

# Pilgrimage to Assisi & Italy with Father Anthony Yates

Venice ✚ Florence ✚ Assisi  
Basilica of St. Francis ✚ Orvieto ✚ The Vatican  
Crypt Mass in the Basilica of St Peter ✚ St. Paul Outside the Wall  
The Colosseum ✚ Rome ✚ St. Mary Major  
Basilica of St. Peter ✚ Sistine Chapel

September 16 - 27, 2024



**Monday, September 16:** Depart from our home city to connect with an overnight flight to Rome. Dinner and breakfast served aboard. **D (dinner) & B (breakfast)**



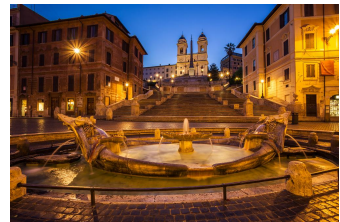
**Tuesday, September 17:** We land this morning in the Eternal City of Rome. After we gather our bags and pass customs, we greet our tour guide. Our first stop is to the most illustrious church dedicated to **Our Lady, the Basilica of St. Mary Major**. Here we celebrate our opening **Mass at the Manger**. The Manger is considered the most notable relic from Bethlehem in which the baby Jesus was laid. Depending on time, after Mass, we have time for a light lunch, we pay a brief visit to the **Mamertine Prison**. Said to be built in the 7th Century BC and where **Sts. Peter & Paul** were held. Here we have time for veneration of the two Saints in the Chapel. After, we are given a quick walking orientation tour of sites like **The Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona, The Pantheon and Trevi Fountain**. Subsequently, we reboard our motorcoach that will take us to our Hotel for the next four nights. Tonight we have dinner together in the hotel **D Rome**



**Wednesday, September 18:** This morning we will experience one of the highlights of our Roman stay, attendance at a **PAPAL AUDIENCE** at St. Peter's, depending, of course, on the presence in Rome of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. After the Papal Audience we have lunch. This morning we drive 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. After our veneration to the Saint and exploration of this building, we tour 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 returning to our hotel via motorcoach, we are free to explore the city on our own. This evening we reconvene for dinner at our Hotel. **B & D Rome**



**Thursday, September 19:** **Holy Mass** this morning will be near one of the tombs in 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 first be guided then on to the Vatican Museum, seeing especially the Sistine Chapel with its awesome frescoes by Michelangelo. The tour concludes with an inside visit of the Basilica. **Afternoon: We have a Cooking Class at L'UNDERGROUND on Tiber Island in Rome. Here we will cook Italian fare and sip some great Italian wines.** After we sample our delicious creations & return to the hotel, the rest of the day is on your own. If you are still hungry, you can sample delicious Italian cuisine on your own or check out other nightlife in the Eternal City. **B Rome**



**Friday, September 20:** This morning after breakfast, we start our day with morning Mass in **Santa Croce in Gerusalemme**. Consecrated in 325 AD, previously this served as the Palace for **St. Helena, Mother of Constantine**. She visited Jerusalem to re-establish the Christian holy places in 326, and by tradition there found the relics of Christ's Passion including the True Cross. The latter she left in Jerusalem, where it was venerated for centuries, but splinters from it and other items she brought back to Rome and put on display at the palace. This was the motivation for the foundation of the church. **Here we celebrate Holy Mass.** We next reach the **Basilica of St. Clement**, built over the home of our fourth Pope and over some truly interesting ruins of ancient Rome. We also visit the nearby **Basilica of St. John Lateran**, the Cathedral Church of Rome, and see its richly adorned interior that inspires much devotion. Nearby, we have interior tours of the **Roman Forum and the Colosseum** as well as walking tour of Ancient Rome - the **Arch of Constantine, Palatine Hill and the Circus Maximus**. For our final stop we go to Maria Sopra Minerva. The current Church was established in 1255 and has served the Order of Preachers over the centuries. Here, we venerate the tomb of **St. Catherine of Siena; Doctor of the Church**. Our afternoon is free. Much can be seen by walking through Old



Rome and countless church where tombs of saints and great masterpieces can be discovered. Rome, the Center of the Roman Empire and Center of the Church! Tonight we go out for a farewell dinner to Rome with wine and music at a local favorite.

**B & D Rome**



**Saturday, September 21:** This morning we check out of our hotel and head towards the beautiful hill town of **Orvieto**. It is here that in 1263 Pope Urban IV proclaimed the authenticity of a Eucharistic miracle, that the Sacred Host had bled during a Mass celebrated in nearby Bolsena. From this event the Church instituted the **Feast of Corpus Christi**. The Cathedral's façade is adorned with a splendid and world famous mosaic. We continue traveling Northeast towards Assisi. Upon our arrival, we 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**. After, we have time on our own for lunch. **Finally, we have a tour of Assisi & explore all the Holy Places**. We then transfer to the hotel for overnight and dinner at the hotel.

**B & D Assisi**



**Sunday, September 22:** - This morning we celebrate **Mass at the tomb of St Francis 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. After, **Father Yates will be directing us in Conferences and spiritual exercises** in this Holy Town. The afternoon is set for time on your own to explore the holy place of Assisi. Tonight we have dinner out at a local restaurant.

**B & D Assisi**



**Monday, September 23:** This morning we head Northwest to Florence. On our way out of Assisi, we **celebrate Holy Mass at Santa Maria degli Angeli**. This grand Baroque basilica houses the small Porziuncola, a chapel restored by St. Francis and the place where St. Clare took her vows, as well as the humble cell in which St. Francis died. We continue Northwest for a stop in **Siena**; a delightful medieval town, but important because of the connection with St. Catherine, Doctor of the Church and reformer of the Papacy. Our walking tour takes us to the **Piazza del Campo** and to the Gothic Cathedral of dark and light marble. For a treat we go to **Borgo Divino**, a historic agritourism establishment with a wine cellar and restaurant, nestled in the rolling Florentine hills. An oasis of tranquility in Tuscany where you can relax and **enjoy a session tasting organic Chianti wine that will be paired with local food**. We end our day in Florence at our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**B, L & D Florence**



**Tuesday, September 24:** We **celebrate Holy Mass in Santa Maria Novella** church just steps from our hotel. Our guided city tour of Florence, Art Capital of the world, includes a visit to the Academy of Fine Arts which houses Michelangelo's sculpture of **David**, the **Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore** and its masterfully done bronze Baptistry doors worthy to be called by Michelangelo the "Gates of Paradise." Here we can **Celebrate Holy Mass**. After, we tour the Piazza della Signoria and its Loggia, **Santa Croce** filled with the tombs of the famous. Onward we enjoy a breathtaking view of Florence from **Piazzale Michelangelo**. The rest of the day is at leisure for exploring on one's own. The shops are laden with jewelry of Florentine gold and silver, exquisite leather goods and bargains of all kinds. Dinner will be outside the hotel.

**B & D Florence**



**Wednesday, September 25:** After breakfast, we arrive in the **City of Padua**. Here we venerate the relics of **St. Anthony in the Basilica** of the same name, and will celebrate **Holy Mass at his tomb**. St. Anthony was born in Portugal, but came to Italy to follow St. Francis and became a great dynamic preacher of the Franciscan Order. We will also see the **Prato della Valle** and its famous market. **The Prato della Valle**, the largest square in Italy and one of the largest in Europe, is an elliptical square surrounded by a small canal



and is particularly beautiful by night. Here, we have time for lunch on our own. This afternoon, we visit the **Basilica di Santa Giustina** overlooking the Prato. This beautiful Basilica, with its side chapels and frescoes, houses the tombs of several saints as well as the relics of St. Luke the Evangelist and St. Mathias, also known as the Twelfth Apostle. **Here we Celebrate Holy Mass.** We check into our Venetian Hotel and have dinner and overnight. **B & D Venice**

**Thursday, September 26:** After a restful overnight and breakfast, today we will have a ½ day excursion in Venice, the “Queen of the Adriatic.” This famed city is built on more than 100 islets, supported by millions of wooden stakes and linked by 400 bridges. We will be given a walking tour, which will include the **Doges Palace**, once the official palace of the Doge (Venetian Ruler) and the seat of government. There we walk across the **Bridge of Sighs** (the covered windowed bridge) where convicted prisoners caught their last glimpse of freedom. After, we will visit the **Cathedral of St. Mark**, whose décor of mosaics is acclaimed world-wide. Here, we **celebrate our Final Mass of the Pilgrimage**. Today, lunch will be on our own. In the afternoon we will be treated to a ride on a gondola through the canal “streets” of Venice. The rest of the day is open for exploration. Tonight, **Dinner with wine included** will be served to us in a nice restaurant in the heart of Venice. We return to our hotel overnight. **B & D Venice**

**Friday, September 27:** After our breakfast our driver will transfer the group to the Venice Airport in time to check in for their departure flight to the US.

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