



EXPERIENCE THE WONDERS OF ITALY



Pilgrimage to Italy & the Holy See

with Father Vinner Raj

Pacific County Catholic Parishes, WA

September 9-21, 2024

DAY 1: 9 Sep 2024 Monday - Departure Depart the USA

DAY 2: 10 Sep 2024 Tuesday - VENICE - PADOVA Upon arrival at Venice Airport, our English-speaking Tour Manager will greet us, then drive to Padova (approx. 1 hr.), where we will visit the Basilica of St. Anthony (depending on arrival time) and celebrate Mass. Check-in at the hotel for dinner and overnight stay (D).

DAY 3: 11 Sep 2024, Wednesday - VENICE After breakfast, we will take a private motorboat to Venice for a guided tour of the Doge's Palace and the Basilica of St. Mark. You will have free time for a Gondola ride or shopping before returning to the hotel by private boat for dinner and overnight stay

DAY 4: 12 Sep 2024, Thursday - PADOVA, SIENA, FLORENCE Today, we drive to Siena, a medieval city known as the birthplace of St. Catherine. Explore its charming streets, visit the Basilica of St. Dominic, and enjoy a leisurely lunch at the famous Piazza del Campo. Later, journey to Florence for dinner and overnight stay (B, D).

DAY 5: 13 Sep 2024, Friday - FLORENCE -ASSISI After breakfast, explore Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance, with a local guide. Highlights include the Baptistery of St. John, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Piazza Della Signoria, and the famous Ponte Vecchio bridge. Afterward, drive to Assisi for a two-night stay. Check-in at the hotel, followed by dinner (B, D).

DAY 6: 14 Sep 2024 Saturday - ASSISI After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis. Highlights include the Church of Santa Chiara, the Piazza del Comune, the Basilica of St. Francis with its beautiful frescoes depicting his life, and a visit to the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli. In the evening, we'll return to the hotel for dinner and overnight (B,D).

DAY 7 Sep 2024 Sunday - ASSISI -ROME After breakfast, we travel to Rome, the "Eternal City" to enjoy a guided tour of the Basilica of St. Mary Major, visit the Holy Stairs, and then explore the Basilica of St. John in Lateran, where Mass will be celebrated. (B, D).



DAY 8: 16 Sep 2024 Monday - ROME After breakfast, Mass at the Basilica of the Holy Cross of Jerusalem, known for its relics related to Jesus's crucifixion. We'll then explore the Colosseum and Roman Forums in the area of Imperial Rome. Next, we'll visit the Spanish Steps and have free time for shopping or to visit churches like Basilica of St. Andrea delle Fratte and Church of St. Maria in Via. (B, D).



DAY 9: 17 Sep 2024 Tuesday - Vatican Treasures Today, we visit the other two archbasilicas, beginning with Mass in the Vatican Grottos beneath the Basilica of Saint Peter and explore the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel. After lunch, we will visit the Archbasilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls. Then, dinner and overnight (B, D).



DAY 10: 18 Sep 2024 Wednesday - Papal Audience In the morning, we will attend an audience with the Pope at the Vatican (subject to Holy Father's schedule). After lunch, enjoy a walking tour of Rome, visiting landmarks such as the Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, and Piazza Navona. Mass will be celebrated at the Church of St. Augustin, burial place of St. Monica (B, D).



DAY 11: 19 Sep 2024 Thursday - Montecassino After breakfast, drive to the Abbey of Montecassino, the burial place of St. Benedict and St. Scholastica. Mass will be celebrated there. After lunch, return to Rome for a free afternoon. (B, D).

DAY 12: 20 Sep 2024 Friday - Return Departure to the USA



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