



PROROME



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A Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy Join St. Clare of Assisi Parish from Surprise, AZ

This pilgrimage features three nights in Assisi, two nights in San Giovanni Rotondo, and four nights in Rome, with day-trips to Orvieto, Loreto and the Sanctuary of St. Michael the Archangel . Daily Mass - the cornerstone of each day - will be complemented by a touring program that will immerse the pilgrims in the incredible history, heritage and relics of our Catholic Faith. Highlights include an Audience with the Holy Father in Saint Peter's Square, the Papal Basilicas of Rome, the Catacombs, the Duomo of Orvieto, the Basilicas of Saint Francis and Saint Clare in Assisi, and the incorrupt body of St. Padre Pio. Roundtrip direct airfare and centrally-located accommodations will be arranged. A ProRome tour manager will accompany the group throughout the course of the pilgrimage, and private bus transportation, Catholic tour guides, all tours and tickets, daily breakfast and daily dinner are included in the price. One daily meal (either lunch or dinner) is the only item not included in the price.

April 29 - May 9, 2025

\$5400 per person (includes airfare from Phoenix Airport)

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

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Tuesday, April 29 **Departure**

Departure information from St. Clare of Assisi Parish, AZ TBD.

Wednesday, April 30 **Arrival In Italy | Orvieto | Assisi**

Upon arrival in Rome we will be met by our tour director and private bus and depart immediately 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.

After enjoying free time for lunch in Orvieto we are back on the bus and headed to Assisi. Upon arrival we visit the original home of the Franciscan order and the place of St. Francis's death: the Papal Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. Following the tour we will depart for dinner and our overnight stay at the Hotel

Cenacolo (or similar).

Holy Mass: The Duomo (Cathedral) of Orvieto
Meals Included: Dinner

Thursday, May 1 **Assisi: Saint Francis & Saint Clare**

Following breakfast we will depart for the Basilica of Saint Francis where we will celebrate Holy Mass. We will then enjoy a guided tour of the Basilica with a Franciscan friar, beginning in the crypt where Saint Francis is buried and culminating in the upper Basilica where we will explore in detail the life of Saint Francis, vividly displayed in Giotto's great frescoes that adorn the walls of the church. There will then be free time for lunch.

Following lunch our tour of Assisi continues, first with the Basilica of Saint Clare where we will venerate the incorrupt body of Saint Clare, as well as the San Damiano crucifix that spoke to Saint Francis more than 800 years ago, asking him to "repair the Church which is falling into disrepair." Our tour then features visits to the church of the Chiesa Nuova, built over the childhood home of Saint Francis, the church of Santa Maria Maggiore where Blessed Carlo Acutis is entombed, and the Cathedral of San Rufino, where Saint Francis and Saint Clare were baptized. There will then be free time in the city before rendezvousing for dinner together before retiring for the night.

Holy Mass: Basilica of Saint Francis
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Friday, May 2 **Loreto**

Following breakfast, we will depart for the coastal town of Loreto where we will visit and pray at the Pontifical Sanctuary of the Holy House of Loreto, the house tradition holds as the home of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Nazareth. Here we will celebrate Holy Mass and enjoy a guided tour. We will then break for lunch and enjoy a free afternoon to explore, shop, rest, and pray in the town of Loreto.

In the late afternoon/early evening we will board our motorcoach and return to Assisi. Upon our arrival, we will have some free time to explore or pray before we all reconvene for a delicious dinner to celebrate our last night in Assisi and then overnight.

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

Saturday, May 3 **San Giovanni Rotondo**

After breakfast we will depart Assisi on our six hour bus ride to San Giovanni Rotondo. Along the way we will stop in 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.

Following Mass, we will continue on our journey to San Giovanni Rotondo. Upon our arrival we will receive a guided tour. We will visit the friary where Padre Pio lived and worked many miracles. Our tour will conclude with the opportunity to pray in front of the incorrupt body of St. Padre Pio. In the evening, we will enjoy dinner and an overnight stay at the Hotel Gran Paradiso.

Holy Mass: Lanciano
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Sunday, May 4 **Sanctuary Of St. Michael The Archangel**

Our day begins with Holy Mass at San Giovanni Rotondo. We will then take a day 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 San Giovanni Rotondo for a free afternoon before everyone returns to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Holy Mass: San Giovanni Rotondo
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Monday, May 5 **Monte Cassino | Rome: St. Paul Outside The Walls**

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. As the motherhouse of the Benedictine Order (OSB), Monte Cassino is also 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.

Once outside the walls of Rome, we will visit the Papal Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, the burial place of Saint Paul and the second-largest Catholic church in the world. Located just south of the historical center on the banks of the Tiber River, Saint Paul's is a peaceful refuge and the perfect place to begin our Rome portion of the pilgrimage. Upon arrival we will enjoy a guided tour of the basilica-

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ca. We will then depart for our beautiful four-star hotel, the NH Villa Carpegna (or similar), where we will check-in and enjoy a delicious dinner and some much needed rest.

Holy Mass: Monte Cassino
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Tuesday, May 6 **Rome: Saint Peter's Basilica |** **The Catacombs**

Following an early breakfast we depart for Saint Peter's Basilica for Holy Mass followed by a guided tour of the basilica. Following the tour you might consider climbing to the top of Michelangelo's dome - nearly 450 feet above the streets below! There will then be free time for lunch. After lunch we will depart "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. After concluding our time at the Catacombs we will return to the Vatican City area for some free time before enjoying dinner and an overnight stay at our hotel.

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

Wednesday, May 7 **Rome: Papal Audience | Vatican** **Museums**

Following breakfast we will attend an Audience with the Holy Father in Saint Peter's Square. Make sure to bring religious articles,

which the Pope will bless at the conclusion of the Audience! After the audience we will attend Holy Mass in the Church of San Lorenzo in Piscibus, followed by free time for lunch. You might consider strolling through the medieval Borgo Pio neighborhood and stopping in one of the Borgo's many quaint restaurants for a sumptuous Italian pranzo. Our favorites? I Tre Pupazzi and Arlu.

In the afternoon we will rendezvous in St Peter's Square and depart for the Vatican Museums. Here our guide will take us through the most incredible collection of ancient, medieval and sacred art found anywhere in the world, which concludes in the Sistine Chapel. We will then return to our hotel for dinner and our overnight stay.

Holy Mass: San Lorenzo in Piscibus
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Thursday, May 8 **Rome: Basilicas | Centro Storico &** **Counter Reformation**

Today we will visit the great Basilica of Saint Mary Major where we will have Holy Mass followed by a tour. Following our time here we will make our way 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. After the tour

everyone will have the opportunity to climb the Holy Stairs - the very stairs that 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 the Holy Cross in Jerusalem.

After a leisurely independent lunch, we will learn all about the Catholic Counter-Reformation, highlighting the saints, religious orders, art and architecture that all played a part in this great movement. This tour will take us 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, artwork by Bernini and Carravaggio, the Pantheon, the Trevi Fountain and more! We will then return to our hotel for dinner and some much needed rest.

Holy Mass: Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Friday, May 9 **Departure**

Following breakfast we will depart for Rome FCO airport for our return flights home. Buon viaggio!

Holy Mass: TBD
Meals Included: Breakfast



▶ Final Cost

\$5400 per person, airfare included

▶ Payment Schedule

\$200 - ProRome Registration Fee - Due upon Registration

\$2600 - Due October 25, 2024

\$2600 - Due December 27, 2024

\$TBD - Single Occupancy Surcharge (if applicable) - Due December 27, 2024

▶ Price Includes

- Roundtrip airfare on United Airlines in Economy Class
- 9 nights lodging in double occupancy room
 - Three nights lodging at the four-star Hotel Cenacolo (or similar) in Assisi
 - Two nights lodging at the three-star Hotel Gran Paradiso (or similar) in San Giovanni Rotondo
 - Four nights lodging at the four-star NH Villa Carpegna Hotel (or similar) in Rome
- ProRome Tour Manager throughout the course of the trip
- Professional 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 dinner (without choice of menus)
- Water and house wine at meals
- Deluxe a/c coach when required (note that we will still walk 3-5 miles per day)
- Audio guiding system throughout the course of the trip

▶ Price Exclusions

- Any personal expenses
- Daily lunch
- Beverages other than water and house wine at included meals
- Trip Insurance (available for purchase through ProRome)
- Gratuities for Tour Manager and Bus Driver



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