



PROROME



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Join Fr. Mike Mullins and Fr. Eric Bergman

A Pilgrimage to Italy

This pilgrimage brings travelers together for a formative encounter with the Universal Church in the footsteps of the Apostles, martyrs, and saints.

You will stand in the Colosseum where the martyrs gave their witness, climb the Holy Stairs on your knees, descend into the catacombs of the early Christians, and venerate the chains of St. Paul at the place of his martyrdom. You will join the Holy Father at the Papal Audience, walk the galleries of the Vatican Museums to the Sistine Chapel, and pray at the tomb of the Prince of the Apostles in St. Peter's Basilica.

In Assisi, you will pray at the tomb of St. Francis, gaze upon the San Damiano Crucifix that spoke to him, and climb to the Eremo delle Carceri, the forest hermitage where he withdrew for solitude. At the Sanctuary of Padre Pio you will see the friary where he lived and worked his miracles, the museum of his relics, and get the opportunity to pray before his incorrupt body. The pilgrimage features four nights in Rome near the Vatican, two nights in San Giovanni Rotondo, and two nights in Assisi's centro storico; as well as Professional Catholic guides, a ProRome Tour Manager throughout, private motorcoach, audio headsets, all entrance fees, gratuities, and a daily group meal.

\$3290, land-only + \$1405, group airfare

June 21- 30, 2027

For more information or to register, please visit www.prorometours.com/italy-2027-mandb or contact us directly at (434) 953-1112 or by email at office@prorome.com.

THE ITINERARY



Please note: Mass locations, meal arrangements, and the daily sequencing of events are illustrative and subject to change based on availability at the time of booking. ProRome will confirm all final details — including specific Mass times and meals — once the booking is secured and in the months leading up to departure.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1

Monday, June 21
Departure

Departure information TBD.

Day 2

Tuesday, June 22
Arrival in Italy | St. Paul Outside the Walls

Arrive in Rome and be met by the tour director. Board private motorcoach for the city. The Rome portion of the pilgrimage begins at the Papal Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, Rome's second largest basilica. Situated south of Rome's bustling historic center, St. Paul's is a peaceful refuge and perfect introduction to the Eternal City. St. Paul the Apostle is buried

here and his relics venerated at the site of his tomb. Proceed into Rome, check into the hotel and enjoy a group welcome dinner.

Holy Mass: Papal Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls

Day 3

Wednesday, June 23
Rome: Papal Audience | Vatican Museums | Saint Peter's Basilica

Early breakfast and departure for the Vatican. Mass at Santa Maria in Traspontina on the Via della Conciliazione, a stone's throw from the colonnade, before proceeding into St. Peter's Square. There we will have the incredible opportunity to join the Holy Father for his weekly General Audience and to receive his Apostolic Blessing. The group will then enjoy a group lunch together followed by a short period of free time.

In the afternoon we will depart for the Vatican Museums. The group will proceed through the most renowned collection of ancient, medieval and Renaissance art found anywhere in the world, concluding in the Sistine Chapel. From the chapel we pass directly into Saint Peter's Basilica for a guided tour, entering the greatest church in Christendom by the same route the cardinals take in conclave. We will pray at the tomb of Saint Peter beneath the high altar and venerate the Papal saints entombed throughout the basilica. Following the tour one can choose to climb to the top of Michelangelo's dome — nearly 450 feet above the streets below! The group will then be given the rest of the evening in Rome to enjoy at leisure.

Holy Mass: Santa Maria in Traspontina

Day 4

Thursday, June 24
Rome: Basilicas | Centro Storico & Counter Reformation

After breakfast the first destination is the marvelous 5th century Basilica of Saint Mary Major for Mass and then a tour. Even more ancient is the next basilica, the Cathedral of Rome, the "Lateran" Basilica, built by Constantine in the 4th century. The

Lateran is known as "Mater et Caput" — the mother and head of all the churches of the world, because it was the seat of the Bishop of Rome upon Constantine's legalization of Christianity, and remains so today. After touring the basilica everyone has the opportunity to climb the Holy Stairs — the very stairs that Christ ascended when He was brought before Pilate at his Praetorium in Jerusalem. The stairs are climbed on one's knees out of respect for our Lord and His Passion. A short distance away is the Basilica of Holy Cross in Jerusalem, where more relics from Christ's Crucifixion are housed: a large relic of the True Cross, nails from the Crucifixion and two thorns from the Crown of Thorns.

After a leisurely independent lunch, attention is turned to the Catholic Counter-Reformation and the work of great saints, new religious orders and even revolutionary art and architecture that played a part in this fervor of this movement. Walking through Rome's historic center reveals some of the city's most favored and photographed places, such as the Piazza Navona and the Pantheon, as well as the sites which display masterpieces by Bernini and Caravaggio. Return to the hotel for dinner and much needed rest.

Holy Mass: Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major

Day 5

Friday, June 25
Rome: The Catacombs | Ancient Rome

Breakfast, then make our way "outside the walls" to the Catacombs of St. Sebastian, where we will venerate this great saint and martyr, together with the many other witnesses of the Faith buried here. We will receive a guided tour of the catacombs, walking the same Appian Way trodden by the Apostles as they entered Rome.

Free time for an independent lunch, then attention turns to the Rome of the Caesars and the arena where so many of the early Christians gave their final witness. Guided visit to the Colosseum and the Roman Forum, followed by the Mamertine Prison, where both



ITINERARY CONTINUED

Tentative Itinerary



Saint Peter and Saint Paul were held before their martyrdoms. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Holy Mass: TBD

Day 6

Saturday, June 26

Rome | Monte Cassino | San Giovanni Rotondo

Breakfast and hotel check out. Bid farewell to the Eternal City and travel southeast to the Abbey of Monte Cassino, crowning the mountain where Saint Benedict established his first monastic community in the 6th century and wrote the Rule that would form the monasteries of Europe. Destroyed and rebuilt four times, most recently after the bombardment of 1944, the abbey remains a living Benedictine house. Mass and tour, with time to pray before the tomb of Saints Benedict and Scholastica.

Continue across the peninsula to San Giovanni Rotondo and the Sanctuary of Padre Pio, the greatest miracle worker since Saint Francis. The journey will include a stop for lunch and for afternoon espresso or tea. Arrive in San Giovanni Rotondo, check into the hotel and enjoy dinner. Weather permitting, the group may join the weekly candlelight procession at the Sanctuary of St. Pio in the evening.

Holy Mass: Abbey of Monte Cassino

Day 7

Sunday, June 27

San Giovanni Rotondo | Sanctuary of St. Michael

Breakfast followed by Sunday Mass and a visit to the friary where Saint Pio lived and worked so many miracles. The museum dedicated to Padre Pio's life tells his story via lifelike wax figures. It also displays vestments, clothing and other relics of the beloved saint who truly was an Alter Christus. The tour concludes with prayers before the incorrupt body of Padre Pio.

Free time for lunch, then depart by bus for the nearby Sanctuary of St. Michael the Archangel, a medieval sanctuary built into the rocky summit of a mountain overlooking the Adriatic Sea. During the 5th century, when barbarian invasions repeatedly threatened the Italian peninsula, Saint Michael miraculously appeared to the local bishop, asking him to build a sanctuary at the site of a certain cave where a miracle had occurred. For over a thousand years it has been one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Europe and many saints and popes have made pilgrimages there as well. Return to San Giovanni Rotondo for dinner and overnight.

Holy Mass: Sanctuary of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

Day 8

Monday, June 28

San Giovanni Rotondo | Lanciano | Assisi

Breakfast and hotel check out. Depart San Giovanni Rotondo and travel north along the Adriatic to Lanciano, site of the oldest and most celebrated Eucharistic Miracle in the Church. In the 8th century a Basilian monk, doubting the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, spoke the words of consecration and watched the Host become visible Flesh and the wine become Blood. Both have been preserved for over twelve centuries and remain to this day incorrupt, and are venerated in the Church of San Francesco. Mass at the Sanctuary of the Eucharistic Miracle, followed by free time for lunch.

We continue west over the Apennines to Assisi, the Seraphic City, where we will check into the hotel and enjoy dinner.

Holy Mass: Sanctuary of the Eucharistic Miracle, Lanciano

Day 9

Tuesday, June 29

Assisi: Saint Francis & Saint Clare | The Porziuncola

Breakfast, then depart for the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi for Mass. After Mass, a Franciscan friar will lead a tour of the Basilica, beginning in the crypt where Saint Francis is buried and culminating in the upper basilica. The basilica is a wellspring of medieval art, but the greatest achievement is found in the upper basilica: Giotto's renowned fresco cycle of scenes narrating the life of St. Francis. Free time for lunch after the tour.

The afternoon will further reveal Assisi's sacred character. At the Basilica of Saint Clare, Clare's incorrupt body is venerated. Here also hangs the San Damiano crucifix that spoke to Saint Francis, asking him to "Rebuild my Church which is falling into disrepair." The Chiesa Nuova is built over the childhood home of Saint Francis. The church of Santa Maria Maggiore is where Saint Carlo Acutis is entombed. The Cathedral of San Rufino is where Saint Francis and Saint Clare were baptized.

In the late afternoon we descend into the valley for the final stop of our time in Assisi: the original home of the Franciscan Order and the place of St. Francis's death, the chapel of the Porziuncola, preserved within the Papal Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. Guided visit of the basilica and time for private prayer within the little chapel that Francis rebuilt with his own hands. Return to the hotel for a farewell dinner.

Holy Mass: Basilica of Saint Francis

Day 10

Wednesday, June 30

Departure

Early Mass in Assisi, followed by breakfast and hotel check out. Bid farewell to the Seraphic City and depart for Rome FCO airport for return flights home. Buon viaggio!

Holy Mass: TBD



MORE DETAILS

► PAYMENTS

- \$300 Deposit - Due at Registration
- \$1495 First Installment - Due 180 Days Prior to Departure
- \$1495 Second Installment - Due 150 Days Prior to Departure
- \$1405 Airfare - Due 120 Days Prior to Departure
- \$790 Single Occupancy Surcharge - Due 90 Days Prior to Departure

► Price Inclusions

- 4 nights in Rome
- 2 nights in San Giovanni Rotondo
- 2 nights in Assisi
- Two out of three meals each day (always breakfast and one other meal each day)
- Private motorcoach transfers: FCO arrival, Rome–Orvieto–Assisi, Assisi–FCO departure
- All in-city transfers and excursions per the itinerary
- Licensed Catholic guides in Rome, San Giovanni, and Assisi
- All entrance fees per the itinerary, including Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel
- Coordination of Papal General Audience tickets
- Whisper headsets throughout
- ProRome Catholic Tour Manager from arrival to departure
- Comprehensive pre-departure materials (luggage tags, ProRome prayer book, lanyards, etc.)

► EXCLUSIONS

- One meal per day (either lunch or dinner)
- Beverages at included lunches/dinners
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended; ProRome sends a complimentary quote from Allianz to all pilgrims)
- Items of a personal nature
- Anything not specifically listed under Inclusions
- Suggested 2-3 euro per person per day for driver tips, suggested 3-5 euro per person per day for Tour Manager tips



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