



PROROME



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A Eucharistic Pilgrimage through Italy **Join Father Christopher Christensen & St. Rita Catholic Church**

This pilgrimage will immerse you in the vast cultural and Catholic heritage of Italy. The itinerary features three nights in Assisi, two nights in San Giovanni Rotondo and four nights in Rome. Day trips to Orvieto, Loreto, Cascia, Norcia, Lanciano, Monte Cassino and the Sanctuary of Saint Michael the Archangel are also included. Daily Mass - the cornerstone of each day - will be complemented by a rich Catholic touring program that will bring the pilgrims face to face with the many shrines and sacred sites and relics found throughout the course of the itinerary. Private bus transportation, private Catholic guides, all tours, tickets, and daily breakfast and dinner are included in the price.

November 3 - 13, 2024

\$4640 per person [includes roundtrip airfare from Washington Dulles]

For more information or to register, please visit www.prometours.com/saint-rita or contact ProRome Tours directly at (434) 953 1112 or by email at office@prorome.com

THE ITINERARY



Sunday, November 3 **Departure For Italy**

We will depart Washington Dulles Airport (IAD) at 5:45 PM on our non-stop United Airlines Flight 884 to Fiumicino Airport (FCO).

Monday, November 4 **Arrival In Rome | Orvieto | Assisi**

We are scheduled to touch down in Italy at 8:30 AM. Welcome to Rome! Once we land and get our luggage, we will board our private motor-coach and depart for Assisi. On the way there we will stop in the beautiful city of Orvieto, home to one of Italy's finest Gothic cathedrals, the Duomo of Orvieto, which serves as a solemn reliquary for the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena, the first Church-approved Eucharistic miracle and the impetus behind the institution of the Feast of Corpus Christi! Here we will have Holy Mass and a private tour.

After enjoying a nice lunch in Orvieto we're back on the bus and headed to Assisi. As we near Assisi, we will visit the original home of the Franciscan order, and the place of St. Francis's death at the Porziuncola chapel inside the great baroque Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. After some time to pray, we will drive two minutes down the street

and check-in at our four-star hotel, Hotel Cenacolo. After some time to freshen up, we'll then enjoy a group dinner together.

Mass - Duomo (Cathedral) of Orvieto
Meals Included: Lunch and Dinner

Tuesday, November 5 **Loreto | Assisi**

Today we will begin by departing for the coastal town of Loreto where we will visit and pray at the Pontifical Sanctuary of the Holy House of Loreto, the house in which tradition holds was the home of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Nazareth. Here we will celebrate the Holy Mass and enjoy a tour. We will then have free time for lunch and exploring in the town of Loreto.

After lunch, we will board the bus and ascend the hill to the city center of Assisi where we will enter into the life and legacy of Saint Francis and Saint Clare! We will enjoy a guided walking tour of Assisi, which includes visits to the Basilica of Saint Francis, Basilica of Saint Clare, the Cathedral of San Rufino, the Chiesa Nuova, and so many other sacred churches and burial sites. We will walk in the footsteps of Francis and Clare and have the opportunity to pray at their tombs. We will then return by bus to Hotel Cenacolo for dinner together.

Mass - Sanctuary of the Holy House in Loreto
Meals Included - Breakfast and Dinner

Wednesday, November 6 **Cascia | Norcia**

Today we will spend our morning in the town of Cascia, entering into the life of our parish patroness, St. Rita of Cascia. We will have the opportunity to pray and celebrate Holy Mass in the Basilica of Saint Rita, which holds the incorrupt body of St. Rita. We will then have the opportunity to visit the Monastery of St. Rita as well, before enjoying some free time for lunch and exploring.

After some free time in Cascia, we will depart for the nearby town of Norcia. Here we will have the opportunity to visit the Benedictine Monastery of Norcia. We will enjoy a guided tour by the American monks here and take some time to pray in this incredible monastery. We will then return to Assisi for a delicious local dinner together at Ristorante Medioevo before returning to our hotel.

Mass - Basilica of Saint Rita
Meals Included - Breakfast and Dinner

Thursday, November 7 **Lanciano | San Giovanni Rotondo**

Following an early breakfast we will begin a three-hour bus ride to Lanciano, the site of a Eucharistic Miracle that took place in the 8th century to a monk who doubted Christ's true presence in the Eucharist. Following the prayers of Consecration, this monk watched as the host was changed into living flesh and the wine was changed into living blood, which coagulated into five balls, irregular and

differing in shape and size. Scientific studies have proven that this is in fact living human flesh of muscular tissue from the heart. Here we will celebrate Holy Mass together.

After Mass and lunch a two-hour bus ride takes us to San Giovanni Rotondo, where we will check in at the four-star Hotel Gran Paradiso. Here we will enjoy a welcome dinner together.

Mass - Lanciano
Meals Included - Breakfast and Dinner

Friday, November 8 **San Giovanni Rotondo |** **Saint Michael's Sanctuary**

Our day begins with Mass and a tour of San Giovanni Rotondo. We will visit the friary where Padre Pio lived and worked many miracles. Our tour will conclude with a visit to the incorrupt body of St. Padre Pio. After lunch we take an afternoon trip to the nearby Sanctuary of St. Michael the Archangel, a medieval sanctuary built into the rocky summit of a mountain overlooking the Adriatic Sea. In the 5th century, when barbarian invasions were unsettling many parts of the European continent, the local bishop saw a miraculous apparition of St. Michael on this site. For over a thousand years it has been one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Europe. We will then return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Mass - San Giovanni Rotondo
Meals Included - Breakfast and Dinner

Saturday, November 9 **Monte Cassino | Rome**

Following breakfast in San Giovanni Rotondo we will depart for Rome. Along the way we will stop at the mountain-top monastery of Monte Cassino. Monte Cassino is the motherhouse of the Benedictine Order (OSB) and the burial place of Saint Benedict and his sister Saint Scholastica. Here we will enjoy lunch and a beautiful tour of the monastery. We will then conclude our time at Monte Cassino with the celebration of Holy Mass before continuing our journey to Rome. Our group will arrive in Rome in the early evening and check into our four-star hotel, hotel TBD. We will then enjoy dinner together.

Mass - Monte Cassino
Meals Included - Breakfast and Dinner

Sunday, November 10 **Rome: Saint Peter's Basilica |** **Saint Paul's | Saint Mary Major**

Our first day in Rome begins with a visit to St. Peter's Basilica, where we have Holy Mass in the Clementine Chapel followed by a tour of the greatest church in the world - built over the tomb of St. Peter himself. Following the tour there will be free time for lunch in the lovely Borgo Pio neighborhood of Rome, adjacent to the Vatican City.

After lunch we will depart for the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, the burial place

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of Saint Paul and the second-largest church in the world, second only to St. Peter's. Here we will enjoy a guided tour of this incredible relic of early Christianity. Following our tour we will depart for the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major, one of the greatest churches in the world and still standing from the 5th century! On our tour of Saint Mary Major we will be able to venerate many sacred relics, such as the Manger in which Christ was born, the Madonna Salus Populi Romani (Rome's most important Marian image) and the tomb of Pope Saint Pius V. We'll then return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Mass - St. Peter's Basilica
Meals Included - Breakfast and Dinner

Monday, November 11 **Rome: The Lateran | The Holy Relics |** **The Centro Storico**

After breakfast we're off to the Cathedral of Rome, "the Lateran." Built by Constantine in the 4th century, this church is known as the "Mater et Caput" - the mother and head of all the churches in the entire world, as it officially became the seat of the bishop of Rome upon the legalization of Christianity under the emperor Constantine the Great. Following Mass and a tour everyone will have the opportunity to climb the Holy Stairs - the very stairs Christ once walked in the Praetorium of Pontius Pilate. The stairs must be climbed on

one's knees out of respect for our Lord and the suffering he endured. We will then walk down the street to venerate the most Holy Relics of Christ's Passion, including a large relic of the True Cross, kept in the Basilica of Holy Cross in Jerusalem.

After free time for lunch we will enjoy a walking tour through the "Centro Storico", the historic center of Rome, where you will explore Rome's most favorite and photographed places, such as the Piazza Navona, the Church of Saint Agnes, the Church of San Luigi dei Francesi and the Basilica of Sant'Agostino. Our day then concludes with a visit to arguably the greatest building in Rome, the Pantheon. The Pantheon is the only fully intact building from Roman antiquity. It is a masterpiece of architecture and yet no architecture degree is necessary to appreciate the simple beauty of this, now Catholic, church. We'll then enjoy dinner together at the hotel.

Mass - The Lateran
Meals Included - Breakfast and Dinner

Tuesday, November 12 **Rome: Villa Tevere | Scavi Tour |** **Vatican Museums | Sistine Chapel**

We will begin our day with Mass at the Opus Dei headquarters at Villa Tevere. After Mass, we will return to the Vatican where we will embark on the Scavi Tour, a unique subterranean tour that takes the visitor right to the

tomb of St. Peter himself. Following the tour all will have the option to climb to the top of Saint Peter's Basilica for perhaps the singularly most incredible view looking out over Rome! We will then enjoy an independent lunch.

After free time for lunch we'll enjoy a tour through the rich and magnificent Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel. Here we will see everything from the Creation of Adam by Michelangelo to Raphael's School of Athens among other wonders. We'll then return to the hotel in the evening for a farewell dinner together.

Mass - Villa Tevere
Meals Included - Breakfast and Dinner

Wednesday, November 13 **Return Home**

Following breakfast we will depart for Fiumicino Airport (FCO). After checking-in and passing through security we will board United Airlines Flight 885, scheduled to depart for Washington Dulles Airport (IAD) at 10:30 AM. At 3:05 PM we are scheduled to arrive. Welcome home!



▶ Final Cost

\$4640 per person
\$990 single occupancy room surcharge
(only for those requiring/desiring a single occupancy room)

▶ Payment Schedule

\$200 - ProRome Registration Fee - Due upon Registration
\$2220 - Due May 3, 2024
\$2220 - Due June 28, 2024
\$990 - Single Occupancy Surcharge (if applicable) - Due June 28, 2024

▶ Price Includes

- Roundtrip airfare on United Airlines in Economy Class
 - One checked-bag, one carry-on and one personal item permitted
- Nine nights lodging in a double occupancy room
 - Three nights at the four-star hotel, Hotel Cenacolo in Assisi
 - Two nights at the four-star hotel, Hotel Gran Paradiso in San Giovanni Rotondo
 - Four nights at a four-star hotel in Rome TBD
- ProRome Tour Manager throughout the course of the trip
- Professional qualified English-speaking guides for all visits according to the above itinerary
- Tours and all entry-tickets
- Daily buffet breakfast (without choice of menus)
- Daily three-course lunch OR dinner (without choice of menus). See itinerary for included meals.
- Water and house wine at meals
- Deluxe a/c coach throughout (note that we will still walk 3-8 miles per day)
- Audio guiding system throughout the course of the trip

▶ Price Does Not Include

- Any personal expenses
- Meals not specifically listed in the above itinerary
- Beverages other than water and house wine at included meals
- Trip Insurance (available for purchase through ProRome)
- Gratuities for the Tour Manager and Driver
 - Suggested \$20-\$30 per person for both the tour manager and the driver



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