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Shrines of Italy

with Optional 2-Night Venice & St. Anthony of Padua Post Tour Extension

September 24 – October 4, 2024 Travel with Father Tim Hepner



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11 Days • 15 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Rome, Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Holy House of Nazareth in Loreto, San Giovanni Rotondo, Tomb of Padre Pio, Tomb of Saint Matthew the Apostle in Salerno, Abbey of Montecassino, Catacombs, Papal Audience, Christian Rome City Tour, Vatican City, St. Peter's Basilica

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
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Day 2 Cardinal Hotel St. Peter, Rome

Days 3, 4 Hotel Cenacolo, Assisi

Days 5, 6 Hotel Parco delle Rose, San Giovanni Rotondo

Day 7 Hotel Scapolatiello, Campania, Italy
Days 8 – 10 Cardinal Hotel St. Peter, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

- **Day 1: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 Overnight Flight** Travel on an inspirational journey to some of the most fascinating religious sites and relics in the world.
- **Day 2: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 Rome, Italy Tour Begins** Your tour opens in Rome. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a special welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant featuring regional delicacies and Italian wine. (*D*)
- **Day 3: Thursday, September 26, 2024 Rome Assisi** Travel north to Assisi, where St. Francis spent most of his life. Visit the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, built on the founding site of the Franciscan Order. Pause at the Chapel of the *Porziuncola*, the rose bush, and the cave where the saint prayed. Join a local expert on a tour of Assisi, highlighting the 13th-century basilica where you can see many of St. Francis' possessions and a series of frescoes. Celebrate Mass in the Basilica of St. Francis this afternoon. (*B*, *D*)
- Day 4: Friday, September 27, 2024 Assisi Optional Florence Excursion Enjoy a day at leisure to independently explore historic Assisi. Or, join a full-day optional excursion to Florence,* the "Cradle of the Renaissance." A local expert provides a walking tour featuring views of the Ponte Vecchio and Piazza del Duomo. Here stands the massive Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore with its imposing dome and the gilded "Gates of Paradise," the bronze doors that adorn the neighboring baptistery. Your walking tour takes you by other famous sights such as the Signoria Square before returning to your hotel in Assisi in the late evening. (B)
- Day 5: Saturday, September 28, 2024 Assisi Loreto San Giovanni Rotondo Travel across the Apennine Mountains to the Marian shrine of Loreto. Discover the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto where more than 50 popes have made a pilgrimage. Celebrate Mass before continuing your journey to San Giovanni Rotondo, home of St. Padre Pio. (*B*, *D*)
- Day 6: Sunday, September 29, 2024 San Giovanni Rotondo Monte Sant'Angelo San Giovanni Rotondo Visit Monte Sant'Angelo and take in stunning views of the Gargano Peninsula. Explore the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel, where popes and saints have knelt and prayed for protection. Return to San Giovanni Rotondo and celebrate Mass in the sanctuary of St. Pio of Pietrelcina. Tour Padre Pio's tomb and the sanctuary, including the old church and the crucifix from which he received the stigmata in 1918. Spend time in the new church dedicated to St. Pio who is credited with over 1,000 miracles. (*B*, *D*)
- Day 7: Monday, September 30, 2024 San Giovanni Rotondo Tomb of Matthew the Apostle Campania Journey through the picturesque landscapes of Apulia on your way to Campania. Visit the Cathedral of Salerno, which guards the relics of St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist. You will have the option of celebrating Mass here in Salerno. This afternoon, opt to relax at your hotel or visit the historic ruins of Pompeii during an optional tour of this vast archeological site. (B, D)
- Day 8: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 Campania Abbey of Montecassino The Catacombs Rome Travel to Montecassino and discover the renowned abbey founded by St. Benedict in the 6th century A.D., housing the relics of the saint and his sister, St. Scholastica. Montecassino also became famous during World War II, when the abbey was bombed and destroyed. You'll have the option of celebrating Mass here before continuing to Rome. Visit the Catacombs where early Christians hid and buried their dead before checking into your hotel in the early evening. (B)
- Day 9: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 Rome Papal Audience Christian Rome City Tour Attend the weekly Papal audience** in the Vatican City to receive the blessing given by the Holy Father. Visit the Marian Basilica of St. Mary Major and Rome's Cathedral: St. John in Lateran the former residence of the popes. Conclude







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- † Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

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your day with a visit to the Scala Sancta, the Holy Stairs which tradition believes are the steps that Christ climbed when he appeared before Pontius Pilate. (*B*)

Day 10: Thursday, October 3, 2024 Rome - Vatican Museum - St. Peter's Basilica Celebrate Mass before exploring the Vatican Museums,*** including the Sistine Chapel and the famous Last Judgment mural. End your visit in St. Peter's Basilica, the world's largest church. Feel the grace around you as you meander along towering marble columns and stand in awe before *Pietà*, Michelangelo's renowned sculpture. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable pilgrimage to Italy. (*B*, *D*)

Day 11: Friday, October 4, 2024 Rome - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close in Rome. (B)

Experience It! Marian Shrine of Loreto

This shrine is at the location of a house that is believed to have once been the home where Mary conceived and raised Jesus. The legend states it was moved here from Nazareth by angels by way of Croatia. The Holy House of Nazareth is located inside a large basilica. On the altar of the shrine you will find the sacred statue of Madonna of Loreto. Over 4 million Catholic pilgrims flock here each year to worship in the shrine and 50 popes have made the pilgrimage. The Holy House of Loreto has been one of the most celebrated Marian shrines in the world since the 14th century and you will delight in the unforgettable experience of celebrating Mass in this sacred place.

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PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Mar 25, 2024, valid on air inclusive packages only. IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in May 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

Proper dress (covering your knees and shoulders) is required when visiting religious sites, sanctuaries, basilicas, etc.

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

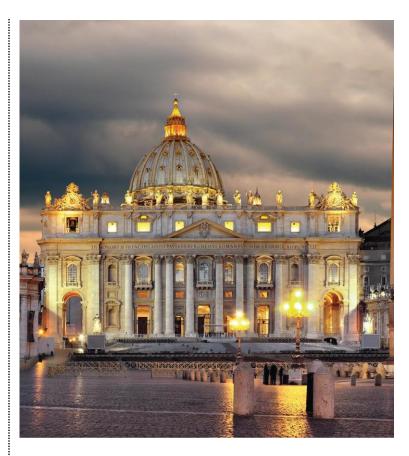
If you are traveling in a group <u>without</u> a priest, we cannot guarantee daily Mass. However, you'll be able to attend Mass on most days, but the Masses will be in public churches and with rare exceptions, will be presented in Italian.

*The optional tour to Florence requires a long drive of approximately 2.5 hours each way. Due to tight limitations to motor coach circulation in the city, you must be prepared to walk approximately 3 miles (4.8 kilometers) to complete the sightseeing. The walking tour takes place over cobblestoned streets with narrow sidewalks which are often crowded.

**The Papal Audience is, at times, unavailable due to the Pope's travel schedule. The Audience takes place in Italian, at times with brief salutations in English and other languages.

***Vatican Museums are not available on most Sundays and holidays. Date and time of visit is subject to change based on availability of reservations.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. Some of the most unique sightseeing require accessing locations that restrict motor coach access, especially in historic areas such as Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo, Rome, and the Vatican City. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. In particular, the visits to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica require climbing 2-3 flights of tall stairs and walking over cobblestoned streets for a distance of minimum 4 miles. If you are travelling between January 1 and December 31, 2025, you will be in Rome during the Holy Year. Large crowds are expected at all churches and religious sites during this time.



The program allows time for the crossing of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica but you must be prepared to stand in line for 2 to 4 hours. The crowds may induce the city government of Rome to introduce additional limits to motor coach circulation determining the need to use public transportation. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of March 18, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by July 26, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until March 25, 2024.

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DEPARTURE DATE: September 24, 2024 GROUP NAME: Blue Horizon Travel & Yacht

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Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Pompeii

Visit the Historic Ruins of Pompeii

\$80 USD

Experience the eerie pull of history as you walk through Pompeii, the excavated ruins of a Roman city at the foothills of Mount Vesuvius. Discover what was buried under more than 60 feet of ash and pumice, sealing history away until it was discovered in the mid-1700s. The walking tour begins at Porta Marina, the city gate leading to the Sea. Ascend to the Forum, which was once the core of daily life in the city, as well as Pompeii's main places of citizen worship. Along the way see the theatres, bath complex, and plaster casts while a local expert guides you through Pompeian life and history. *Duration: Approximately 4 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Florence

Day Trip to Florence

\$99 USD

The beautiful city of Florence is a gem in the crown of the renowned region of Tuscany, and its capital city should not be missed. Enjoy a full day of sightseeing as a local expert highlights such treasures as the Ponte Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria and Piazza del Duomo. Here, stand before the massive Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, with its imposing dome and the gilded "Gates of Paradise," the bronze doors adorning the neighboring Baptistery. Before your return to Assisi, take some time at leisure to savor the local flavors of this region and shop in the wonderful boutiques and acclaimed handicraft shops that Florence offers. Time for lunch will be allotted, but lunch is not included. The driving distance from Assisi to Florence is 2.5 hours. You must be prepared to walk approximately 3 miles (4.8 kilometers) to complete the sightseeing. *Duration: Approximately 12 hours*. Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.



TRAVEL DATE: 9/24/2024 TERRITORY: M7

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Shrines of Italy

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Day 11: Rome - Padua - Mestre

Start your morning with a transfer to Padua and spend time in the Basilica of Saint Anthony. A sprawling church of iconic domes, this Franciscan sanctuary is visited by millions of pilgrims each year. You will have the option of celebrating Mass here. End your day in the city of Mestre, nestled along the coast of mainland Venice. Settle in for a 2-night stay, your gateway to the Venetian lagoon. This evening, experience the flavors of the region with a relaxing dinner at your hotel. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 12: Murano Island - Venice - Mestre

Enjoy a full day tour of Venice. Start your day with a boat trip* to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration. After getting a glimpse into the local culture, make your way to St. Mark's Square and join a local expert for a walking tour. You'll explore this famous square and the St. Mark's Basilica, which enshrines the body of Saint Mark the Evangelist under the high altar. Although Saint Mark was originally buried in Egypt, legend claims that two Venetian merchants stole the saint's body from Alexandria and relocated him to Venice in the early 1800s. You will have the option of celebrating Mass here. Enjoy free time in the afternoon to explore the canals on your own before returning to your hotel on the mainland. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 13: Mestre - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to Italy as your tour comes to a close today. Today breakfast will be included.

Please Note:

The space on this extension is limited. Applicable charges may apply at time of request. Extension space may be increased to accommodate large groups, but it is not guaranteed.

When travelling in a group of less than 16 people, Wi-Fi may not be available on the motorway transfers.

*Your visit to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice in the event of inclement weather.

Fully-guided extensions are perfect for travelers who want the complete experience of a new destination and local experiences. Travelers will have a dedicated guide throughout this entire extension.

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