



# SAINTS & SHRINES OF NAPLES AND SOUTHERN ITALY

## 8 days – 7 nights

*Southern Italy is a land where faith, history, and culture intertwine, offering pilgrims a deeply spiritual journey through centuries of devotion. From the bustling streets of **Naples** to the serene coastal towns, sacred mountains, and ancient sanctuaries, this region is a treasure trove of Marian and saintly devotion. This pilgrimage invites you to walk in the footsteps of saints, experience vibrant local traditions, and encounter the profound spirituality that has flourished here for generations. You will start in **Naples**, a city of contrasts, where Baroque churches sit alongside bustling piazzas and the scent of fresh pastries mingles with the Mediterranean breeze. Here, faith is woven into daily life, and the city's saints—from **St. Januarius** to **St. Gennaro**—have shaped its identity. Moving through **Pompeii**, you will witness devotion preserved amid history, where faithful pilgrims visit the modern shrine built near the ancient ruins, honoring the **Virgin Mary** and seeking her intercession. The journey continues through **Capua**, **Caserta**, and the **Amalfi Coast**, where sanctuaries dedicated to local saints and the Madonna dot cliffs, hills, and valleys. Each stop offers a unique encounter with history, art, and devotion—from majestic basilicas to intimate chapels, frescoes to sculptures, each telling a story of faith and perseverance. Along the way, you will also see how Southern Italy's culture—its music, cuisine, and festivals—reflects centuries of devotion, making the spiritual experience tangible and immersive.*

*Throughout this pilgrimage, **Mass will be celebrated at key shrines with your own priests**, allowing the group to participate fully in the liturgical life of the Church while connecting personally with each site. Ample time is reserved for prayer, quiet reflection, and guided explanations, ensuring that even first-time visitors understand the significance of what they see and experience.*

*By the end of this journey, you will have traversed landscapes that inspired saints, witnessed artistry born of faith, and experienced the warmth and devotion of **Southern Italy**. More than a tour, this pilgrimage is an encounter with holiness in everyday life, offering spiritual enrichment, personal reflection, and a deeper connection to the timeless legacy of the saints.*

### DAY 1 NAPLES Arrival in Italy

Upon arrival in Naples, you are warmly welcomed and transferred to your hotel. After settling in, a gentle orientation walk introduces you to the historic heart of this vibrant city. As you wander along the Spaccanapoli, you glimpse centuries of faith embedded in narrow streets, baroque churches, and lively piazzas. Piazza del Plebiscito and the Royal Palace reveal Naples' regal and ecclesial heritage, where kings, saints, and ordinary citizens have left their mark. Your guide recounts stories of local devotion, miraculous events, and the enduring resilience of Neapolitan spirituality. The scent of espresso, fresh pastries, and sea air mingles, grounding you in the city's rhythm. The evening is yours for quiet reflection, prayer, or a contemplative stroll along the bay, preparing your heart and spirit for the sacred journey ahead. Overnight in Naples. (D)

### DAY 2 NAPLES San Gennaro & Marian devotion

After breakfast, your pilgrimage begins at the Naples Cathedral (Duomo di San Gennaro), home to the relics of the city's beloved patron saint. Here, you participate in Mass, joining centuries of pilgrims in devotion. Your guide explains the miraculous liquefaction of San Gennaro's blood, a phenomenon celebrated thrice yearly and believed to protect the city. You learn about the saint's life, his martyrdom, and the deep spiritual identity he imparts to Naples. In the afternoon, you travel to the Santuario della Madonna dell'Arco, a hilltop Marian shrine whose origins date back to miraculous healings. Pilgrims here have long sought the Madonna's intercession, lighting candles and leaving heartfelt petitions. Surrounded by panoramic views of Naples and the bay, you are invited to personal prayer & reflection, connecting deeply with Southern Italy's Marian devotion. Overnight in Naples. (B)

### DAY 3 NAPLES – POMPEII - CASERTA

### CUSTOMIZED PILGRIMAGE PACKAGES

*Personalized rates upon request*

Packages fully customizable according to age groups, travel period, and accommodation preferences.

#### INCLUDED SERVICES

- All transfer in private bus
- 7 nights in 3\*\*\* and 4\*\*\*\* selected hotels including breakfast
- Welcome dinner on the first day
- All excursions mentioned in the program.
  - ✓ Guided visit in Naples, and its Basilica
  - ✓ Guided visit of Pompeii
  - ✓ Drive long the Amalfi Coast with visits
- Local english-speaking tour guide in all aforementioned excursions.
- Entrance fees for all visits in Museums.
- Guided visit to different Marian shrines and sanctuaries as described
- Mass will be celebrated at key shrines with your own priests
- 24 h. support (Hotline)

#### NOT INCLUDED

- International and local flights.
- Local city taxes (to be paid at the hotels)
- Tips for Guides, drivers and Porters
- Personal expenses
- Optional tours
- Other services not mentioned in the program





After breakfast, the journey continues to Pompeii, where faith rises amidst history. The modern Shrine of the Virgin of the Rosary stands amid the ruins of the ancient city, a beacon of devotion juxtaposed against the tragic eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Attend Mass here, sensing the endurance of faith even in the face of destruction, and reflect on the powerful interplay of history, memory, and spirituality. Continue to Caserta, home to the lavish Royal Palace and gardens, a symbol of Baroque splendor. Nearby, the Sanctuary of the Madonna di Caserta offers a more intimate encounter with devotion, where pilgrims light candles and meditate. Your guide highlights how local devotion, royal patronage, and faith intertwine in Southern Italy, revealing a region where sacred and secular life converge. Overnight. **(B)**

#### **DAY 4 CASERTA – AMALFI COAST- RAVELLO - AMALFI**

After breakfast, your pilgrimage follows the stunning Amalfi Coast, a dramatic ribbon of cliffs, azure sea, and fragrant lemon groves. In Ravello, you explore Villa Rufolo and historic churches where saints and musicians once found inspiration. Here, you learn about patron saints and miraculous interventions attributed to the Madonna, weaving stories of spirituality with the natural grandeur surrounding you. Continue to Amalfi, a town whose cathedral is dedicated to St. Andrew, boasting relics, medieval mosaics, and centuries of devotional practice. Time is reserved for personal prayer, quiet meditation, and wandering the charming streets that blend Byzantine, Arab, and Italian influences. Each stone, fresco, and archway tells a story of faith, artistic devotion, and enduring community. Overnight in Amalfi **(B)**

#### **DAY 5 AMALFI Excursion to Monte Sant'Angelo**

Breakfast begins a day of spiritual enrichment. Today we will have an excursion to Monte Sant'Angelo, perched on the Gargano Peninsula, home to the Sanctuary of St. Michael the Archangel. The site is renowned for its cave shrine and centuries of pilgrimage, where medieval and modern pilgrims alike come to seek protection and guidance. The sanctuary embodies Southern Italy's layered spirituality, blending Marian devotion, angelic intercession, and the natural majesty of Puglia. Visitors experience a palpable sense of awe, connecting with centuries of prayers and miracles. Returning to your base city in the evening, there is time for reflection and intimate discussion on the sacred journeys undertaken, preparing your heart for the pilgrimage's final days. Overnight in Amalfi. **(B)**

#### **DAY 6 AMALFI – BENEVENTO – MONTEVERGINE - NAPLES**

Following breakfast, you journey inland to Benevento, a city rich in early Christian history. You visit churches linked to regional saints and martyrs, discovering layers of faith embedded in Romanesque and Baroque architecture. Continues to Montevergine, a hilltop Marian sanctuary overlooking the rolling hills of Campania. Here, the centuries-old monastery is both a spiritual haven and a center of devotion, where pilgrims gather to celebrate Mass, light candles, and offer prayers to the Madonna. The sanctuary's history intertwines with local legends, miracles, and enduring devotion, providing a deeply reflective experience. Amid panoramic views and quiet contemplation, connect with the spiritual pulse of Southern Italy, feeling the enduring presence of saints who have shaped the region's faith. Overnight in Naples **(B)**

#### **DAY 7 NAPLES – CERTOSA DI SAN MARTIN – SAN ANTONIO AL VOMERO**

After breakfast, return to Naples for a day of profound spiritual and cultural enrichment. Our first stop is **Certosa di San Martino**, a hilltop Carthusian monastery offering breathtaking panoramic views of the city and the bay. Inside, the chapels, cloisters, and museum reveal centuries of Marian devotion, Baroque artistry, and Franciscan spirituality. Walking through ornate frescoes and sacred relics, you sense the enduring faith of generations who have prayed here, and you pause for quiet reflection in its serene cloisters. Later, visit **Sant'Antonio al Vomero**, a church devoted to Saint Anthony, a beloved figure in Naples. Here, you participate in Mass, light candles, and offer personal prayers, surrounded by centuries of local devotion expressed through art, statues, and votive offerings. The day culminates in quiet contemplation, carrying the spiritual resonance of Southern Italy into your final evening. Overnight. **(B)**

#### **DAY 8 NAPLES Departure**

After breakfast, transfer to Naples Airport for your journey home. As you leave, you carry the lasting impressions of centuries-old devotion, stories of saints, and encounters with sacred shrines. From the bustling streets of Naples to the serene hilltop monasteries, each day has offered a tapestry of faith, history, and culture. Depart with hearts enriched by spiritual reflection, personal prayers, and the vivid beauty of Southern Italy, inspired to continue living the traditions and devotion encountered on this transformative journey. End of our services. **(B)**

**(B)** Breakfast **(L)** Lunch **(D)** Dinner

