

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, ROME & ASSISI WITH FATHER RYAN WEBER

Lourdes ✚ Basilica of the Immaculate Conception
The Vatican ✚ Sistine Chapel
The Colosseum ✚ Assisi ✚ Basilica of St. Mary Major
St. Paul Outside the Wall ✚ Papal Angelus
Mass at the Tomb in the Crypts of St. Peter's
St. John Lateran ✚ Vatican Museum ✚ Trevi Fountain

October 6 - 18TH, 2024

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D (dinner) & B (breakfast)

Sunday, October 6: Depart U.S., for overnight flight to Toulouse, France. Dinner and breakfast served aboard.

Monday, October 7: This morning we arrive Toulouse, France near the foothills of the Pyrenees Mountains. After we gather our luggage, we meet our Tour Manager to board our motorcoach and as we drive from the airport through the historic old town, we hear highlights of the history of this important French city. Later, we make our way to the **Tomb of St Thomas Aquinas to Celebrate Mass**. Subsequently we reboard our Motorcoach and make our way up the **Pyrenees Mountains to Lourdes**. We check-in at our hotel and have dinner together. Tonight, you will have the opportunity to participate in the **candlelight procession**. Here we stay for three nights. **B & D Lourdes**

Tuesday, October 8: Lourdes is the site of the 1858 apparitions of Our Lady under the title of her Immaculate Conception. We begin our day at 9:45 AM with **HOLY MASS being celebrated at the very GROTTTO** where the Blessed Mother first appeared to the saintly peasant girl, St. Bernadette, and where she unearthed the miraculous spring of water. A time will be arranged to view the Lourdes video that gives the history of the apparitions. We go on a walking tour of Lourdes to visit the places where **St. Bernadette** lived: at the **Boly Mill and the Cachot**, an abandoned prison which was her family home at the time of the apparitions. We can see the parish church and font of Bernadette's baptism. In this holy place of **spiritual and physical healing, we have the opportunity to partake in the water ritual** in the waters of Lourdes. This day in prayer in Lourdes can include the **Way of the Cross, time spent in Eucharistic Adoration and other personal devotions**. At 5:00 PM is the daily Procession of the Blessed Sacrament with Blessing of the Sick. Candlelight Procession is available this evening as well. **B & D Lourdes**

Wednesday, October 9: Today is the feast day of **Our Lady Of Lourdes**. This morning we will celebrate **MASS in the CHAPEL OF ST. ANNE in the BASILICA OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**. Again there is ample time for devotion during our "mini-retreat" in Lourdes. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered throughout the day, you can walk the Stations of the Cross as well as Eucharistic adoration. At 5 PM the daily procession of the blessed Sacrament with the Blessing of the Sick is conducted. After, we will go out for a traditional French farewell dinner to Lourdes. **B & D Lourdes**

Thursday, October 10: This morning after breakfast, we are transferred to the Toulouse airport for our 1: 55 PM flight to Rome. After landing, we collect our luggage and make our way to the outskirts of Rome to visit **St. Paul Outside the Walls**, a beautiful Basilica dedicated to the Apostle of the Gentiles. Here, we **Celebrate Mass** and have a **tour** of the Beautiful Basilica. After, we make our way to our hotel in Rome for dinner and overnight. **B & D Rome**

Friday, October 11: After breakfast, we will make our way to **Basilica dei Santi XII Apostoli for our daily Mass**. Dedicated to all the Apostles but **Mainly dedicated to Philip and James the Minor** where their bones are placed in a stone urn in the Crypt. After Mass and tour of the Minor Basilica, nearby we have a walking tour of **Ancient Rome**. Sites include the **Roman Forum, the Arch of Constantine, Roman Forum, Palatine Hill and Circus Maximus**. We end with an interior tour of the **Colosseum**. After lunch on our own, near the Pantheon, we finish with a walking tour of Old Rome: **The Pantheon, the Piazza Navona, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps**. Later, we come back to our hotel and get ready for dinner outside the hotel at **Osteria dei Pontefici** and then overnight. **B & D Rome**



Saturday, October 12: After breakfast this morning, we will drive to the most illustrious church dedicated to **Our Lady, the Basilica of St. Mary Major**. The world's most illustrious church dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. Down the road, we visit the **Basilica of St. John Lateran**, the **Cathedral Church of Rome**, and see its richly adorned interior that inspires much devotion. Here, we will **Celebrate Holy Mass & Tour the Church**. After that we go for a tour within the **Catacombs of St. Callixtus**. Our visit through these hallowed burial grounds of the early Christians calls to mind the fundamentals of our Faith, depicted in part on the very walls of these underground chambers. After, we have lunch nearby at **Ristorante L'Archeologia** which will be a treat. The Motor coach takes us back to the hotel after. The afternoon is on your own where you can see countless churches where tombs of saints and great masterpieces can be discovered. Tonight, you will have dinner on your own.

B & L Rome



Sunday, October 13: This morning, we will **Celebrate Holy Mass in the Crypts of the magnificent Basilica of St. Peter in Vatican City**. As we walk through and pray, our thoughts are flooded with events that have taken place here and the people who have worshiped in this great center of our Church. After Mass we will be guided through the **Vatican Museum**, seeing especially the **Sistine Chapel** with its awesome frescoes by **Michelangelo**. The tour concludes with an inside visit of the Basilica. Depending on time, the day might be rearranged, we will make our way to the **PAPAL BLESSING**. The Pope will appear from the window of his apartment where he gives a short speech followed by the **Angelus** and ending with a blessing. He may also greet the crowds in various languages and the whole event usually lasts around 15-20 minutes. He will impart the **Apostolic Blessing** at the end of the prayer. There is some time this afternoon for last minute shopping, and then we prepare for our evening together. This evening we are in for a special treat. We go to a **Cooking class and dinner in the ancient underground in Isola Tiberina**. Here, we don our Chef Hat and Apron, where we create our own ravioli e cavatelli and after our dinner consists of Pasta, Green Pepper Veal Mignon & capped off with Tiramisu! Of course, wine included.

B & D Rome



Monday, October 14: After we check out of our Roman hotel, we continue traveling East to Subiaco, Italy. Set like a gem in the rock face of **Mount Taleo near Subiaco**, the **Sanctuary of the Sacro Speco ("Holy Cave")** has been one of the most significant places of Benedictine spirituality for almost a thousand years. For here is enshrined the very cave in which the young **Saint Benedict of Norcia** lived in the early sixth century as a hermit, following the example of the Desert Fathers. After a visit to **Sacro Speco we will Celebrate Mass**. Soon, we go North to **Roccaporena**. The little town of St Rita. After Rita's husband died, she joined an Augustinian community of religious sisters. Various miracles are attributed to her intercession, and she is often portrayed with a bleeding wound on her forehead, which is understood to indicate a partial stigmata. **Saint Rita of Cascia** was born in Roccaporena. **The scoglio di Santa Rita ("Rock of St. Rita")** is traditionally believed to be the place where she prayed. Roccaporena is also the site of the saint's house, dating to the 14th century, with the adjoining Orto del Miracolo ("Miracle Orchard"), and the 13th-century church of San Montano, where St. Rita married. After, we descend to the town of Cascia where we have dinner outside the hotel.

Cascia B & D



Tuesday, October 15: This morning we check out and continue traveling Northwest towards **Norcia**. Here we have the privilege of attending the **Monastic Mass at the Monastero di San Benedetto**. We then drive North to Assisi where we will have an

orientation walking tour of the Medieval city perched up on the hill side. We learn about some of the great Saints Like St. Francis, St Clare and Carlo Acutis. We then check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. **B & D Assisi**

Wednesday, October 16: This morning we celebrate **Mass in the Basilica of St. Francis**. Afterwards, we will be given a tour of the Basilica with its magnificent frescoes by Giotto depicting the life of the saint. We continue on a guided tour to explore the holy place of Assisi. After that we visit **Blessed Carlo Acutis**. He is an English-born Italian Catholic youth and website designer who is best known for documenting Eucharistic miracles and the approved Marian apparitions around the world and cataloging them onto a website which he created before his death from leukemia. We have time to learn about this teenager's life and venerate his tomb. We then descend down to the plain below Assisi and visit **St. Mary of the Angels (Santa Maria degli Angeli)**. After, we go to a local winery and sample some of the local vintage paired with some light edibles. Tonight we have dinner out at a local restaurant. **B & D Assisi**

Thursday, October 17: This morning we check out of the hotel, then reach the **Basilica of St. Clare, Foundress of the Poor Clare nuns, and see her tomb**. In the upper chapel we venerate the Crucifix that was originally located in San Damiano church. Our Lord from that crucifix spoke to Francis the command to "Rebuild My Church." **Here we celebrate Mass**. The rest of the day is free to explore and shop. **Tonight we have our farewell dinner out at a local restaurant.** **B & D Assisi / Rome**

Friday, October 18: After our breakfast our driver will transfer the group to the Roman Airport in time to check in for the departure flight to the US & arrive the same day in St. Louis.



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