

Shrines of **ITALY**

with Deacon Kevin Bagley, D.Min.



10 Days
March 9-18, 2022



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Land and Air
\$3995.00

Land Only
\$2995.00

Solo Traveler
(Additional Cost)
\$795.00

Prices are valid only if the deposit is
received no later than November 9, 2021

Final payment due January 7, 2021



This active program

covers a good amount

of ground each day.

You need to be able to

walk for 60 minutes

straight and on

uneven surfaces.

Some stairs will be

encountered.

ITINERARY

✠ Wednesday, March 9, DAY 1: DEPART THE U.S.A.

Depart this evening on an overnight flight from Dallas to Rome. Dinner and breakfast will be served on the plane.

✠ Thursday, March 10, DAY 2: WELCOME TO ITALY – ROME – ORVIETO – ASSISI*

We meet our professional English-speaking tour director at the airport who assists us with luggage and bus boarding. We are on the way to Assisi! To break up our drive, we stop for lunch, in the beautiful hilltop town of Orvieto. We celebrate Mass, tour the Cathedral and see the Miracle of the Eucharist of Bolsena. Late afternoon arrival in the beautiful city of birds and silence of Assisi, where we have dinner and an overnight at our centrally located hotel. (L. D.)

* Program depends on flight arrival and is subject to change.

✠ Friday, March 11, DAY 3: ASSISI

Considered one of the most peaceful spots in Italy, Assisi is a spiritual treasure. Today we explore Assisi, starting with a visit to St. Francis Basilica, where we celebrate Mass. Here we see the tomb of St. Francis and majestic works of art in the upper and the lower parts of the Basilica. We will walk the length of the town to the Church of St. Clare and to visit San Damiano and the Oratory of St. Francis. Free time for lunch on our own, and time at leisure to explore the city, before we board the bus for a short drive to the magnificent Basilica of Santa Maria Degli Angeli where we see the thornless rose bush. Dinner and overnight in Assisi. (B. D.)

✠ Saturday, March 12, DAY 4: LORETO – LANCIANO – SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

Today we visit Loreto and see the Holy House of Nazareth, which tradition tells us, was transported here from the Holy Land. We have a chance to view the most reproduced Madonna in the world: the Black Madonna of Loreto. This afternoon we continue to Lanciano, to celebrate Mass at the Shrine of the Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano. Here we see the Host of Flesh, from true flesh & blood resulting from the miracle that occurred in the 8th century during Mass, where the priest doubted the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Our day concludes with dinner and overnight in San Giovanni. (B. D.)

✠ Sunday, March 13, DAY 5: SAN GIOVANNI (St. Padre Pio) – ST. MICHAEL'S GROTTO

Our day is dedicated to St. Padre Pio. We begin with the celebration of Mass at the old Church of St. Maria delle Grazie. We honor St. Pio's work as we visit his tomb, the cell, the confessional and the Capuchin Monastery of Our Lady of Grace. We also see Padre Pio Pilgrimage Church, and the Home for the Relief of the Suffering. In the afternoon, we visit the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni. (B. D.)

✠ Monday, March 14, DAY 6: SANTA MARIA GORETTI – NETTUNO – ROME

This morning we drive to Nettuno, on our way we stop to see the American Cemetery and pay tribute to our brave soldiers who died in Italy during WWII. Upon arrival at the shrine, we see the Basilica of Our Lady of Graces and Saint Maria Goretti Shrine. We also see the reliquary that contains the saint's body in the Basilica and the farmhouse where she was murdered (the kitchen is now a chapel), as well as the room in which she lived. Mass will be celebrated at the Shrine. Following Mass, we head to Rome for dinner and overnight. (B. D.)

✠ Tuesday, March 15, DAY 7: ANCIENT ROME

This morning we tour the Forum and the Colosseum (inside visit). Our walking tour includes visits to the famous Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps, and the Pantheon. During our tour, we also visit Santa Maria della Minerva and the Church Sant' Agostino where St. Monica's relics are preserved. The church is aptly named after her son, Saint Augustine. Despite the rather plain exterior, the interior of the church is magnificent with several great works of art by artists such as Rafael and Caravaggio. Our walking tour ends at Piazza Navone, one of the most beautiful piazzas in Rome where you have several hours at leisure for lunch and for exploring the area. In the afternoon, we drive to St. Paul Outside the Walls, to celebrate Mass.

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Nearby we visit Tre Fontane Convent where St. Paul was beheaded. Tonight, we celebrate our time together in Rome with a pizza and pasta dinner accompanied by wine. Overnight in Rome. (B. Special dinner.)

✝ Wednesday, March 16, Day 8: CHRISTIAN ROME – PAPAL AUDIENCE

Early this morning, we are transferred to St. Peter's Square, where we are blessed by the Holy Father during the Papal Audience. Following lunch, we see the magnificent Cathedrals of Rome during the Christian Rome tour. Our first stop is the Basilica of St. Mary Major, where we celebrate Mass. We drive to the Basilica of St. John Lateran and the nearby Holy Stairs, before taking a short walk to the Basilica of Holy Cross in Jerusalem to see the sacred relics from the Holy Land. In the afternoon, we drive out of the city along the Appian Way to the Catacombs, where the early Christians prayed and buried their dead. Tonight, enjoy dinner at leisure. Overnight in Rome. (B)

✝ Thursday, March 17, DAY 9: VATICAN TREASURES

This morning we are transferred to the Vatican, where we celebrate Mass and have a tour of St. Peter's Basilica. We meet our local guide who will take us to the Vatican Museum, to see the amazing works of art including the Raphael Rooms and the incomparable Sistine Chapel. After lunch on our own, the group is separated into smaller groups of no more than twelve people for a visit to the underground tunnels called the Scavi (TBC). Rest of the day is at leisure to explore Rome on your own. Tonight, we have a fun and festive farewell dinner as we remember all the beautiful moments we shared on this pilgrimage. Overnight in Rome. (B. Special Dinner)

✝ Friday, March 18, DAY 10: RETURN TO USA

After breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our flight home. (B.)



YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- Roundtrip airfare from Dallas
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- First-class hotels for 8 nights
- Service charges and hotel taxes
- Buffet breakfast daily
- 1 lunch in a restaurant with wine
- 5 hotel dinners at the hotels (standard 3-course menu, beverages available at an additional cost)
- One Restaurant dinner with wine
- Farewell dinner in a restaurant with wine
- All transfers with a private A/C motor coach as per itinerary
- Professional English speaking tour director throughout
- Sightseeing tours as per itinerary
- Entrance fees included to sites specifically listed (outside view means no entrance is included)
- Luggage handling at hotels (one piece per person in/out)
- Select International Tours Travel Portfolio
- Confirmation of daily Mass
- Whisper sets for groups of 30 or more passengers

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Personal expenses
- Travel protection - optional and highly encouraged
- Medical Insurance
- Any items not explicitly mentioned in the listed inclusions
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted
- Gratuities for the guide(s), driver, and wait staff (please refer to the suggestions we will make available to you).
- Church donations

BAGGAGE CHARGES NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP COST:

- Any airline baggage charges.
- Baggage handling at train stations, airports, and hotels in excess of one suitcase per person.
- Any charges incurred due to excessive luggage including the cost of an additional baggage vehicle or portage charges.



Deposits and final payment: A deposit of \$500.00 per person by check should accompany the enrollment form along with your optional travel protection payment and a copy of your passport picture page by **November 9, 2021. Final payment is due by January 7, 2022. A late payment fee of \$100 will be charged per person for all payments received after the final payment date.** Please mail your payment to: Select International Tours, 85 Park Ave., Flemington, NJ 08822 Attn: Evelyn Wavrek, 800-842-4842, evelyn@select-intl.com.

Your passport must be valid through September 18, 2022. Reservations will not be processed until we have passport copies. Prices quoted are based on payments by check. Prices: \$3,995.00 for the complete package; \$2,995.00 land only (air not included), additional \$795.00 solo traveler, additional cost, (in room by yourself). For credit card prices add 3%

Pilgrimage prices: Prices are based on minimum 20 passengers. Prices may be adjusted in the event of fewer than 20 passengers, changes in currency conversion rates, or amendments in local government taxes and/or fuel surcharges. Prices are in US dollars. For European travel an exchange rate of US \$1.18 per Euro is assumed.

Solo Travel: A limited number of single rooms are available. Prices are based on two people per room. We do not guarantee roommates but will do our best to connect you with a someone willing to share.

Land Only Option: Land only services start and end at the hotels and do not include any airfare. You are welcome to transfer from the airport with the group if you arrive at the same time, otherwise, transfers are not included.

person handling fee for cancellations made 90 days or more before departure. *If cancellation is made prior to 95 days before departure the \$350 handling fee can be used as a future travel credit towards another pilgrimage through the end of 2022. A \$500.00 non-refundable fee will be assessed if the reservation is canceled between 90 and 60 days prior to departure. Within 60 days of departure all payments are non-refundable regardless of reason for cancellations. All airline tickets are non-refundable once issued. All cancellations must be in writing. Unused portions of the trip are not refundable. If a roommate cancels, the cost of a solo supplement will be added to your invoice. You may be eligible for a refund through your travel protection. Refer to the U.S. Policy by State on our website.

Trip Cancellation Protection: We strongly encourage you to purchase a **Travel Protection Plan** for the protection of your travel investment. Please consider purchasing this plan at the time of initial deposit in order to be covered for pre-existing conditions. Visit our website, www.selectinternationaltours.com, for details and costs, per person, for the Group Deluxe and Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR) plans. Please note that CFAR is not available in NY State. The plans contain insurance benefits underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company. The plans also contain non-insurance Travel Assistance Services that are provided by an independent organization.

Airline, seating and special requests: To best accommodate our pilgrims, we often utilize Group Air Reservations. These allow more predictable transfer and tour schedules. However, when booking Group Air, the airline (not Select International Tours) controls seating assignments. If you require very specific seats, we suggest that you book your

own airfare and take advantage of our "Land Only" options. You may communicate directly with the airline to request seating changes, provide mileage program information, or change passenger contact information once you receive ticket numbers—approximately three (3) weeks prior to departure. We work with instant purchase airline tickets and or group rates. If you switch from air and land to land only within 90 days from departure you will be charged a \$100 service fee in addition to any airline charges. All special needs and requests due to medical or dietary restrictions must be requested in writing at least 60 days prior to departure. Business class and Premium Coach seats are available upon written request; as are add-ons from your hometown airport. If you require very specific airlines or schedules, we suggest that you book your own airfare and take advantage of our "Land Only" options.

Walking: Our trips require daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, steps, and uneven terrain. We recommend preparing oneself, by walking before the trip. Anyone needing assistance is required to be accompanied by a qualified and physically-able travel companion. We are not responsible for any medical condition that occurs prior, during or after the trip.

Safety Procedures: Select International Tours has undertaken a reasonable inquiry, with all the suppliers (including airlines, hotels, bus companies and other service providers) used on our trips to ensure they have instigated the best available procedures regarding the pandemic- protective policies advised by local government and health authorities. The client understands and agrees that the supplier(s) may not apply those policies as diligently as the policies suggest. In addition even if the supplier makes a good faith effort to enforce its good practices, some travelers may simply refuse to cooperate. Therefore the client agrees not to hold Select International Tours or group leaders responsible should they or anyone on the trip contract COVID-19 or any other illness during or after the trip

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Shipping & Handling: \$15.00—not included in package price—will be added to each invoice. Your invoice will confirm the trip registration.

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Please complete this form and mail it to Select International Tours, along with your deposit, travel protection payment (if purchasing), and a copy of your passport picture page.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell/Home Phone: _____ Contact Cell for Airline While Traveling _____

Email Address: _____ Land only : ☐ ☐ Need help with flights from _____

Medical/Dietary Needs _____ (Starts/ends at hotel, no airfare)

Updates about your trip will be sent by email only. Please be sure that your settings allow for electronic communication originating from evelyn@select-intl.com

Room: (check one) Single (1 Bed) _____ Double (1 Bed, 2 People) _____ Twin (2 Beds, 2 People) _____ Triple (3 Beds) _____

Name of Roommate(s): _____ If single: ☐ Match me with a roommate ☐ Solo (in room by myself)

Emergency Contact (Name and Phone): _____

Enclosed is a check/money order in the amount of \$ _____ for my initial deposit.

I am purchasing travel protection: _____ Yes _____ No, I decline. Enclosed is \$ _____

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