

2024 SEASON

# Spiritual Highlights Of Italy - Faith-Based Travel



9 DAY TOUR FROM ROME TO ROME

Tour: 5300

PRINT ITINERARY

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 Lanciano, 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.

## All This. Included.

Adventure is knocking with everything you need for perfectly affordable touring. Cosmos includes hand-selected accommodations, guided sightseeing, and seamless transportation between destinations—with value-minded travelers in mind. Explore with expert Cosmos Tour Directors and Local Guides, complimentary headsets, and private, first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach with free Wi-Fi. Enhance your free time to explore like a local with your CosmosGO mobile app!

Special departures:

Departure May 21 St. Pio's feast day (25 May)

Departure September 19 Anniversary of St. Pio's passing (23 September)



### COUNTRIES

Italy



### MEALS

Breakfast 8Dinner 4

9

DAYS

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COUNTRY

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Day *by* Day

# Itinerary

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## 1 ARRIVE IN ROME, ITALY

Welcome to Italy! Check into your hotel, with 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.

 Dinner

## 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 St. Paul Outside the Walls, burial place of St. Paul the Apostle, St John Lateran Basilica and St. Mary Major Basilica, the Rome's four major Papal basilicas. 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 and attend 🙏 Mass.

🍽️ Breakfast

### 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. In the afternoon, take advantage of time at leisure in Rome or join one of the optional excursions available.

Today's Distance: 50 mi / 80 km

🍽️ Breakfast

### 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

🍽️ Breakfast 🍴 Dinner

### 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 the Padre 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

🍽️ Breakfast 🍴 Dinner

### 6 **SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO-LANCIANO-LORETO-ASSISI AREA**

Visit St. Francis Church in Lancia, 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

🍽️ Breakfast 🍴 Dinner

### 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.

## 8 ~~ASSISI AREA~~ CASCIA-ROME

Travel to Cascia this morning, 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

☕ Breakfast

## 9 ROME

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

☕ Breakfast

Your Local Expert

# Tour Director

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With Cosmos, there's no better way to get to know your destination than through the eyes of a Tour Director. We'd like you to meet one of our Tour Directors, who average over a decade of experience and are representative of the type of expert that will be with you on your vacation.



## JORGE LOZANO LEITAO

Escorting tours for more than 5 years

I'm a daily pilgrim, taking each day as a new opportunity to discover & share about life, people & places. Whilst I now live in Italy, I'm originally from Galicia in Spain and have double nationality due to my Portuguese father. I'm proud to consider Catholic faith-based travelling my specialist field. As I always explain to the pilgrims I'm glad to meet on our way, these experiences transcend the simpler sense of vacation touring as we do not only travel in search of shopping, exploring, leisure, relax or entertainment, but we travel to meet what, somehow, has been part of us from the very beginning of our existence through our identity, our family or cultural heritage: that's pilgrimating, a journey that takes us to redefine our existence according to our beliefs through those sites where these have happened or been commemorated.

Hand-Picked

# Hotels

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After a day of traveling, you want to relax at a comfortable, clean, and attractive hotel. We select hotels with the best guestrooms (always with a private bathroom), service, and food for the money.

ROME

Ibis Styles Roma Aurelia

Via Andrea Ferrara, 33 Rome Italy

 First-Class Hotel as shown or similar

 WiFi

Ibis Styles Rome Aurelia with its colorful and joyful style features a restaurant serving healthy local specialties, a bar where happy hour with Italian aperitifs and cocktails can be enjoyed and a cozy garden. All 229 modern guest rooms are functionally equipped including air-conditioning, flat screen TV with international channels and Free high-speed Wi-Fi- internet access. Located in a quite area just a few miles from the Vatican Museums and St. Peter’s Square & Basilica, a metro station is available within walking distance.

Hotel Amenities

- Free WiFi
  - Restaurant On-Site
- Elevator
  - Bar/Lounge

Room Features

- Air Conditioning
  - Complimentary Toiletries
  - Hair Dryer
  - Desk
- Phone
  - Internet Access
  - Television
  - Cable/Satellite

BV Oly Hotel

Via Santuario Regina Degli Apostoli 36 Rome Italy

 First-Class Hotel as shown or similar

 WiFi

This 103-room property is located in a quiet area of Rome's business district, just a short walk away from San Paolo Metro Station. A smart contemporary dining room offers typical regional dishes and Free Wi-Fi access is provided throughout.

Hotel Amenities

- Free WiFi
  - Fitness Room
  - Hot Tub
  - Restaurant On-Site
  - Bar/Lounge
  - Concierge Desk
- Elevator
  - Spa Services
  - Laundry Available
  - Business Center
  - Luggage Storage

Room Features

- Air Conditioning
  - Complimentary Toiletries
  - Climate Control
  - Television
  - Room Service
  - In-Room Safe
  - Air Conditioning (Seasonal)
- Phone
  - Internet Access
  - Hair Dryer
  - Desk
  - Mini-Bar
  - Cable/Satellite

SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

Parco Delle Rose

Viale Also Moro San Giovanni Rotondo Italy

 First-Class Hotel as shown or similar

 WiFi

This family-run, 205-room hotel boasts a large outdoor area with an Olympic-size swimming pool, a wonderful sun terrace and a room with a grand piano. The in-house restaurant offers both traditional and international cuisine and Free Wi-Fi access is available throughout the property.

Hotel Amenities

- Free WiFi
  - Laundry Available
  - Bar/Lounge
  - Pool
- Elevator
  - Restaurant On-Site
  - Luggage Storage

Room Features

- Wake-Up Calls
  - Phone
  - Complimentary Toiletries
  - Climate Control
  - Hair Dryer
  - Desk
  - Mini-Bar
  - Disabled Access / Rooms
  - Cable/Satellite
- Air Conditioning
  - Non-Smoking Rooms
  - Internet Access
  - Window Opens
  - Television
  - Room Service
  - Alarm Clock
  - In-Room Safe
  - Air Conditioning (Seasonal)

ASSISI AREA

Casa Leonori

Via G. Borsi, 11 / 13 Santa Maria Degli Angeli, Assisi Italy

 First-Class Hotel as shown or similar

 WiFi

Casa Leonori is located in Santa Maria degli Angeli, facing the Subasio Hills on which lies the Assisi Basilica. This 60-room hotel is set in its own courtyard and boasts a a gourmet restaurant and spacious communal areas. The adjacent courtyard offers a nice alternative to relax with its green and peaceful location. Free Wi-Fi internet access is available throughout the property.

Hotel Amenities

- Free WiFi
  - Laundry Available
  - Bar/Lounge
- Elevator
  - Restaurant On-Site
  - Luggage Storage

Room Features

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  - Phone
  - Complimentary Toiletries
  - Climate Control
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  - Internet Access
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