

Shrines of Italy Pilgrimage

Assisi, Loreto, Lanciaano,
San Giovanni Rotondo & Rome

2025 Jubilee Year



Spiritual Director
Fr. Brian D. Konopa

Your Trip Includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- 8 nights accommodation at centrally located first class hotels as follows: (or similar)
 - 3 nights: Sep 30 - Oct 03: Hotel Giotto, Assisi
 - 2 nights: Oct 03 - Oct 05: Centro di Spiritualita Padre Pio, San Giovanni Rotondo
 - 3 nights: Oct 05 - Oct 08: Hotel Michelangelo or Della Conciliazione, Rome
- 4 nights Optional Pre-Tour to Florence and Venice
 - 2 nights: Sep 26 - Sep 28: Hotel Biri, Padua
 - 2 nights: Sep 28 - Sep 30: Machiavelli Palace, Florence
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Walk through the Jubilee Year Holy Door
- Wine and mineral water with dinners
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Whisper headsets
- Assistance of a professional local Catholic guide
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Tips to hotel staff and restaurants
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Flight bag & digital PDF confirmation of all travel documents



Group Leader: Linda Schwartz

Sept. 29 – Oct. 08, 2025

\$5,194 per person
from La Crosse (LSE)

All prices based on double occupancy.

\$929 private/single room supplement

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Optional Pre-Tour to Florence and Venice

September 25 – 30, 2025

\$1,978 per person in double room

\$529 private/single room supplement



Basilica of St. Francis, Assisi



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Sample Daily Itinerary

Day 1, Mon, Sep 29: Depart for Rome

Make your way to your local airport, where you will board your overnight flight(s). Your meals will be served on board.

Day 2, Tue, Sep 30: Arrival in Rome and continue to Assisi

Welcome to Rome, also known as, "The Eternal City." Upon arrival at Rome airport, you will be greeted by a tour escort and driver. Make your way to the bus and head up to Assisi. Following check-in, your group will gather together for Meet and Greet followed by a gentle walking tour of Assisi. Dinner and overnight in Assisi.

Day 3, Wed, Oct 01: Assisi (St. Francis)

As you visit the birthplace of St. Francis, you will become captivated as the atmosphere has not changed since St. Francis began his ministry in the early 13th-century. You will start a tour at the St. Francis Basilica, visit the tomb of St. Francis, view a series of frescoes depicting his life, along with a few of the saint's possessions. Followed by a visit to the Santuario Della Spogliazione where Blessed Carlo Acutis' tomb is placed. Carlo is the first millennial to be declared Blessed who loved the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Continue on a walking tour through this picturesque town, including the birthplace of St. Francis, and end with a tour of the Church that honors St. Clare, the foundress of the Poor Clare Sisters. Enjoy some free time. After lunch, board the bus, which will take you outside of the walls of Assisi, to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. Here is where St. Francis spent most of his life. This Basilica is made up of two structures, both of which you will visit. The first structure is the "Porziuncola" which is where St. Francis founded his order of the Friar Minor (Franciscans). The second is the "Capella del Transito" which is the place St. Francis died. Visit the beautiful Rose Garden where St. Francis and other friars lived, as well as the cave where St. Francis retired to pray. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 4, Thu, Oct 02: Assisi - Gubbio - La Verna - Assisi

After breakfast, drive through the beautiful Umbrian mountains to Gubbio. Enjoy this medieval town with a visit to St. Francis Church to celebrate Mass. Following Mass visit Gubbio, which seems painted onto the hill, a succession of backdrops against which towers and houses stand out, all embraced by walls. St. Francis freed the town from a terrible and fierce wolf who afflicted it. After lunch on your own, continue to La Verna, the place where St. Francis, over the years, had been seven times, the last time in 1224 where he received the stigmata. Pray in the Chapel of the Stigmata, the Basilica, and the Chapel of Saint Mary of the Angels. Admire the beautiful artworks of Andrea della Robbia. Return to Assisi for dinner and your last overnight.

Day 5, Fri, Oct 03: Assisi – Loreto – Lanciano – San Giovanni Rotondo

After breakfast group will leave for Loreto. Our first stop will stop in Camerino, where the Capuchin Franciscan Order was founded in 1528. After a visit and lunch with the friars group will leave for Marian shrine of Loreto to visit the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto. Tradition holds that this is the house in which Mary first prayed the Magnificat, in which Jesus grew to manhood, and in which the Holy Family lived, before it was transported several times by angels, to its current location. Head south along the scenic Adriatic Sea to Lanciano, for private Mass at the Church of St. Longinus- the site of a Eucharistic Miracle that occurred in the eighth century. The group will continue to San Giovanni Rotondo for dinner and overnight.

Day 6, Sat, Oct 04: San Giovanni Rotondo (View Incorrupt Body of St. Padre Pio) - Monte Sant' Angelo

This morning, after breakfast, you will visit the Old Church. After Mass, tour the sanctuary, where you will view the crucifix, in front of which St. Pio received the stigmata. Visit the confessional from where St. Pio spent an innumerable amount of hours listening to confessions. Next, you will board the bus and travel along the beautiful Gargano Peninsula to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel, a shrine consecrated by St. Michael. After some free time we head back to San Giovanni Rotondo, a drive with breathtaking views of the ocean and surrounding countryside. Enjoy time for devotion and reflection before a delicious dinner and an overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo. *Candlelight Procession - Between May and October, attend the weekly candlelight procession at the Sanctuary of St. Pio after dinner, at 9:00 PM. These processions are lit by candlelight and are guided by the Most Holy Rosary. Following this prayerful experience, return to your hotel for a restful overnight.

Day 7, Sun, Oct 05: San Giovanni Rotondo – Pietrelcina - Monte Cassino – Rome

Following breakfast we will make our way to the eternal city of Rome. But first, we'll stop in Pietrelcina to visit the birth city and "Houses of Padre Pio". Next, we'll continue to the famed Abbey of Montecassino, resting place of Sts. Benedict and Scholastica. Continue to Rome – our home for the next 3 nights. Dinner and overnight in Rome. After dinner, you can walk to St. Peter's Square for the Rosary (optional).

Day 8, Mon, Oct 06: Rome: St. Peter's Basilica - Vatican Museum - Appian Way - Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls - Catacombs

Today we tour St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site where St. Peter the Apostle was martyred. View Michelangelo's Pieta sculpture, pray at the tombs of Pope Benedict XVI and St. John Paul II. Next you will visit the Vatican Museum, where you can see the Tapestry Gallery, Raphael Rooms, and Sistine Chapel.

After lunch, continue down the Appian Way, one of the earliest roads built in ancient Rome to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls and the Catacombs. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Day 9, Tue, Oct 7: Rome: Trevi Fountain - Basilica of St. John the Lateran - Holy Stairs - Basilica of St. Mary Major

This morning explore the Rome on a walking tour from St. Peter's to the ancient part of Rome including Castel Sant'Angelo, Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, and the Spanish Steps. Next Trevi Fountain area for some free time and lunch (on your own). This afternoon, visit the oldest of the four major Basilicas in Rome, the Archbasilica of St. John the Lateran, the cathedral church and seat of the Bishop of Rome. Cross the street to the very steps that lead up to the praetorium of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem which Jesus climbed on His way to trial during his Passion. Holy Mass will be celebrated by our priest at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. This Basilica contains a relic from the manger of the infant Jesus. Dinner and overnight.

Day 10, Wed, Oct 8: Rome Airport – USA

After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, your group will leave by motor coach and transfer to Rome Fiumicino airport for return flights home.

Pre-Tour to Florence and Venice:

Day 1, Thu, Sep 25: Depart USA for an overnight flight to Venice.

Your meals will be served on board.

Day 2, Fri, Sep 26: Arrive Venice Airport and transfer to Padua

Welcome to Venice, also known as, "Floating City of Masks and Bridges". Upon arrival at Venice airport, you will be greeted by a tour escort and/or driver. Transfer to your hotel in Padua. Following check-in, your group will explore Padua. This Northern Italian city honors the "Patron Saint of Lost Things and Causes", St. Anthony. You will begin a sightseeing tour of the city, including a view of one of the oldest Universities in Italy, the University of Padua, as well as the Basilica of Santa Giustina, the "Patron Saint of Padua." The tour will conclude at the Basilica of St. Anthony, where you can visit his tomb. Following Mass, you will attend a welcome dinner. Dinner and overnight in Padua.

Day 3, Sat, Sep 27: Padova – Venice – Padua

Today, you will have early breakfast and then board your bus to depart to the magical city of Venice. After Mass, enjoy a tour of the "city paved with water!" Your walking tour includes a visit to St. Mark's Square, the largest square in the city and the site of many government buildings. Visit the Golden Basilica of San Marco, known for the great mosaics that depict the Old and New Testament of the Bible; the Bridge of Sigh, a bridge that will bring eternal love to those who drift below it. Enjoy free time in the afternoon to explore Venice and have dinner on your own. Late this evening, return to Padua for overnight.

Day 4, Sun, Sep 28: Padova – Bologna - Florence

After breakfast, we will continue our journey to magnificent Florence, known as the birthplace of the Renaissance. Stop for an early lunch on your own in the city of Bologna. Upon arrival in Florence, you will notice immediately that it is the land for art lovers. Some of the most world renowned artists are from Florence such as, Dante, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael, Botticelli, Donatello, and many others. This afternoon, you will have the opportunity to explore L'Accademia, the well-known art gallery. At this gallery, you will view the works of artists such as Botticelli, Ghirlandaio, Pontormo and the ever famous sculpture by Michelangelo, David. In the evening gather for dinner, followed by an overnight.

Day 5, Mon, Sep 29: Florence

In Florence, your day begins with breakfast, followed by a guided tour. The tour starts at the Church of the Holy Cross, the Santa Croce, where many nobles are buried. Continue to walk by Piazza Signorina, Palazzo Vecchio, Uffizi, Ponte Vecchio, and Republic Square to the Santa Maria del Fiore. Next, a visit to L'Accademia, the well-known art gallery. View the work from artists such as Botticelli, Ghirlandaio, Pontormo, and the ever famous sculpture by Michelangelo, David. This afternoon you will have time to explore Florence on your own. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 6, Tue, Sep 30: Florence – Siena – Assisi

Enjoy breakfast, followed by a scenic drive to the Tuscan city of Siena. This medieval city is the birthplace of St. Catherine "Doctor of the Church", and the Apostle of Italy, St. Bernardine. Visit the Basilica of St. Catherine where she spent a large part of her life. It is here you will also view the incorrupt head of St. Catherine. Visit the Shrine of St. Catherine, which occupies the site of her family home. Enjoy our walking tour through the Siena including a visit to its Cathedral (Duomo di Siena). We will conclude at one of Italy's finest squares, the Piazza Del Campo (location of the famous annual "Palio"), where the group will enjoy some free time and lunch on their own. Continue on to Assisi, the hometown of St. Francis where you will meet with group. Upon arrival in Assisi, you will enjoy dinner, before retiring to your room for a restful night's sleep.

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