

Church of the Good Shepherd An 11-Day Pilgrimage to Italy

Pilgrimage #1 (9 nights/11 days)

Day 1 Monday, September 14, 2020

Depart from Atlanta, GA via scheduled air service. The destination is Rome, Italy

Day 2 Tuesday, September 15 Arrive in Rome (D)

Arrive in Rome

Meet your Faith Journeys Tour Manager who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to the hotel for check-in

Enjoy a panoramic tour of Rome's highlights, including stops at the Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona, and Trevi Fountain

Late afternoon check-in at the hotel

Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight

Day 3 Wednesday, September 16 Rome (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

This morning, we will visit Vatican City to attend an Papal Blessing (if available), then tour the Vatican Museums, which house what can be described as the most important collections of art in the world, including The Sistine Chapel

Lunch, on own

Visit St. Peter's Basilica. Marvel at Bernini's beautiful bronze canopy and Michelangelo's Blessed Mother, known as the Pietà

Enjoy time at leisure for additional sightseeing, shopping, or other activities

Evening dinner and overnight in Rome

Day 4 Thursday, September 17 Rome (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Visit the Roman Forum and Colosseum, the Pantheon, Baths of Caracalla, and Palatine Hill

Lunch, on own

Next, we will see the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls which was founded by Roman Emperor Constantine I over the burial place of Saint Paul. Other sites we will see are the Appian Way, the Arch of Drusus, and the ancient catacombs of Rome

Participate in a Pasta Cooking Class, followed by dinner

Return to the hotel in Rome for overnight

Day 5 Friday, September 18 Rome (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Our day begins at the Basilica of St. Mary Major. We will also visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran, which is the oldest of the major basilicas and ranks first as the actual "parish church" of the Pope. We will learn about the Scala Sancta (Holy Stairs). Tradition has it that these steps are sanctified by the footsteps of Jesus Christ during his Passion

Lunch, on own

Next we will visit St. Paul's Within the Walls, also known as the American Church in Rome. It's a church of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe and the first Protestant church to be built in Rome

Evening dinner, on own

Return to the hotel in Rome for overnight



Day 6 Saturday, September 19 Assisi (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
We will travel to Assisi, the site of many a pilgrimage which lies in the Umbria region of Italy on the eastern flank of Monte Subasio. While in Assisi, we will explore St. Francis Basilica, the church of Santa Maria Maggiore, the Basilica of Santa Chiara, and the tombs of St. Francis and St. Clare
Check-in to the hotel in Assisi for dinner and overnight



Day 7 Sunday, September 20 Assisi, Siena (B,D)

11:00am Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
Attend the Sunday service at St. Leonard Church
Lunch, on own
Transfer to Siena to visit the famous Piazza del Campo, the Town Hall and the Duomo
Dinner and overnight in Siena



Day 8 Monday, September 21 Siena, Florence (B,L)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
Depart for Antinori to visit the winery, tour the grounds, and lunch
During a Wine Tasting, observe firsthand the growth, cultivation and production of the wine
Continue to Florence for an evening at leisure
Dinner, on own
Return to the hotel for overnight



Day 9 Tuesday, September 22 Florence (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel
Enjoy a half-day guided tour of Florence which includes visits to the Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio, Ponte Vecchio, the Duomo, and the Academia to see Michelangelo's 'David'
Lunch, on own
Enjoy the afternoon at leisure for additional sightseeing, exploration, reflection, or other activities.
Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant
Return to the hotel for overnight



Day 10 Wednesday, September 23 Florence (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel
Morning visit to the Uffizzi Gallery, a prominent art museum located adjacent to the Piazza della Signoria in the Historic Center of Florence. The Uffizzi Gallery is one of the most important Italian museums, and most visited. It is also one of the largest and best known in the world
Lunch, on own
Remainder of the day at leisure for individual exploration, reflection and relaxation. Motorcoach and Tour Manager are at the group's disposal to help coordinate activities
Meet together at a local restaurant for a Farewell Dinner
Return to the hotel for overnight



Day 11 Thursday, September 24 Depart for Home (B)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
Transfer to the Florence airport for return flight



This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable

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