

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

A 9-Day Pilgrimage to Italy

“Paul purposed in the Spirit to go to Jerusalem after he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, saying, ‘After I have been there, I must also see Rome’” – Acts 19:21

Suggested Pilgrimage #2 (7 nights/9 days)

Day 1 Monday, June 20, 2022

Depart on an overnight flight to Rome, Italy

Day 2 Tuesday, June 21 Rome (D)

Arrive at the Rome Airport

Meet your Faith Journeys Tour Manager who will assist the group to the awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer into the city

Time permitting, travel down the Appian Way, the earliest road of Ancient Rome, to the Catacombs of Callixtus

Celebrate Mass

Check-in to the hotel for a Welcome Dinner and overnight

Day 3 Wednesday, June 22 Rome (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

This morning, we will visit Vatican City to attend an Audience/Blessing with our Holy Father (if available), then tour the Vatican Museums, which house what can be described as the most important collections of art in the world, including The Sistine Chapel

Lunch, on own

Visit St. Peter's Basilica. Marvel at Bernini's beautiful bronze canopy and Michelangelo's Blessed Mother, known as the Pieta

Next, we will see the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls which was founded by Roman Emperor Constantine I over the burial place of Saint Paul

Dinner, on own

Return to the hotel for overnight

Day 4 Thursday, June 23 Rome (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Our day begins with Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary Major. We will also visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran, which is the oldest of the major basilicas and ranks first as the actual “parish church” of the Pope. We will learn about the Scala Sancta (Holy Stairs). Tradition has it that these steps are sanctified by the footsteps of Jesus Christ during his Passion

Lunch, on own

Afternoon guided tour of *Imperial Rome*, including entrance to the Roman Forum and Colosseum. Also view the Pantheon, Baths of Caracalla, and Palatine Hill

Dinner, on own

Return to the hotel for overnight



Day 5 Friday, June 24 Assisi (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

We will travel to Assisi, the site of many a pilgrimage which lies in the Umbria region of Italy on the eastern flank of Monte Subasio. While in Assisi, we celebrate Mass and explore the huge 13th-century basilica which contains many of the possessions of St. Francis

Lunch, on own

We will also visit the church of Santa Maria Maggiore, the earliest extant church in Assisi, as well as the Basilica of Santa Chiara, where St. Clare who founded the Order of Poor Clares, followed in the humble ways of St. Francis.

Before returning to Rome, we will visit the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels, with the enclosed Porziuncola, the home of Francis of Assisi

Return to Rome for evening dinner, on own, and overnight



Day 6 Saturday, June 25 Rome (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy the morning at leisure for additional sightseeing, shopping, or other activities

Lunch, on own

Attend the meeting of the Pope with families

Dinner, on own

Return to the hotel for overnight



Day 7 Sunday, June 26 Rome (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Attend the closing Mass of the World Meeting of Families with the Holy Father

The remainder of the day will be at leisure for self-arranged time for reflection, worship, sightseeing, and/or other activities

Dinner, on own

Return to the hotel for overnight



Day 8 Monday, June 27 Monte Cassino / Pompeii (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

This morning we will drive to the Abbey of Monte Cassino where St. Benedict established his first monastery, the source of the Benedictine Order, around 529

Celebrate Mass

Lunch, on own

We will continue on bus to Pompeii to witness the ruins of one of the most devastating volcanic eruptions in the history of the region. What is left of the city, including beautiful frescoes and mosaic floors, will give us a glimpse into that era and an idea of what was going on in the lives of Pompeii's inhabitants' moments before that catastrophic eruption

Return to Rome for evening Farewell Dinner as a group and overnight



Day 9 Tuesday, June 28 (B)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to Rome's international airport for the return flight to the USA



This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable

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