



**Day 1: Thursday, January 15, 2009 - USA / ROME**

Today we depart from an international airport on our overnight transatlantic flight to Rome, via Paris. Meals are served on board.

**Day 2: Friday 1/16, ROME / NAPLES**

Upon our arrival in Rome, we are met by our escort and motorcoach. We proceed to south to Naples, a beautiful city on the Sea. We will check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Day 3: Saturday 1/17, NAPLES / POMPEII / BARI**

After breakfast, we enjoy the sights of Naples, seeing the seafront promenade (via Caracciola), the San Carlo Opera House, Santa Lucia, and Angevin Castle. Then, we depart Naples and visit the ruins of Pompeii, located at the foot of Mt Vesuvius. In 79 AD Mt Vesuvius catastrophically erupted and covered the Roman town in ash, killing thousands of people and animals in a single day. We have a guided tour of the excavation before continuing to the Basilica of Our Lady of Pompeii; also known as Our Lady of the Rosary. Next, we travel southeast from the Tyrrhenian coast toward the Adriatic coast to Bari. We proceed directly to our hotel to check in for dinner and overnight.



^ Naples Bay  
v Basilica di San Nicola, Bari



**Day 4: Sunday 1/18, BARI / MT ST ANGELO / SAN GIOVANNI / LANCIANO**

Today we begin in Bari at the Basilica di San Nicola (Basilica of St. Nicholas). It was built in AD 1087 when St. Nicholas' remains were brought to Bari from Myra, Asia Minor. The relics are buried in the crypt. We continue to the Cathedral of Bari, which houses in its crypt the remains of Bari's original patron, San Sabino. We have the opportunity to view the eighth century icon "Madonna Odegitria". From there, we proceed to Mount St. Angelo, where we enjoy a breathtaking view of the Gargano Peninsula and a visit to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. Six different popes, St. Francis, and at least four other saints have knelt in prayer at this grotto where St. Michael appeared in the 4th century. This is the only building of worship in the Roman Catholic Church not consecrated by humans; it was consecrated by St. Michael himself. Next, we travel a very short distance to San Giovanni Rotondo, home of Padre Pio. Padre Pio, a Capuchin monk and a Stigmatist had a wide reputation for holiness. We visit the tomb and sanctuary of Padre Pio, tour the old church of Santa Maria delle Grazie (Our Lady of Grace), and see the cru-

cifix from which Padre Pio received the stigmata in 1918. We are also able to view the confessional where he spent innumerable hours with a multitude of pilgrims, directing them on their journey toward God. Next, we depart San Giovanni and proceed north along the coast to Lanciano, site of the 8th century "Miracle of the Eucharist Living Flesh of Jesus," which is displayed in the Monstrance. We proceed to our hotel to check for dinner and overnight.



Padre Pio

**Day 5: Monday 1/19, LANCIANO / CASCIA / ASSISI**



Eucharistic Miracle

We see the eighth-century Eucharistic Miracle in the little church of Lagontial in Lanciano. Expressing doubts about Christ's true presence in the consecrated host, a monk found himself holding a host that had changed into flesh and wine that had changed into blood. Scientific examination in 1970 affirmed the mystery. You may adore the Eucharistic host that turned into flesh in the Sanctuary of the Eucharistic Miracle, located in the main square of Lanciano. Next, we board our motorcoach headed to Cascia. We will celebrate Mass and proceed to the Eucharistic Miracle and the Sanctuary of St. Rita, the saint of the impossible. She was born to elderly parents and forced to marry at the age of 12. She and her abusive husband, Paolo, had two sons. Paolo reformed his ways just before he became victim of a politically-motivated assassination. Rita patiently and persistently prayed that her sons' intentions to avenge their father's death would change. Realizing their intent was unwaivering, Rita began praying for their deaths in an effort to eliminate any chance that her sons could commit so horrible an act. In time, her prayers were answered. Both sons forgave their father's murderers and died with the "consolations of the church". Rita applied to the convent in Cascia, was denied because the order barred widows, and later (with the accompaniment of her patron saints Augustine, Nicholas of Tolentino and John the Baptist) miraculously entered through the convent's bolted gates to the chapel, where she was found the following morning. She was admitted into the order. She later received the stigmata and spent the following 15 years in seclusion. Just before her death, her stigmata wounds emanated with light and numerous miracles followed. Rita was beatified and found to be incorrupt. We also visit Roccaporeno, the birthplace of St. Rita. From there, we proceed to Assisi to check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Day 6: Tuesday 1/20, ASSISI / ORVIETO / ROME**

We spend this morning in picturesque Assisi, a city tucked into the Tuscan hillside. We visit one of Christianity's most revered shrines, the Basilica of St. Francis, and see the frescoes depicting events in the life of this gentle saint. Next, we visit the Basilica of St. Clare, which houses her incorrupt body in a crystal casket in the crypt. Off the main nave of the Basilica is the crucifix from which Christ spoke to St. Francis in San Damiano Church. St. Francis heard a

voice say, "Go Francis, repair my church, which is in ruin." Thinking that God was telling him to rebuild San Damiano, Francis renounced worldly goods and began immediately to repair the building. Only later did the saint realize that God had been speaking of rebuilding His living Church.



Basilica of St. Francis

We continue then with a visit to the Church of St. Damiano. From there, we depart Assisi and stop in the lower plains for a brief visit at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, which was built in 1569 to protect the Porziuncola (the church St. Francis restored in 1205 and the birthplace of the Franciscans). We also see the statue of St. Francis, the live white doves, the thornless rose bushes and the cave where St. Francis prayed in solitude. We will proceed southwest to Orvieto. In 1263 a priest was celebrating holy Mass in the town of Bolsena. This priest was enroute to Rome, on pilgrimage, seeking the grace of belief in the Eucharist. After the consecration, blood began to drip from the Host. Seeing this, the priest quickly wrapped the Eucharist in the corporal. The priest and the local bishop took the Host and corporal to Pope Urban IV, who was staying in Orvieto at the time. As a result of this miracle Pope Urban IV instituted the Feast of Corpus Christi a year later. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote the Mass for the occasion. In Orvieto we visit the cathedral and view the holy corporal before continuing to Italy's capital city, Roma! Upon our arrival, we catch our first glimpses of the "Eternal City" as we make our way to the hotel to check in for dinner and overnight.

**Day 7: Wednesday 1/21, ROME (PAPAL AUDIENCE)**

Today we attend the Papal Audience at St Peter's (provided our Holy Father is home). We listen to the words of his Holiness Pope Benedict XVI and receive his blessing with pilgrims from all over the world. After the audience, we proceed to St. Paul Outside the Walls, a beautiful basilica which houses the remains of St Paul under the main altar. We will venture down the Old Appian Way to the Catacombs of St. Priscilla and then proceed back to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Day 8: Thursday 1/22, ROME**

This morning we visit the Vatican gardens and Museum, Gallery, Raphael's Rooms with the wonderful frescoes, and the Sistine Chapel where Michelangelo's restored masterpieces adorn the walls and ceilings. From there, we visit St Peter's Basilica where we have a guided tour and see one of the Basilica's most famous works of art, Michelangelo's Pieta. The remainder of the day is free to enjoy as you choose. Suggestions include: the Church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona, Trevi Fountain, and the Pantheon. Or, sit back and relax, enjoy an Italian ice cream, or shop for souvenirs. This evening, sample Italy's tasty cuisine at the trattoria (local diner) of your choice as dinner is on your own. Overnight in Rome.



**Day 9: Friday 1/23, ROME**

Today, we visit the cathedral church of the pope, St. John Lateran. Constantine built the original church on this site when he ended the Christian persecutions. Here we see the altar that holds the relics of Sts. Peter and Paul. Next to the Basilica is the Baptistry, and across the street we see la Scala Santa ("the Holy Stairs") from Pilate's Palace. We will then go on to visit the Basilica of St. Mary Major where we will view relics of Jesus' manger from Bethlehem and the painting known as the Salvation of the Roman People. Believed to be from the 5th century, this painting has always been popular among Romans in need. Throughout the day, our guide will point out famous highlights of Rome, including a view of the Circus Maximus, the Colosseum, and the Roman Forum. We return to our hotel for a farewell dinner and overnight.



Colosseum

**Day 10: Saturday, January 24, 2009 - ROME / USA**

This morning we transfer from our hotel to the airport to begin our journey back to the United States. We arrive home inspired by the spiritual examples of the saints and in firm in our resolution to emulate their love for God.

Important Information You Need to Know:  
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