

FAITH

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Starting from \$3,418 per person*

*Prices are based on double occupancy, CAD, and include all taxes & port charges. Travel insurance, extra nights, airport transfers and airfare are additional. Please inquire. Deposit amount is \$250 per person and non-refundable.

Spiritual Highlights of Italy - Faith-Based Travel

9 DAY TOUR FROM ROME TO ROME

On this inspirational tour, you'll have the opportunity to visit the Catholic icons of Rome, such as the four major Basilicas, the Scala Sancta and the Papal summer residence of Castel Gandolfo; attend the Papal Audience, learn about some of Italy's beloved Saints, and celebrate Mass. Learn about St. Pio of Pietrelcina, a modern-day saint, visit the Shrine of Monte Sant'Angelo, gather in prayer at the Sanctuary of the Eucharistic Miracle in Lancia, reflect in the Holy House of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Loreto, and admire the timeless beauty of the Basilicas of St. Francis and St. Clare in Assisi. Italy is a must for Catholic travelers and art lovers.



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DAY 1

ARRIVE IN ROME, ITALY

Welcome to Italy! Check into your hotel, with the rest of the day free to explore on your own. This afternoon, meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers, and prepare for your upcoming spiritual journey. Later this evening, a welcome dinner awaits at your hotel.

Meals (Dinner)

DAY 2

ROME

This morning, attend the Papal Audience (subject to availability) for the chance to see the Pope and receive the Papal Blessing. Later, with a Local Guide, visit two of Rome's major Papal Basilicas. First visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the cathedral church of Rome where the Pope has his seat as Bishop of Rome. Experience the Scala Sancta (Holy Stairs), transported from Jerusalem to Rome around 326 AD by St. Helena, Emperor Constantine's mother. These 28 marble steps are traditionally ascended in a kneeling position with a prayer recital dedicated to Jesus Christ. Then, visit the impressive St. Mary Major Basilica, where a reliquary contains wood from the Holy Crib, and attend Mass.*

Consider joining an optional excursion to the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel, home to some of the world's greatest masterpieces.

For operational reasons, changes to the Rome program cannot be excluded.

Meals (Breakfast)

DAY 3

ROME. EXCURSION TO CASTEL GANDOLFO

A different, quite unique experience is offered today. We will take an included excursion to Castel Gandolfo, a quaint village in the hills outside Rome, to visit the Papal summer residence and its manicured gardens with a Local Guide. This is a unique chance to see the rooms that have been occupied by many Popes over the

centuries. Enjoy the opportunity to reflect and meditate in the garden's quiet and relaxing surroundings. En-route back to Rome, stop and visit the Papal Basilica of St. Paul outside the walls. Later this afternoon, enjoy time to relax in Rome or select an optional excursion, perhaps with a deeper look at Roman history by exploring the early Christian site of secret worship and burials in the underground catacombs.*

Today's Distance: 56 mi / 90 km

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Meals (Breakfast)

DAY 4

ROME-PIETRELCINA-SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

On your way south, stop in quaint Pietrelcina, to visit the house where the beloved St. Pio was born, before heading towards San Giovanni Rotondo on the east coast, the Saint's home from 1916 until his death in 1968.

Today's Distance: 258 mi / 415 km

Meals (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 5

SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO. EXCURSION TO MONTE SANT'ANGELO

Attend Mass this morning at Santa Maria delle Grazie (Old Church), then visit St. Pio's friary, including his tomb, cell, confessional, and St. Pio Pilgrimage Church (New Church). Afterwards, take a short drive to the nearby Shrine of Monte Sant'Angelo, one of Christendom's most celebrated, where St. Michael the Archangel appeared in 490, 492, and 1656. Tonight, attend the candlelight procession in San Giovanni Rotondo.

Today's Distance: 43 mi / 70 km

Meals (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 6

SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO-LANCIANO-LORETO-ASSISI AREA

Visit St. Francis Church in Lanciano, home of the Sanctuary of the Eucharistic Miracle, and attend morning Mass. Continue to the famous Marian Sanctuary of Loreto for a guided visit including the Holy House, where, according to tradition, angels transported the house of the blessed Virgin Mary. Arrive at the hilltop village of Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis and St. Clare.

Today's Distance: 298 mi / 480 km

Meals (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 7

ASSISI

Today, learn more about St. Francis, patron saint of animals and the environment. Attend early morning Mass at St. Francis Basilica, famous for its 14th-century Giotto frescoes depicting the life of St. Francis. Meet your Local Guide and visit the Upper and Lower Basilicas of St. Francis and the Basilica of St. Clare, founder of the Order of Poor Clares. Next, stop at the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, situated at the foot of Assisi's hills and protecting the Porziuncola, where St. Francis is said to have founded the Order of Friars Minor in 1209, and the Cappella del Transito, where the saint died in 1226.

Meals (Breakfast)



DAY 8

ASSISI AREA-CASCIA-ROME

This morning, travel to Cascia, a scenic town located in Umbria and home of St. Rita, the "Patron Saint of Impossible Causes." Visit the Sanctuary and see the Major Basilica, housing the chapel with St. Rita's tomb. Stop in prayer at the Minor Basilica, site of the Eucharistic Miracle, commemorated each year with the Feast of Corpus Christi. Return to Rome for a final overnight stay.

Today's Distance: 149 mi / 240 km

Meals (Breakfast)

DAY 9

ROME

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

Meals (Breakfast)