, | 22 MAY DEPARTURE

Transfer to airport after breakfast, board a flight back home. END OF OUR SERVICES.