



PILGRIMAGE OF THE HEART

A sacred journey through the heart of Italy

9 days – 8 nights

Italy is not only the cradle of Western civilization — it is also a land where faith, art, and beauty converge in perfect harmony. This 8-day pilgrimage invites you to walk in the footsteps of saints, to pray where centuries of believers have prayed, and to witness the glory of Christian heritage surrounded by breathtaking art, landscapes, and culture.

From Rome, the Eternal City and heart of Catholicism, to the peaceful hills of Assisi, the Marian devotion of Loreto, and the miraculous legacy of St. Rita in Cascia, each destination will touch your spirit and renew your faith. The journey continues to Venice, the city of light and water, and ends in Milan, a symbol of strength, elegance, and deep Christian roots.

Throughout this experience, you will be accompanied by expert local guides, have time for prayer and reflection, celebrate Mass in sacred and historic places, and enjoy comfortable accommodations carefully selected for comfort and atmosphere.

This is more than a trip — it's a pilgrimage of the heart, a moment of renewal and gratitude, and an opportunity to connect with your faith and with others who share it.

DAY 1 ROME Welcome to the Eternal City

Upon arrival at Rome airport, a private coach will take you to your centrally located hotel. After some rest, we'll gather for a welcome dinner, the perfect time to meet our fellow travelers and begin our shared spiritual adventure. Rome — center of the Catholic faith and seat of the papacy — is more than a city; it is a living testimony of Christian history. Every stone, square, and basilica tells a story of faith, perseverance, and divine inspiration. Dinner and overnight in Rome. (D)

DAY 2 ROME - VATICAN Encounter with the Heart of the Church

After breakfast, we'll begin our pilgrimage with one of the most profound experiences for any Catholic traveler — the Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square (subject to the Pope's schedule). Here, surrounded by pilgrims from all over the world, we feel the unity and universality of the Church. We'll then visit the Vatican Museums, home to some of the greatest artistic treasures of humanity, including Raphael's Rooms and the incomparable Sistine Chapel, where Michelangelo's frescoes remind us of God's creative power. Our day concludes inside St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world and the burial site of the Apostle Peter — a place that radiates both majesty and deep spiritual peace. Overnight in Rome (B)

DAY 3 ROMA – CASCIA - ASSISI The Path of Miracles and Forgiveness

After breakfast, we'll depart for Cascia, the home of St. Rita, known as the Saint of the Impossible. Her life was a testimony of forgiveness and unwavering faith amid suffering. We'll visit her Basilica and Monastery, where her incorrupt body rests, and celebrate Mass in this moving sanctuary. Pilgrims often leave here with a renewed sense of hope and strength. In the afternoon, continue to Assisi, one of the most serene and spiritually uplifting towns in Italy. Evening at leisure to enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of this medieval jewel. Overnight in Assisi or similar. (B)

DAY 4 ASISSI – LORETO Walking in the Footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning, we explore Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis, the beloved saint of humility, peace, and love for creation. With our local guide, we'll visit the Basilica of St. Francis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, home to Giotto's magnificent frescoes depicting the saint's life. We'll also visit the Basilica of St. Clare, where the saint's body lies, and the Sanctuary of the Spogliazione, symbol of Francis' renunciation of worldly goods. Mass will be celebrated in one of these sacred places. In the afternoon, continue to Loreto, one of the most important Marian pilgrimage sites in the world. The Basilica of the Holy House is believed to contain the house where the Virgin Mary lived in Nazareth — miraculously transported by angels, according to tradition. This is a place of profound devotion and prayer for peace and family unity. Overnight in Loreto. (B)

NET PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE ROOM

15-18 Pax EUR 1.764.-

19-22 Pax EUR 1.580.-

23+ Pax EUR 1.460.-

SURPLUS SINGLE EUR 528.-

INCLUDED SERVICES

- All transfer in private bus
- 8 nights in 3*** and 4**** selected hotels including breakfast
- Welcome dinner on the first day
- All excursions mentioned in the program.
 - ✓ Day visit of Vatican and its Museums
 - ✓ Piazzas and fountains guided walking tour
 - ✓ Guided visit in Siena and its Basilica
 - ✓ Guided tour to Lake Como & boat ride
 - ✓ Walking tour in Milan and Venice
- Local english-speaking tour guide in all aforementioned excursions.
- Entrance fees for all visits in Museums.
- 24 h. support (Hotline)

NOT INCLUDED

- International and local flights.
- Local airport taxes
- Tips for Guides, drivers and Porters
- Personal expenses
- Optional tours
- Other services not mentioned in the program





DAY 5 LORETO – SIENA – MILAN From Mary's house to the heart of Tuscany

After a nourishing breakfast, we begin the day in Loreto. This sacred site has drawn pilgrims for centuries, offering a profound encounter with Mary's life and her role as mother of the Church. Inside the basilica, we will explore the beautifully preserved Holy House, marvel at the intricate frescoes, and see precious sacred treasures in the museum. Here, we celebrate Mass, allowing pilgrims to immerse themselves in prayer and devotion. In the afternoon, we journey west to Siena, the birthplace of St. Catherine of Siena, co-patroness of Italy and Doctor of the Church. A local guide will lead us through the Basilica of San Domenico, where we reflect on St. Catherine's mystical experiences, her deep commitment to the Church, and her message of spiritual renewal. We also visit her house, gaining a glimpse into the world that shaped this extraordinary saint. By evening, we continue north to Milan, a vibrant city that blends cosmopolitan energy with deep Christian heritage. Arrival at the hotel and time to relax. Overnight in Milan. (B)



DAY 6 MILAN Faith and Elegance in Lombardy

After breakfast at the hotel, we embark on a half day city tour in Milan, a city where faith and culture coexist beautifully. Our journey begins at the awe-inspiring Duomo of Milan, one of the largest and most intricate Gothic cathedrals in the world. As we stand beneath its soaring vaults and admire the delicate tracery of its spires, we are reminded of centuries of devotion, artistry, and the enduring power of faith expressed through beauty. From the rooftop terrace, we will enjoy panoramic views of the city. Next, we visit Santa Maria delle Grazie, home to Leonardo da Vinci's world-renowned masterpiece The Last Supper (subject to availability at the moment of booking). Our visit continues to the Basilica of St. Ambrose, dedicated to Milan's beloved patron saint and one of the early Doctors of the Church, whose teachings and courage shaped early Christianity. After a morning filled with inspiration, we leave the bustle of Milan and travel north for a guided afternoon excursion to Lake Como, one of Italy's most enchanting natural settings. Nestled among the foothills of the Alps, Lake Como has inspired saints, poets, and artists for centuries with its serene waters and breathtaking scenery. During our visit, we'll stroll through the elegant lakeside town of Como, admire its beautiful cathedral, and enjoy free time to relax along the promenade and take a short boat ride to admire the villas and gardens that grace the shoreline. The calm beauty of the lake offers a perfect setting for quiet reflection — a reminder of the harmony between creation and the divine. We return to Milan in the evening for the overnight. (B)



DAY 7 MILAN – PADUA - VENICE

After breakfast, we depart Milan in the morning and travel eastward to Padua, a city that has welcomed pilgrims for centuries. Our first stop is the Basilica of St. Anthony, where the saint's relics are venerated. St. Anthony, known for his miracles and compassion, continues to inspire millions around the world. Here we will have the grace of celebrating Mass, followed by a guided tour of the Basilica and its serene cloisters. Our journey continues through the historic center, where the Scrovegni Chapel houses Giotto's extraordinary frescoes. By late afternoon, we reach Venice, the unique city of canals, bridges, and timeless beauty. As evening falls, enjoy your first walk along the winding streets and admire the city's luminous reflections on the water. Overnight in Venice. (B)



DAY 8 VENICE Faith and beauty on the lagoon

Breakfast at the hotel prepares us for a full day of discovery in Venice, one of the most enchanting cities in the world. With a local guide, we explore St. Mark's Square, the Doge's Palace, and the magnificent St. Mark's Basilica, where golden mosaics illuminate the stories of Christ, the apostles, and saints. Pilgrims will have the opportunity to celebrate Mass, connecting faith with the city's breathtaking artistry. In the afternoon, you can optionally choose to enjoy a serene gondola ride, wander the narrow alleys, or browse artisan shops and quaint cafés. Every corner of Venice tells a story — from the delicate bridges to the elegant palaces. Overnight in Venice. (B)



DAY 9 VENICE Departure

Breakfast at the hotel. On time transfer by private coach to Milan airport for your return flight. As you leave Italy, our hearts are full of unforgettable memories, sacred experiences, and the beauty of centuries of faith and art. We return home spiritually enriched, carrying with us inspiration, joy, and renewed devotion to share with family, friends, and community. End of our services. (B)

