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Departs USA- Oct. 02, 2025/Arrive Rome: Oct.03, 2025

SAN GIOVANNI TO ROME: Oct. 03-10, 2025 (8 Days) - \$TBD*

(Rome, Monte Cassino, Padre Pio, Monte Sant' Angelo, Lanciano, Assisi)

POST-TOUR: SAINTS OF SOUTHERN ITALY - \$TBD*

Oct. 10-13 (4 Days)

(Naples, Pompeii, Salerno, Amalfi Coast)

(*Prices for Land Only; Based on DBL Occupancy & 25 minimum Pilgrims)

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SAN GIOVANNI TO ROME TOUR ITINERARY: Oct. 03 - 10, 2025

Day 1 (Oct. 02-Thurs.): Depart for Rome from US

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

Day 2 (Oct. 03-Fri): Arrival in Rome - Pilgrims arriving from USA and/or Pilgrims from the Marian Pilgrimage/Holy Mass & Welcome Dinner

Welcome to Rome, also known as "The Eternal City." Upon landing at Rome airport, claim your baggage and proceed to the Arrivals Hall, where your tour guide and/or driver will greet you. Drive to the hotel for check-in and take some free time to relax. Later this afternoon, at 2PM, your group will meet in the hotel lobby for a meet and greet with fellow pilgrims and your priest. You will depart together for a Mass at the Church of Santo Spirito in Sassia (Holy Spirit in Saxony) in Rome, located near St. Peter's Square (by the Vatican), and following Mass, you will attend a Welcome Dinner at a nice restaurant with free wine/drinks. After dinner, return to the hotel for a restful night.

Day 3 (Oct. 04-Sat): Rome – Monte Cassino / San Giovanni Rotondo



Abbey of Monte Cassino

This morning, we depart Rome, you will board the bus and enjoy the scenic route to the Abbey of Monte Cassino, the principal monastery of the Benedictine Order, founded by St. Benedict around 530 A.D. Enjoy a guided tour of the Monte Cassino Abbey and celebrate Mass here. We will see the tombs of St. Benedict and his twin sister, St. Scholastica, who were both buried here. Continue on to San Giovanni Rotondo, where St. Pio of Pietrelcina (St. Padre Pio), a Capuchin friar, priest and mystic known for his devotion to God, care for the sick and supernatural gifts and has lived for many decades and where thousands of people have flocked in order to be closer to this great saint and to Our Lord. Celebrate Mass at the Church of Our Lady of Grace. Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo.

Day 4 (Oct. 05- Sun): San Giovanni Rotondo / Monte Sant' Angelo

After breakfast, we will walk to the Sanctuary of Padre Pio and celebrate Mass at the Tomb of Padre Pio. After Mass we will have the opportunity to view and pray before the incorrupt body of Padre Pio. Then we have a guided tour of the sanctuary, hear more of the life of the saint, watch some documentaries and then visit the museum with many personal belongings of Padre Pio. See the old church, Church of Our Lady of Grace and the altar where he said masses and the crucifix from which he received the stigmata in 1918. We will see the confessional where Padre Pio spent innumerable hours with a multitude of pilgrims, directing them on their journey toward God. We will then get an opportunity to touch and be played over the First-Class relic of Padre Pio, his stained glove. Our guide will make arrangements to schedule this during our visit. After lunch, we then depart San Giovanni and drive along the breathtaking view of the Gargano Peninsula to visit the Grotto of Monte Sant' Angelo, where St. Michael Archangel had been appearing from 5th to 17th century. Also here, six different popes, St. Francis and at least four other saints have knelt in prayer at this grotto, seeking the protection of St Michael. It is the oldest shrine in Western Europe dedicated to the Archangel Michael and has been an important pilgrimage site since the early Middle Ages. Visit the St. Michael Angelo Cave Basilica and its surrounding town on top of Mt. Gargano.

(Note: Make sure you get the stone relic, which was believed to have been blessed by St. Michael, which assumedly can provide protection; Purchase this from the next door Souvenir Shop of the Cave Basilica.)

Return for dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo. After dinner you have the Option to attend the weekly candlelight procession at the Sanctuary of St. Pio after dinner, at 9:00 pm. (*Candlelight Procession - Between May and October)

Day 5 (Oct. 06-Mon): San Giovanni Rotondo / Lanciano / Assisi / St. Carlos Acutis

We will have a very early breakfast, and leave for Assisi. On the way we stop briefly in Lanciano, at the Church of St. Longinus for private Mass. This is the site of the greatest Eucharistic Miracle in the world, that occurred in the eighth century. At the time of the miracle, there was a Basilian monk, who struggled with the belief in the Real Presence in the Eucharist. During the time of Mass, the

monk, with doubt in his voice, said the words of consecration and the bread and wine transformed into physical flesh and blood. After an early lunch, we drive to Assisi. Arrive by 3:30pm. We will visit the Santuario Della Spogliazione where the newly Canonized Saint, St. Carlo Acutis' tomb is enshrined; he is the first millennial to be declared Saint. Continue tour by walking through this picturesque town, where St. Francis and St. Clare both followed God's call to rebuild his church. Enjoy some free time - for additional prayers and meditation. We will then drive to our hotel for check-in, dinner and overnight.

Day 6 (Oct. 07-Tues): Assisi-St. Francis/St. Claire /Porziuncola

Today is a very special day, as we will spend a full day touring the home of Saint Francis, the Saint of Nature and Servant to the Poor and Saint Claire. Following breakfast, we will celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis. After Mass, we will be exploring and learning about St. Francis and his life. Our guided tour will start from church of Santa Chiara to see the Cross from which Jesus spoke to St Francis, asking him to rebuild His church. You may kneel before the crucifix and pray his prayer. Also visit the tomb of St. Francis. Explore the quaint hilltop birthplace of St Francis that still retains something of the atmosphere of the early 1200s, the period when St Francis began his ministry. Contained within the huge 13th-century Basilica are many of the saint's possessions and a series of frescoes depicting his life. Next, we will learn more about St. Claire the founder of Poor Claire's and see her relics/incorrupt body in St. Claire's Basilica. The foundress of the Order of Poor Claire's followed the teachings of St. Francis by living a life of poverty and humility. Enjoy some free time - for personal prayers, shopping and lunch.

After lunch, board the bus, which will take you outside of the walls of Assisi, to the Chapel, "Porziuncola", one of three restored churches by young Francis that nowadays is embraced by Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. It was in St. Mary of the Angels Basilica where St. Francis spent most of his life. We will visit the rose bush, and the cave where the saint retired for prayer. This Basilica is made up of two structures, both of which you will visit. The first structure is the "Porziuncola" and the second is the "Capella del Transito" which is the place where St. Francis died. After the guided tour, we drive back to Rome for the Papal Audience on Wednesday which occurs only on Wednesdays when the Holy Father is available or in town. Upon arrival in Rome, in the late afternoon we depart for Piazza Navona and a guided walking tour of

the Piazza del Spagna, the Spanish Steps and the world famous Trevi Fountain. Try some delicious gelato near the fountain then we drive to the hotel for check-in, dinner and a restful night

Day 7 (Oct. 08-Wed): Papal Audience/St. Peter's Basilica/ Vatican Museum / Sistine Chapel / Panoramic Sightseeing

Today we have an early breakfast to be on time for the general audience with Pope Francis at the St. Peter's Square, typically starting at 09:30-10:00 am.

Following the audience, we will proceed to the Vatican Museums for a guided tour, where we will see art masterpieces of Michelangelo, Bernini, Tapestry Gallery, and Raphael Rooms. We will walk through Geographical maps Gallery, Sistine Chapel with the magnificent fresco of The Last Judgment and many more halls and rooms filled with Christian art, history and inheritance of all civilization. After the museum tour, we will have a guided tour of the heart of the Vatican State, St. Peter's Basilica, where St. Peter was martyred. We will have a private Mass at one of the chapels at St. Peter's Basilica. After Mass, we will have a guided tour of inside the Basilica. You will also have the opportunity to view Michelangelo's Pieta sculpture, pray at the tombs of Pope Benedict XVI and St. John Paul II. Spend some time for personal prayers and meditation.



Later, after our time in the Vatican, we embark on a panoramic, motor-coach sightseeing tour beginning with a drive to Capitoline Hill, where we will enjoy a view of the ancient Roman Forum and see Constantine's Arch, the Arch of Titus, the Circus Maximus and ancient Roman Aqueducts. Finally, we stop at the famous Colosseum for a photo opportunity. Then, we return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 8 (Oct. 09-Thurs): Santa Maria Maggiore / St. John Lateran Basilica / Holy Stairs / Santa Croce / Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls

Today we will visit the four major basilicas of Rome. Today, we will next visit another of Rome's major basilicas, Santa Maria Maggiore, the most important church in the world

devoted to Our Lady. Here we celebrate Mass where Mass has been celebrated every day since the 5th century. After Mass, we enjoy a guided tour of this wonderful Basilica, and spend some personal time for prayers. Then we visit (guided tour) the Basilica of Saint John Lateran, the Pope's cathedral church where relics of both Peter and Paul remain under the main altar. Here we will see its impressive statues of each of the Apostles. From here we cross the street to visit the church of the Scala Santa. Here we see the Holy Staircase of 28 marble steps (now covered in wood) which is believed to be a staircase from Pilate's palace in Jerusalem where Jesus was condemned to death and brought to Rome by Saint Helen in the 4th century. We may climb the steps on our knees in memory of Christ's Passion. We will also visit Santa Croce in Gerusalemme (Church of the Holy Cross). This large church not far from San Giovanni in Laterano and Santa Maria Maggiore houses a number of relics from the Passion of Christ. These include the Titulus Crucis, the inscribed sign which hung over Christ during his crucifixion; two thorns from Jesus's crown of thorns; and three pieces of the True Cross. Here you'll also find the doubting finger of St. Thomas.

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Day 9 (Oct. 10-Fri): END OF ROME-ASSISI TOUR/ HOMEBOUND OR JOIN THE POST TOUR

This morning, after breakfast, those who are NOT joining the Post Tour to Saints of Southern Italy will transfer to FCO airport for their flights home.

For those who will be joining the Post Tour to Saints of Southern Italy will proceed to Naples. Please refer to the Post Tour itinerary for details.

INCLUDED IN TOUR PACKAGE

- Accommodation in hand-picked Superior/ First class hotels
Pricing based on DBL occupancy, 25 min. pilgrims
- English speaking & expert guides
- Breakfast and Dinner daily
- Modern air-conditioned tourist bus
- Entrance fees to all the sites as per itinerary
- Welcome Dinner in Rome, 3 Course Meal, drinks included
- Daily Holy Mass arrangements at Holy Sites
- Papal Audience in Rome
- Free Portage of one piece only of luggage in/out hotels
- Travelling Priest/Chaplain
- Whisper sets (must be returned after the tour)
- Farewell Dinner in Assisi with drinks

NOT INCLUDED

- International Flights, domestic flights, airport, taxes;
- Add-On Fares from other Gateways Single room
- supplement (additional fee) Lunch meals and drinks
- Souvenirs and personal expenses The new visa for
- Europe: (ETIAS)- \$7.00 (European Travel Information and Authorization System – apply online)
- Gratuities for Bus Driver, Tour Escort, Local Guides & Hotel Dining Staff: \$12/day
- Love Offering for Priest Church Offerings for Daily Mass (\$1-\$5/day)
- Travel insurance – strongly recommended
- Schengen Visa where applicable

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Post Tour - Saints of Southern Italy

Oct. 10 - 13, 2025 (4 Days)

(Naples, Pompeii, Salerno, Amalfi Coast, Nettuno)

Day 1: Oct. 10, 2025

Saints of Naples – St. Patricia, St. Januarius & St. Thomas Aquinas

After the group Mass in Assisi, the rest of you will continue on to join this Post Tour. Today, we depart Assisi and we will transfer to Naples about 3.50 hrs. drive and visit the relics of **St. Patricia** at Chiesa di San Gregorio Armeno. St. Patricia of Naples (Santa Patrizia) (3rd or 4th Century) was a noblewoman of Constantinople, she renounced her wealth to live a life of devotion in Italy. She is known as one of the patron saints of Naples.

Miracle: Her blood is said to liquefy on specific days, similar to St. Januarius. Her remains are preserved in the Church of San Gregorio Armeno in Naples.

Admire the stunning Baroque interior of the church.



The Blood of St. Januarius miraculously liquifies again during Pope Francis' visit.

After lunch, we visit the relics of St. Januarius at Duomo San Gennaro which is also known as the Naples Cathedral. St. Januarius (305 AD) was a Bishop of Benevento, martyr during the persecution of Christians under Emperor Diocletian and patron saint of Naples. He is one of the most venerated saints in Italy, with his feast celebrated on September 19th.

Miracle: the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of St. Januarius on Sept. 19th. Traditionally on this day and on two other occasions a year, his blood — which is kept in a glass ampoule in the shape of a rounded cruet — liquifies. According to documentation the miracle has taken place since at least 1389, the first instance on record. It is believed to protect the city from disasters. If allowed, we might see the blood relic.

Naples Cathedral (Duomo di Napoli)

Also known as Duomo di Santa Maria Assunta and Duomo di San Gennaro, this large medieval cathedral is known for its incredible gothic architecture and intricate artworks. This is one of the most popular Naples tourist attractions for its historic and cultural significance as well. The church was originally built in 4th century A.D.

Transfer to our hotel in Naples for check-in, dinner & a restful night. We will be staying here for 3 nights.

Day 2: Oct. 11, 2025

Saints of Naples – St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Andrew, St. Bartholomew, Our Lady of the Rosary (Pompeii)

After breakfast, we will visit the Basilica of **St. Thomas Aquinas** to see the reliquary containing the St. Thomas' relic of his arm, which symbolizes his legacy as a Doctor of the Church. St. Thomas Aquinas was a Dominican Friar, philosopher, and theologian, considered as one of the greatest minds of the Catholic Church. The most important of his books were the <Summa Theologica> and the <Summa Contra Gentiles>, which were written between 1265 and 1272. Together they form the fullest and most exact exposition of Catholic dogma yet given to the world. He labored for five years, and was left unfinished due to his early death. Almost at once it was recognized as the greatest intellectual achievement of the period.

Next, we visit the Church of **St. Andrew**, the Apostle (Sant' Andrea - 1st Century). He was one of Jesus' Twelve Apostles, and the brother of Saint Peter, as related in both the Gospel of Matthew and the Gospel of Mark: "As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen". St. Andrew evangelized Greece and Asia Minor. He was Martyred by crucifixion on an X-shaped cross (St. Andrew's Cross) in Patras, Greece.

His relics are in various locations, including Amalfi Coast, Italy (which we will also visit), where a major shrine is dedicated to him. We will see the relics of St. Andrew and the beautiful Renaissance-style altar at the Church of St. Andrew.

We will then visit the Church of **San Bartolomeo** to see his relics and enjoy a peaceful setting for prayer. St. Bartholomew was one of the Twelve Apostles, believed to have preached in India, Armenia, and Mesopotamia.

Miracle: His relics were miraculously moved to Benevento and later to Rome, where they are enshrined in the Church of San Bartolomeo all'Isola. He was often depicted holding his own flayed skin, as he was martyred by being skinned alive!

Lunch on your own and try Naples' exotic dishes. After lunch, visit Cappella Sansevero Chapel, also known as the Chapel of Santa Maria della Pietatella and is shrouded in legend. It is said that an imprisoned man saw the image of Virgin Mary and when released he built this chapel at the very place the image was seen. It is also one of the top Naples tourist spots for the church's collection of 18th-century artworks and sculptures, the most well-known among them being Veiled Christ by Giuseppe Sanmartino

The rest of the afternoon will be spent in Pompeii. We will drive to

Pompeii to celebrate Mass at the Shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Pompeii, or Our Lady of the Rosary. The Pontifical Shrine of the Blessed Virgin of the Rosary of Pompei is a significant Marian pilgrimage site in southern Italy. Founded by Blessed Bartolo Longo in 1876, the shrine honors the Blessed Virgin Mary and her powerful intercession through the Rosary. It is known for its miraculous history and spiritual importance, attracting millions of pilgrims annually. The shrine houses the miraculous image of Our Lady of the Rosary, which is believed to have performed countless miracles. This Marian shrine is a center for devotion to the Rosary, spiritual renewal, and a powerful symbol of Mary's protection. Explore the ornate baroque interior with frescoes and statues which are dedicated to Mary. Visit the Blessed Bartolo Longo's Chapel in this Shrine, time permitting. We then return to our hotel in Naples for dinner and a restful night.

Day 3: Oct. 12, 2025

Saints of Salerno: St. Matthew, St. Alphonsus Liguori & St. Andrew in Amalfi / Nettuno

After breakfast, we drive to Salerno (about 1.5 hrs) and visit the Salerno Cathedral (Duomo di Salerno), where we will see the relics of the arm of the Apostle, **St. Matthew** which is enshrined in the crypt at the "Treasure Chapel". St. Matthew is the Evangelist (San Matteo) of the 1st century and one of the Twelve Apostles, the Tax collector and author of the First Gospel, emphasizing Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies. He also preached in Ethiopia and Persia. Explore the stunning medieval architecture of the Cathedral. The crypt area, underneath the main altar, is magnificent and perhaps the most significant feature is the tomb of Saint Matthew.

Next, we will visit the Basilica of St. Alphonsus Liguori to pay homage to St. Alphonsus Liguori's tomb. Sant' Alfonso Maria de' Liguori, (1696–1787) was a bishop, theologian, and founder of the Redemptorist Order. He wrote The Glories of Mary and Moral Theology, defending Catholic teachings. He strongly advocated for Confession, Marian devotion, and moral guidance. He was also declared a Doctor of the Church and Patron Saint of Theologians, Confessors and Vocations.

We will then take the ferry to Amalfi Coast, one of Italy's famous coast with its stunning views of towns perched looking over the Mediterranean Sea below. The town of Amalfi itself has another attraction and that is the Duomo Cathedral of Saint Andrew, that houses another relics of the Saint. The relics were brought here from Constantinople after the Fourth Crusade and for a while kept in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. In 1964 the skull of St Andrew was returned from St Peter's to this church. We will go inside and venerate the Saint and his relics. The exterior of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew is a blend of both Moorish and European styling, giving it a rather unique 's look. Inside the Basilica you will notice a large bronze statue of the Apostle made in 1604 by Michelangelo Naccherino, patterned after Michelangelo's "David". Then below in the crypt area is the tomb containing the relics of the Apostle Andrew. In the 14th Century it was discovered that the Saint's bones excreted a liquid substance called Manna. And ever since then the Manna is collected four times each year: January 28, June 26, November 29 (his Feast Day is November 30) and December 7. The Church does not recognize this as a miracle, yet the event is still observed and many people asked to be blessed by the anointing of this Manna and many believe it to have miraculous qualities. The rest of the afternoon will be free time (1 hour) at your own leisure to explore the town of Amalfi.

We will then depart Amalfi and drive to Nettuno. Check-in at our hotel, dinner and overnight.

Day 4: October 13, 2025 - Nettuno/St. Maria Goretti / Rome for homebound flights

After breakfast, we celebrate Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Grace and **St. Maria Goretti** in Nettuno. This is one of the most important pilgrimage sites dedicated to St. Maria Goretti for her purity, forgiveness and martyrdom. It houses the incorrupt body of her in a glass tomb, making it a sacred site for those seeking inspiration from her life. After Mass we will venerate St. Goretti's incorrupt body, pray at the Chapel of Forgiveness which is dedicated to her message of Mercy and Marian Devotions for which the shrine is also dedicated to Our Lady of Grace. After spending some time for personal prayers and devotions in the Church, we will briefly visit the St. Maria Goretti Museum nearby which displays her relics, personal belongings and documents about her life.

Then we drive to Rome for our homebound afternoon flights.



Incorrupt body of St. Maria Goretti

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