

Eucharistic Miracles of Italy

A 12-Day Pilgrimage to Italy

Tour#5 (10 nights/12 days)

Day 1

Depart via scheduled air service. The destination is Milan, Italy

Day 2

Milan

(D)

Arrive in Milan

Meet your Faith Journeys Tour Manager who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to the hotel in Padua for check-in

Celebrate Mass in the Basilica of St. Anthony. The Basilica is known locally as “Il Santo” and is where the bones of the saint rest in a richly ornamented chapel

Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight

Day 3

Venice

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

This morning we will enjoy an excursion to Venice and start with a guided tour of La Serenissima, including a visit to the Basilica of St. Mark, which is architecturally a Byzantine wonder covered in golden mosaics and art treasures

Celebrate Mass in the Basilica of St. Mark

Lunch, on own

Visit other sites in and around the Piazza San Marco including the Doge’s Palace, home to the political leader of the Republic of Venice

Enjoy the afternoon at leisure for exploration, shopping, or other activities

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 4

Florence

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

This morning we will transfer to what is known as the “Cradle of Renaissance” allowing us to see many unforgettable sights such as the domed cathedral, Santa Maria del Fiore, the Ponte Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria, Giotto’s Bell Tower, the bronze “Gate of Paradise”, and the Academy of Fine Arts which contains masterpieces from iconic Italian artists including Michelangelo’s David

Lunch, on own

Afternoon at leisure for exploration, shopping, or other activities

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 5

Pisa / Assisi

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

This morning we will head toward Pisa to visit its Leaning Tower and Duomo, Italy’s largest Baptistery

Depart for Siena and visit the Church of San Domenico, which dates from the 13th-century and which displays beautiful art

Lunch, on own

Continue to Assisi, which lies in the Umbria region of Italy and regarded as a



sacred spot on earth because of its link with St. Francis, a gentle saint who founded the Franciscan order
Evening dinner and overnight



Day 6 **Assisi** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
Celebrate Mass in the Basilica of St. Francis
Take a walking tour of Assisi which includes the presumed birth place of St. Francis, the Chiesa Nuova
Lunch, on own
See where St. Francis knelt before the San Damiano crucifix to hear Jesus tell him to rebuild His church
Afternoon at leisure for exploration, shopping, or other activities
Evening dinner and overnight



Day 7 **Cascia / Loreto / Assisi** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
Visit the town of Cascia in the Italian province of Perugia. We will visit the Shrine of St. Rita. The house where she was born can still be visited. See the Basilica of St. Rita, which contains her incorrupt body, several relics from her life, and a Eucharistic miracle from before her time
Lunch, on own
Continue to Loreto for a visit to the Santa Casa di Loreto, which has been a place of pilgrimage since at least the 14th-century. Legend tells us that in 1291 the Virgin Mary's House was miraculously transported by angels from Nazareth to Croatia, and then to Loreto in 1294
Return to Assisi for evening dinner and overnight



Day 8 **Lanciano / San Giovanni Rotondo** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
This morning we will embark to Lanciano where we will see the Eucharistic Miracle which took place in approximately 700 AD when a Basillian monk witnessed the bread change into flesh and the wine change into blood after he had doubts about Christ's true presence in the consecrated host
Celebrate Mass in Lanciano
Lunch, on own
Continue south along the picturesque Adriatic coast heading to San Giovanni Rotondo in the province of Foggia, home to St. Pio of Pietrelcina
Evening dinner and overnight



Day 9 **San Giovanni Rotondo** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
Celebrate Mass at the tomb of Padre Pio, a saint who directed Christians to recognize God in all things. We'll then tour the sanctuary to see the old church and crucifix where he received the stigmata in 1918. Enjoy a panoramic view of the ocean and the Gargano Peninsula as we visit the nearby shrine of early Christianity, the Sanctuary or Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel, which was consecrated by St. Michael himself in 490.
Lunch, on own
Travel to Pietralcina, the town where Francesco Forgione, who became known as Padre Pio, was born. Along with his house, we will see the Church of the Holy Family with adjacent convent and museum dedicated to his life.
Visit the parish church of Santa Maria degli Angeli
Return to San Giovanni Rotondo for evening dinner and overnight



Day 10**Rome****(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Travel west to Rome and visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls founded by the Roman Emperor Constantine I over the burial place of Saint Paul.

Lunch, on own

See the oldest road from Roman times (the Appian Way), the Domine Quo Vadis, the Baths of Caracalla, the Arch of Drusus, and the ancient catacombs of Rome located on the outskirts of the city where early Christians hid themselves to avoid persecution

Evening dinner and overnight

**Day 11****Rome****(B,D)**

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

Enjoy time at leisure for additional sightseeing and exploration

Evening dinner and overnight

**Day 12****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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