

HEART OF THE CHURCH: ROME, ST. FRANCIS & PADRE PIO

DETAILS

MARCH 30 - APRIL 8, 2027
ITALY

INCLUDED

- Airfare from MSP
- Coach bus overseas
- 4-star hotel accommodations
- Guided city tours
- Entrance site seeing tickets
- Tour escort
- All tips (guides, drivers, etc)
- Headsets
- 2 Meals daily
- Daily Mass/spiritual direction

NOT INCLUDED

- Lunches
- Specialty drinks
- Excess luggage
- Travel Insurance

\$6495/PERSON

BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

AND GROUP SIZE 25-45

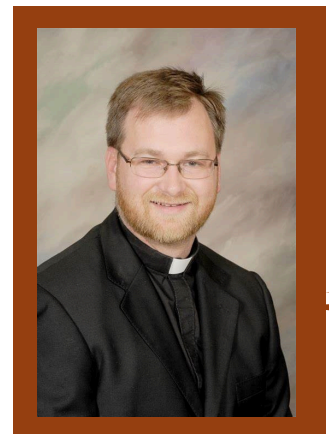
SINGLE OCCUPANCY +\$1100

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Day 1 - Tues, March 30 (Depart USA)

Hop aboard to begin an adventure of a lifetime! Our flight will depart from MSP airport.

Day 2 - Wed, March 31 (Rome)

Arrive in Rome FCO Airport. Meet your local guide and enjoy a tour of **Piazza Navona**, **Basilica of Sant'Agostino** outside the piazza with the tomb of **St. Monica** and **Santa Maria sopra Minerva** near the Pantheon that houses the body of St. Catherine of Siena. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

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Day 3 - Thurs, April 1 (Rome)

After breakfast at the hotel, continue exploring Rome. Visit the **Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore** one of the four major basilicas. Tour the iconic **Colosseum**, an ancient amphitheater where gladiator games were held. Conclude the tour at **San Pietro in Vincoli**. This is a 5th-century basilica in Rome best known for housing Michelangelo's celebrated statue of Moses. Attend Mass. Dinner at a restaurant, then overnight in your hotel. (B, D)

Day 4 - Fri, April 2 (Assisi)

After breakfast, drive to Assisi. After lunch, start your guided tour to see the **Basilica of St. Francis** and celebrate Mass. Enjoy a **wine tasting** at a local wine shop. Pray at the resting place of **St. Carlos Acutis**. Continue on to the **Basilica of St. Clare** where you may see relics of her and St. Francis. Dinner at a restaurant. Overnight at the hotel in Assisi. (B, D)



Day 5 - Sat, April 3 (Assisi)

Mass at the Renaissance style **Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli** which houses the **Porziuncola**. This small chapel is where St. Francis founded the Franciscan Order, lived and received the Pardon of Assisi Indulgence. After lunch on your own, transfer by taxi to see the **Carceri Hermitage** where St. Francis retreated to pray and meditate. Dinner and overnight in your hotel. (B, D)

Day 6 - Sun, April 4 (Loreto, San Giovanni Rotondo)

Depart for San Giovanni Rotondo with a stop in Loreto with the magnificent **Basilica della Santa Casa**. This is also called the **Basilica of the Holy House** where tradition holds that this basilica contains the small house where the Virgin Mary lived in Nazareth and where the Annunciation took place. Tradition says that the house was miraculously transported by angels to Loreto in the 13th century. Celebrate Mass in Loreto. After lunch, head to San Giovanni Rotondo to visit the **Old Church of Our Lady of Grace**. See where St. Padre Pio listened to confessions. Dinner and overnight in your hotel. (B, D)

Day 7 - Mon, April 5 (Lanciano)

Visit Lanciano, a charming town in the Abruzzo region, associated with the Eucharistic Miracle. Begin at the **Cathedral of Santa Maria del Ponte**, beautifully situated on a hill overlooking the ancient town. The cathedral, built over an old bridge ("del Ponte"), combines Baroque and Neoclassical styles, giving it both majesty and grace. Not far from the cathedral is the Church of

**Itinerary subject to change*

St. Francis, where the Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano is preserved. During Mass in the 8th century, a monk who doubted the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist witnessed the consecrated host and wine transform into real flesh and blood. These relics are still visible today, kept in a precious reliquary, and have been scientifically studied and venerated by millions of faithful. Head back to Rome. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 8 - Tues, April 6 (Rome)

After breakfast, get a guided tour of the **Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls**, one of Rome's four major papal basilicas. Celebrate Mass. After lunch, visit the **Basilica of St. John Lateran** where Pope is installed and officiates as Bishop of Rome.

Visit **San Clemente** where you can see 3 layers of history built on top of each other (12 century current basilica, 4th century early Christian Basilica and 1st century Roman complex). Transfer to your hotel for dinner and overnight stay. (B, D)



Day 9 - Wed, April 7 (Rome)

An early morning to get to St. Peter's Square we will attend the **Papal Audience**. After lunch tour the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel. Then Spend time in St. Peter's Basilica including climbing the dome for a magnificent view. Enjoy a farewell dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 10 - Thurs, April 8 (Rome)

Depart from Rome Airport for your flight back home. Take with you wonderful memories of Italy!