

ITALY: SHRINES, SAINTS, AND SACRED SITES

CENTENNIAL PILGRIMAGE • 1927-2027

A 13-Day Sacred Journey of Eucharistic Miracles, Saints & Italian Heritage
In Celebration of the Centennial of The Basilica of Saint John • October 11–23, 2027

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

Very Reverend Trevor Chicoine, Pastor

The Basilica of Saint John — Des Moines, Iowa

Father Chicoine personally invites parishioners and friends to join him on this historic pilgrimage celebrating 100 years of faith (1927–2027), offering daily Holy Mass and guiding our group in spiritual reflection.

An Exclusive Centennial Invitation for Our Parish Family

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of The Basilica of Saint John, Father Trevor Chicoine invite you to walk in the steps of the saints on a 13-day pilgrimage to Italy. Together we will pray in the ancient catacombs, celebrate Holy Mass in Rome's major basilicas, venerate the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena in Orvieto, pray at the tomb of St. Francis in Assisi, explore medieval Siena and Renaissance Florence, and experience the splendor of St. Mark's Basilica in Venice.



SPIRITUAL & PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Centennial Pastoral Leadership: Led by Very Rev. Trevor Chicoine, with daily Holy Mass and spiritual reflections.

Papal Rome & Major Basilicas: Papal Audience with the Holy Father; Mass at St. Peter's Crypt, St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran.

Eucharistic Miracle of Orvieto: Mass before the relic of the Miracle of Bolsena, then lunch and wine tasting at Le Velette vineyard.

Saints of Tuscany & Umbria: St. Catherine in Siena, the tombs of St. Francis, St. Clare and St. Carlo Acutis in Assisi, and the Porziuncola.

Florence Renaissance Heritage: Mass at Florence's Duomo, Michelangelo's David, and the Franciscan Basilica di Santa Croce.

Venetian Glory: Mass and a guided tour at St. Mark's Basilica, a private water taxi tour of the Grand Canal, and Mass on Murano.

Complete Peace of Mind: 4-star hotels, private motorcoach, high-speed rail, private water taxis, daily breakfast, most dinners, and expert guides.

DAILY ITINERARY • ROME

Days 1–3 • Departure, St. Paul Outside the Walls & the Papal Audience

DAY 1 • MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2027

Departure Day *Meals: In flight*

Our pilgrimage begins as we depart from home on our international flight to Rome. As we settle in, we carry with us the intentions of our parish family and open our hearts to the saints and holy places that await us.



DAY 2 • TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2027

Arrival in the Eternal City & St. Paul Outside the Walls

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Benvenuti a Roma! After arriving at Rome Fiumicino (FCO) in the morning, we gather our luggage and board our private motorcoach for our first sacred stop: the Papal Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, built over the tomb of the Apostle to the Gentiles and cared for by Benedictine monks since the eighth century. Here we celebrate our first Holy Mass of the pilgrimage in the St. Benedict Chapel, followed by a guided tour. After lunch in the basilica's cafeteria, we descend into one of the nearby Catacombs, where the first Christians prayed and laid their dead to rest. We then check in to our hotel near the Vatican for a welcome group dinner.

DAY 3 • WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2027

Papal Audience & the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

After an early breakfast, we make our way to St. Peter's Square to join pilgrims from every corner of the world at the Papal Audience with the Holy Father, an unforgettable moment of unity with the universal Church. Our motorcoach then carries us across Rome for lunch and a guided tour of the Basilica of St. Mary Major, Rome's great Marian church and the place Pope Francis chose for his final rest. We celebrate Holy Mass near the relic of the Holy Manger, with time for prayer before the beloved icon Salus Populi Romani. We return to the hotel by 4:30 PM, and gather this evening for dinner at a restaurant near our hotel.



DAILY ITINERARY • ROME

Days 4–5 • Major Basilicas, Ancient Rome & Vatican City

DAY 4 • THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2027

Rome: Major Basilicas & Ancient Wonders

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Today we visit the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome and "mother and head of all churches." Across the street, pilgrims may ascend the Scala Santa, the Holy Stairs that tradition holds Our Lord climbed on His way to Pontius Pilate. After Holy Mass and a guided tour, we continue to the Basilica of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme, home to relics of the True Cross brought to Rome by St. Helena. Following a break for lunch, we walk through the Roman Forum and visit the Mamertine Prison, where tradition holds Sts. Peter and Paul were held in chains. The Colosseum may be explored on your own. Dinner this evening at a local restaurant.



DAY 5 • FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2027

Vatican City & an Optional Roman Stroll

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

We celebrate Holy Mass in the Crypt of St. Peter's Basilica, steps from the tomb of the Prince of the Apostles, one of the most moving moments of any pilgrimage. Our expert guide then leads us through the Vatican Museums, a treasury of faith and art gathered by the popes over five centuries, before we enter the soaring grandeur of St. Peter's Basilica above. Afterward, those who wish may join an optional stroll to the ancient Pantheon and the fountains of Piazza Navona. The rest of the afternoon is free for personal prayer, reflection, or simply savoring Rome. We meet back at the hotel for dinner at a restaurant nearby.



DAILY ITINERARY • ORVIETO & SIENA

Days 6–7 • The Eucharistic Miracle & the City of St. Catherine

DAY 6 • SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2027

The Eucharistic Miracle of Orvieto & Arrival in Tuscany

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

This morning we leave Rome and travel north to Orvieto, perched dramatically atop a cliff of volcanic rock. In its magnificent Duomo, crowned by a glittering mosaic façade, we celebrate Holy Mass in the presence of the relic of the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena, the miracle of 1263 associated with the institution of the Feast of Corpus Christi. A guided tour reveals the cathedral's artistic treasures. We then savor lunch and a wine tasting at the scenic Le Vette vineyard before continuing to Borgo San Luigi in Monteriggioni, our Tuscan home for the next four nights. A relaxing light dinner concludes the day.



DAY 7 • SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2027

Siena: St. Catherine & the Medieval Duomo

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

On this Lord's Day we travel to the medieval city of Siena, home of St. Catherine, Doctor of the Church and co-patroness of Europe. We celebrate Holy Mass at the Basilica di San Domenico, where her relic is venerated, as our guide brings to life the story of the young mystic who counseled popes. We then tour Siena's striped-marble Duomo, famed for its inlaid marble floors and masterpieces of art. Free time in the shell-shaped Piazza del Campo invites a leisurely lunch and a chance to soak in the life of this beautiful city. We return to Borgo San Luigi for dinner.



DAILY ITINERARY • ASSISI & FLORENCE

Days 8–9 • St. Francis, St. Clare & the Cradle of the Renaissance

DAY 8 • MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2027

The Spirit of Assisi

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Today we journey into the green hills of Umbria to Assisi, the town of St. Francis and St. Clare, where we celebrate Holy Mass. Our guided tour begins at the Basilica di Santa Chiara, where St. Clare rests, and continues to Santa Maria Maggiore, the Sanctuary of the Renunciation, where young Francis gave up his worldly goods and where St. Carlo Acutis now lies at rest. We pray at the tomb of St. Francis in the Basilica di San Francesco before descending to the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, which shelters the tiny Porziuncola chapel, cradle of the Franciscan order. We return to Borgo San Luigi for a restful evening.



DAY 9 • TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2027

Florence: The Duomo, Accademia & Franciscan Heritage

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

We begin our day in Florence, cradle of the Renaissance, with a sweeping panorama from Piazzale Michelangelo, the city's terracotta rooftops and Brunelleschi's great dome spread out before us. We celebrate Holy Mass at the Duomo di Santa Maria del Fiore, then stand in awe before Michelangelo's David at the Accademia Gallery. A guided tour of the Duomo complex is followed by the Basilica di Santa Croce, the Franciscan mother church of Florence, where Michelangelo and Galileo are buried. Free time follows for prayer and shopping in the leather district. We gather for dinner before returning to our hotel.



DAILY ITINERARY • VENICE

Days 10–11 • High-Speed Rail to La Serenissima & the Grand Canal

DAY 10 • WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2027

Journey to Venice & the Island of Murano

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Bidding farewell to Tuscany, we board a high-speed train in Florence and glide north through the Apennines, arriving at Venezia Santa Lucia station by early afternoon. Stepping out onto the Grand Canal is an unforgettable first glimpse of La Serenissima. A private water taxi carries us across the lagoon to our hotel on the island of Murano, renowned for its centuries-old glassmaking tradition. Our spiritual guide leads a walk through the island's canals and lanes before we celebrate Holy Mass at a local church on Murano. We end the day with a Venetian dinner at our hotel.

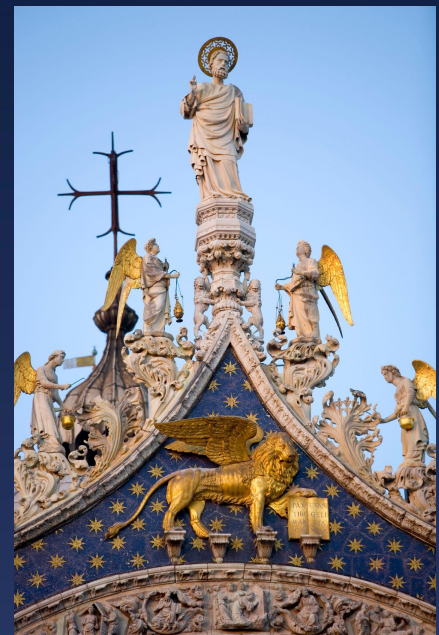


DAY 11 • THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2027

Venice at Your Own Pace & the Grand Canal

Meals: Breakfast

Today is yours to discover Venice. Wander to the Rialto Bridge and its bustling market stalls, lose yourself in quiet lanes and hidden squares, or stroll the gardens of the Giardini della Biennale. The group gathers to celebrate Holy Mass together, and later we board a private water taxi for an unforgettable journey along the Grand Canal, gliding past Gothic palazzi, domed churches, and centuries of Venetian history. This evening, dinner is at leisure, the perfect chance to sample the city's renowned seafood specialties.



DAILY ITINERARY • VENICE

Days 12–13 • St. Mark's Basilica, Farewell & Journey Home



DAY 12 • FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2027

St. Mark's Basilica & Farewell Dinner

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Our final full day begins with Holy Mass at St. Mark's Basilica, where the relics of the Evangelist have been venerated since the ninth century. A guided tour follows, revealing its shimmering golden mosaics and the Pala d'Oro, the jewel-encrusted golden altarpiece behind the high altar. The afternoon is free for personal exploration, last visits, and quiet reflection on all we have experienced together. This evening we gather for a festive Farewell Dinner, giving thanks for the graces of our centennial pilgrimage.

DAY 13 • SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2027

Arrivederci, Italia

Meals: Breakfast

We check out of our hotel and transfer by water taxi and private motorcoach to Venice Marco Polo Airport (VCE), where we receive assistance with check-in and luggage for our flight home, carrying with us the memories, friendships, and blessings of this centennial pilgrimage.

YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS

ROME

4 Nights

Hotel near the Vatican

October 12–16, 2027

TUSCANY

4 Nights

**Borgo San Luigi,
Monteriggioni**

October 16–20, 2027

VENICE

3 Nights

Hotel on the Island of Murano

October 20–23, 2027

PILGRIMAGE PRICE & INCLUSIONS

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PER PERSON • DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$6,195

\$105 taxes & surcharges

Single Supplement \$1595.00

Round-trip group airfare will be announced in early December 2026.



\$400

Deposit per person, sent with your application

13 Days

Air portion due after airline tickets are issued

June 13, 2027

Final payment due (120 days before departure)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Spiritual Leadership: Very Rev. Trevor Chicoine, with daily Holy Mass at basilicas and shrines

Accommodations: 11 nights in 4-star hotels (4 Rome, 4 Borgo San Luigi, 3 Murano)

Meals: Breakfasts, 3 lunches and Dinners, including the Farewell Dinner

Wine Experience: Lunch and wine tasting at Le Velette vineyard

Papal Audience: Tickets to the Papal Audience with the Holy Father

Transportation: Private motorcoach, high-speed train to Venice, and private water taxis

Grand Canal: Private water taxi tour along the Grand Canal

Transfers: Arrival transfer from Rome FCO and departure transfer to Venice VCE

Guided Visits: Expert local guides and group entrance fees as noted in the itinerary

In Country Tour Manager: Expert Tour Manager to manage logistics throughout.

TravelTyme Host: To shepherd you from the United States and back as well take care of any issues throughout our journey

NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare (announced early December 2026)
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Meals not listed in the itinerary
- Personal expenses

Space is limited. Parish members enjoy priority reservations.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Please read carefully before submitting your application

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT

Travel Tyme requires a deposit of \$400 per person that is to be sent with the application at the time of booking.. The \$400 deposit forms a part of your final payment, which must be received by us no later than 120 days prior to departure. Seats are limited on this Pilgrimage, so we suggest an early booking.

CANCELLATIONS

Please make all cancellations in writing. The following cancellation charges apply: If cancelled 120 days or more prior to departure, a \$75 administration fee is charged. If cancelled 119-61 days prior, \$300 penalty will be charged. If cancelled 60-15 days prior, a \$500 penalty will be charged. If cancelled 14 days or less, the total amount of the trip will be forfeited. In addition, once the airline tickets are issued, the cost is non-refundable.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly recommend the purchase of travel insurance to recuperate the penalties charged for cancellation for health reasons. You would be fully covered, except if pre-existing conditions are evident. Even so, the insurer waives the exclusion for pre-existing conditions, if insurance is purchased within 15 days of deposit received by Travel Tyme.

PASSPORT AND VISA

For travel outside the United States, a valid passport is required for all U.S. citizens. For those holding passports of other countries, visas may be required. Please check with Travel Tyme for further information.

RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE

TRAVEL TYME acts as tour operator. The suppliers providing transportation and sightseeing arrangements and hotel accommodations for the tour program are independent contractors and are not employees of TRAVEL TYME. All coupons, receipts and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers. By utilizing the service of the suppliers, you agree that TRAVEL TYME will not be liable for any accident, loss, injury, or damage to you or those traveling with you in connection with any accommodations, transportation or any other services resulting directly or indirectly from any occurrences or conditions beyond its control, including defects in vehicles,

breakdown in equipment, thefts, delay or cancellation of or changes in itinerary for any act, omission or events during the time you are on board the aircraft or other common carrier. Neither TRAVEL TYME and agents, or airlines concerned are to be held responsible for the late arrival of passengers at airports or resorts due to inclement weather, nor are they to be held liable for payment or any refund for unused hotel accommodations or meals occasioned by such late arrivals at the hotels holding rooms as confirmed in itineraries.

AIRFARES & TOUR PRICES

Airfares and land prices quoted in the brochure are based on prices and exchange rates in effect at the time of the printing of this brochure (October 2026) and are subject to change caused by currency rate exchange & fuel costs.

AIR TRANSPORTATION

Air transportation is in economy class on scheduled carriers. After group is ticketed, individuals can request Comfort or First Class at current rate of request.

PLEASE NOTE

When we know of your special dietary or mobility needs, we will alert our airline and ground partners. It is important for you to be alert and advocate for yourself. However, just like when dining out at home, it's crucial that you also speak directly with waitstaff at every meal to ensure your needs are addressed. If you need help, please ask your Tour Manager.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS OF THIS TRIP

This active trip requires pilgrims to walk on uneven surfaces, over cobblestone streets, and up and down stairs. **Expect to walk 12,000 - 15,000 steps each day. If you cannot keep up with the group, you may be required to forego visiting some sites.** Walkers and wheelchairs are not easily available overseas. IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR MOBILITY, PLEASE CALL US AT 636-391-1000, SO WE CAN HELP FIND THE PERFECT TRIP FOR YOU.

GROUP AIR SEATING POLICY

TravelTyme Pilgrimages utilizes group airfare and **CANNOT ASSIGN SEATS OR CHANGE SEAT ASSIGNMENTS.** Only the airlines can make these changes. Seat assignments are made by the airline at the time of check-in. Sometimes, you may not be assigned a seat with your traveling companion. You will need to work with the airline to change seats. If specific seats are important to you, we recommend arranging your own flights.



PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION FORM

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Please print clearly. Names must match your passport exactly. Airline tickets are issued from this form, and name corrections can be costly. Return this form with your deposit to TravelTyme Pilgrimages.

TRAVELER 1

FULL NAME EXACTLY AS ON PASSPORT (FIRST MIDDLE LAST)

GENDER: ☐ M ☐ F

PREFERRED NAME FOR NAME BADGE

DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)

COUNTRY OF PASSPORT ISSUE

PASSPORT NUMBER

PASSPORT ISSUE DATE

PASSPORT EXPIRATION DATE

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE / ZIP

MOBILE PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

FOOD ALLERGIES / DIETARY NEEDS

PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS / MOBILITY NEEDS

FREQUENT FLYER # (AIRLINE)

KNOWN TRAVELER # (TSA PRECHECK)

TRAVELER 2

FULL NAME EXACTLY AS ON PASSPORT (FIRST MIDDLE LAST)

GENDER: ☐ M ☐ F

PREFERRED NAME FOR NAME BADGE

DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)

COUNTRY OF PASSPORT ISSUE

PASSPORT NUMBER

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FREQUENT FLYER # (AIRLINE)

KNOWN TRAVELER # (TSA PRECHECK)

EMERGENCY CONTACT (SOMEONE NOT TRAVELING WITH YOU)

NAME

RELATIONSHIP

PHONE

ROOM REQUEST

☐ Double (2 people) ☐ Triple (max 3) ☐ Single*

ROOMMATE NAME(S)

**Single rooms are limited and carry a supplement. Group airfare will be announced in early December 2026.*

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

☐ Group air departing from (city): _____

☐ Land only. I will arrange my own flights.

DEPOSIT

Enclosed is a \$400 deposit × _____ person(s) = \$ _____

☐ Check enclosed, payable to Travel Tyme

☐ Credit card: please call me to take payment by phone

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS (EACH TRAVELER PLEASE INITIAL)

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I have read and accept the Terms & Conditions included in this brochure.

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I understand group air seats cannot be assigned by TravelTyme, and I may not be seated with my travel companion.

SIGNATURE: TRAVELER 1

DATE

SIGNATURE: TRAVELER 2

DATE



TRAVEL PROTECTION

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Protect Your Pilgrimage

Life doesn't always go as planned. If a covered illness or injury, or a medical emergency in your family, keeps you from traveling, trip cancellation coverage can reimburse your non-refundable trip costs. And once you're in Italy, travel protection helps care for you if you become ill or injured far from home.

BEFORE YOU DEPART

Coverage for cancellation due to a covered medical emergency, for you or a family member.

DURING YOUR PILGRIMAGE

Emergency medical expenses, emergency medical transportation, trip interruption, and lost or damaged baggage.



Trip Cancellation & Interruption

Reimburses covered, non-refundable costs if you must cancel or cut your trip short.



Emergency Medical Expenses

Medicare and many U.S. health plans offer little or no coverage outside the United States.



Emergency Medical Transportation

Covers transport to the nearest appropriate facility, or home, if medically necessary.



Lost or Damaged Baggage

Helps replace luggage and personal effects that are lost, stolen, or damaged.

IMPORTANT DEADLINE: Purchase within 15 days of your deposit to qualify for the pre-existing condition waiver.

Please call 636-391-1000 to discuss your options, and return this page with your registration.

TRAVELER 1

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PURCHASE

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DECLINE

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

TRAVELER 2

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PURCHASE

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DECLINE

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

This plan provides insurance coverage that only applies during the covered trip. You may have coverage from other sources that provides you with similar benefits but may be subject to different restrictions depending upon your other coverages. You may wish to compare the terms of this policy with your existing life, health, home, and automobile insurance policies. If you have any questions about your current coverage, call your insurer or insurance agent or broker. Coverage is offered by Travel Guard Group, Inc (Travel Guard). California lic. no.0B93606, 3300 Business Park Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54482, www.travelguard.com. CA DOI toll free number: 800-927-HELP. This is only a brief description of the coverage(s) available. The Policy will contain reductions, limitations, exclusions and termination provisions. Insurance underwritten by National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., a Pennsylvania insurance company, with its principal place of business at 175 Water Street, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10038. It is currently authorized to transact business in all states and the District of Columbia. NAIC No. 19445. Coverage may not be available in all states. Your travel retailer may not be licensed to sell insurance, and cannot answer technical questions about the benefits, exclusions, and conditions of this insurance and cannot evaluate the adequacy of your existing insurance. The purchase of travel insurance is not required in order to purchase any other product or service from the travel retailer. Travel assistance services provided by Travel Guard. 1678 03/09/18 TG-41107-18