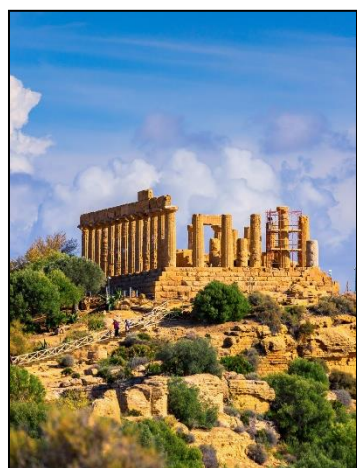


St. Paul's Journey to Rome A 10-Day Pilgrimage to Italy

Suggested Pilgrimage #3 (8 nights/10 days)

Day 1	Tuesday		
Depart via scheduled air service. The destination is Palermo, Italy			
Day 2	Wednesday	Palermo	(D)
Arrive in Palermo Meet your Faith Journeys Tour Manager who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to the hotel for check-in Afternoon at leisure for relaxation, sightseeing, shopping, or other activities Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight			
Day 3	Thursday	Palermo / Monreale	(B,D)
Breakfast at the hotel Palermo is Sicily's cultural capital is a city rich in history, spirit, art, and diversity. Our tour this morning will include <i>San Giovanni degli Eremiti</i> , Quattro Canti, Palatine Chapel, and the Cathedral Lunch, on own Drive to the small town of Monreale. There we will explore the Benedictine Abbey with its mosaics depicting scenes from the Old and New Testaments Return to Palermo for evening dinner and overnight			
Day 4	Friday	Palermo / Agrigento	(B,D)
Breakfast at the hotel This morning, we will transfer to Agrigento, an ancient city on the southern coast of Sicily. Here we visit the <i>Valle dei Templi</i> , where seven monumental Greek temples were constructed during the 5 th and 6 th centuries B.C. Visit the largest Doric temple in the world, the Temple of Jupiter Lunch, on own Explore Santa Maria della Catena. The interior includes a canvas of <i>Nativity with Adoration of the Shepherds</i> (17 th century) from an unknown master Evening dinner and overnight			
Day 5	Saturday	Agrigento / Taormina	(B,D)
Breakfast at the hotel We will drive along the Mediterranean coast and transfer to Taormina. Lunch, on own Visit the ancient Greek Theatre. From the still existing fragments, we learn that this theatre was of the Corinthian order and richly ornamented. Enjoy time at leisure for additional sightseeing, shopping, or other activities Evening dinner and overnight			
Day 6	Sunday	Taormina / Calabria / Naples	(B,D)
Breakfast at the hotel We will begin the day by taking a ferry between the eastern tip of Sicily and the southern tip of Calabria called the Strait of Messina. The coast of Calabria rivaled Athens as a cosmopolitan center in 8 BC			



Lunch, on own
We will enjoy magnificent vistas as we journey north along the Tyrrhenian Sea en route to Naples
Evening dinner and overnight



Day 7 Monday Naples / Pompeii / Rome (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel
This morning we will transfer to Rome via 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
Lunch, on own
Continue to Rome for evening dinner and overnight



Day 8 Tuesday Rome (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel
Our day will start 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 in Rome and ranks first as the actual "parish church" of the Pope (Bishop of Rome) and see the Santa Scala or the Holy Steps which reputedly are the steps that Christ climbed to meet Pontius Pilate
Lunch, on own
Visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, which was founded by Roman Emperor Constantine I over the burial place of Saint Paul.
Other sites we will see include the Appian Way, the Baths of Caracalla, the Arch of Drusus, and the ancient catacombs of Rome
Evening dinner and overnight



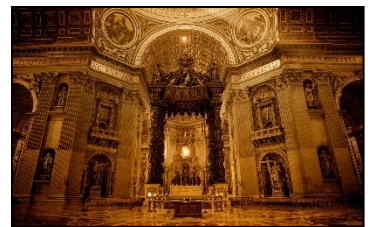
Day 9 Wednesday Rome (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel
We will begin the day by visiting Vatican City to attend an audience/blessing with our Holy Father (schedule permitting) then tour the Vatican Museum. Highlights include the Tapestry Gallery, the Raphael Rooms, and the Sistine Chapel where we will gaze on Michelangelo's incredible masterpiece. We will also enter St. Peter's Basilica which has the largest interior of any Christian church in the world
Lunch, on own
Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping, reflection or other activities
Evening dinner and overnight



Day 10 Thursday Depart for home (B)

Breakfast at the hotel
Transfer to Rome's airport for return flight



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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