

Join Fr. Jordan Sanchez on a pilgrimage to

Grand Italy

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Day by Day Itinerary

September 16 Day 1: Depart USA: Flights to Rome: Today we board our overnight flights to Rome with snacks and beverages served aloft.

September 17 Day 2: Arrive Rome: Upon arrival we are greeted by our Holy Land Travel Center Representative who will accompany us throughout our tour. We will transfer to San Paul Outside the Walls, one of the four major basilicas in Rome, where we will celebrate Mass and visit the tomb of St. Paul. After Mass we will continue to the Basilica of St. Lawrence outside of the walls where we will visit his tomb. We then retire to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Rome (Dinner)

September 18 Day 3: Rome: Papal Audience & Major Basilicas: After breakfast, the group will attend one of the highlights of the trip, the Papal Audience. In the afternoon, we visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the oldest basilica of the Western World. We then visit the Holy Stairs, believed to be those that led to the praetorium of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem, and the Basilica of St. Mary Major, one of the oldest and most important shrines in the world dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

September 19 Day 4: Sistine Chapel & St. Peter's Basilica: We will begin the day with a visit at one of the most important museums in the world. Legally its own country, Vatican City is the head and administrative center of the Catholic Church. One of the most extensive museum collections in the world, the museum is also home to the Sistine Chapel, where the legendary Michelangelo created one of his most famous masterpieces on the ceiling. After the museums we will visit St. Peter's Basilica, the largest Catholic Basilica ever built. It's soaring dome was engineered by Michelangelo and the artist's famous Pieta sculpture and countless other artistic wonders make St. Peter's church one of the most awe-inspiring buildings in the world.

*Scavi Tour will be this morning based on availability.

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

September 20 Day 5: Rome, Colosseum, and the Trevi Fountain: The ancient Romans referred to Rome as *Caput Mundi* – the head of the world. As the center of the Roman Republic and then the Empire, Rome witnessed 1,000 years of one of the greatest civilizations in the world before becoming the seat of what is now the Catholic Church. Evidence of the glory of ancient Rome and the Italian Renaissance can be seen throughout the historical center. Next, we explore the famous Colosseum – the largest ancient amphitheater in the world and the site of countless gladiator games. Continue to the Roman forum, the administrative capital of the Empire and the site of some of the most famous speeches in history by the likes of Julius Caesar, Mark Anthony and Cicero. We continue walking to marvel at the sight of the illuminated Trevi Fountain before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

September 21 Day 6: Orvieto & Assisi: Eucharistic Miracle of Orvieto: We depart Rome and drive to Assisi via Orvieto, where we visit the Gothic Cathedral built to house the holy relics of the Eucharistic Miracle of Orvieto. It was this miracle that occasioned the proclamation of the Feast of Corpus Christi and inspired St. Thomas Aquinas to write the famous hymn "Tantum Ergo." Here we celebrate Mass. We enjoy lunch in a local restaurant with tasting of the Orvieto and Orvieto Classico wine that this region is famous for.

We proceed to Assisi and settle into our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Assisi (Breakfast, Dinner)

September 22 Day 7: Assisi: Basilica of St. Francis: In Assisi, we will visit the Basilica of St. Francis, the upper Basilica with Giotto's frescoes representing the life of St. Francis, then the lower Basilica and the Tomb of St. Francis. We then proceed to the Basilica of St. Clare for a tour. After lunch, we will transfer to the Convent of San Damiano, where St. Francis received his call to rebuild the Church and where St. Clare lived and died. Here we celebrate Mass before returning to Assisi.

Overnight: Assisi (Breakfast, Dinner)

September 23 Day 8: Siena/Florence: Tuscany, Piazza del Campo: This morning we depart to visit the medieval town of Siena in Tuscany. We visit the Basilica of San Domenico, where the incorrupt head and finger of St. Catherine lies, and to explore the center and the Piazza del Campo on our own. We continue to Florence in the heart of the Tuscany region.

Overnight: Florence (Breakfast, Dinner)

September 24 Day 9: Florence: Today we have a full-day tour of the Renaissance city of Florence, starting from the Academy Gallery, home to Michelangelo's "David". Free time during lunch to explore the famous San Lorenzo market. In the afternoon, we will explore the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, with its great representation of Tuscan Gothic Architecture, like the giant dome of the church, designed by Brunelleschi. We will see Giotto's Bell Tower, a 14th century masterpiece that rises to a height of 292 feet and the Baptistery of San Giovanni, with its East Door which is called the Gates of Paradise. The doors took artist Ghiberti 27 years to complete. Then we will visit Michelangelo's parish church, Santa Croce, where Dante is buried. Here we celebrate Mass before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Florence (Breakfast, Dinner)

September 25 Day 10: Padua: Verona, Cathedral of St. Anthony: Depart Florence to Verona, time at leisure to visit the city on our own. Don't miss Juliet's balcony! Break for lunch and continue to Padua, where we will visit the famous Cathedral of St. Anthony, guarded by Donatello's "Gattamelata". We will also visit the Basilica of Saint Giustina, the second most important pilgrimage site in Padua after St. Anthony's. Here, the tomb of Luke the Evangelist is housed. We continue to our hotel in Venice by boat for our dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Venice (Breakfast, Dinner)

September 26 Day 11: Venice: St. Mark's Square, Free Afternoon: After Breakfast, we take our private boat to San Marc's Square and explore Venice, nicknamed "la Serenissima". We begin with a guided walking tour of St. Mark's Square, one of the largest open spaces in Venice. We visit two of its landmark buildings, the Basilica of San Marco and the Bridge of Sighs. We enjoy a free afternoon to explore on our own, sightsee, shop or take a gondola ride with music on one of Venice's scenic canals. Dinner will be at leisure tonight.

Overnight: Venice (Breakfast)

September 27 Day 12: Return Home: Today we board our return flights home with memories and keepsakes that will last a lifetime.



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The tours are professionally organized to ensure that pilgrims receive the highest quality in travel and lodging. But we pride ourselves most on offering a personalized experience. From the first day you are treated like family, welcomed into the local Christian homes, offered stories of faith by residents, and unfettered access to holy sites.

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DOCUMENTS: US citizens require a valid passport. Other nationalities please inquire with the appropriate embassies.

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT: Deposit of \$500 per person is required upon registration along with a signed copy of the registration form. Registrations are processed in the order received by HLTC Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure. Late payments are subject to \$50 late fee. HLTC reserves the right to cancel reservations whose payments are 30 days late and to apply applicable cancellation/penalties indicated below. No registrations can be made over the telephone.

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- 1) Minimum cancellation fee is \$500 from time of registration up to 120 days prior to the tour's departure date.
- 2) From 119 to 60 days prior to departure day, the cancellation fee is \$500 + 20% of total price.
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- 4) From 30 days prior to departure day onward, no refund is possible.

TRAVEL PROTECTION: Travel insurance is recommended to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer travel protection. If you do not wish to purchase now, the plan can be purchased any time before submitting your final payment. Coverage takes affect once payment is received. If you chose to purchase outside of the time sensitive period outlined in the plan, you will not be eligible for time sensitive benefits. All plan premiums are non-refundable. To view/download the plan, which provides the full coverage terms and details, including limitations and exclusion please visit our website: www.holylandtc.com/travel-protection/

MEDICAL CONDITION: We endeavor to provide the highest level of service to all our passengers. Participants who require special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the participants' well-being. This pilgrimage demands a lot of walking and can be strenuous. HLTC is not responsible for any medical conditions that occur prior to, during, or after the tour.

LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSFERS: By private deluxe motor coach.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Tour prices are per person, based on two persons sharing double or twin-bedded rooms with private bathroom with tub or shower. In the event that one does not sign up with a roommate and is not able to be paired with another traveler, there will be a single supplement charge to the account. Single rooms subject to availability and an additional cost indicated on the brochure.

MEALS: Meals in accordance with the itinerary. All beverages are extra.

TIPPING: Unless it is specified in the tour brochure, the price of the tour does not include tips and gratuities. Tipping is recommended to the tour guide and motor coach driver approximately \$6 and \$4 per person, respectively, per day to each: Hotel tips are approximately \$2 per day per person. Tips may be pre-collected before the pilgrimage for your convenience.

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SEAT ASSIGNMENT: THERE IS NO ADVANCE SEAT SELECTION FOR TOUR DEPARTURES. HLTC cannot guarantee specific seats, which are at the discretion of the airline and are pending availability. When HLTC disperses travel packages, you will receive

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BAGGAGE: Transatlantic and transpacific flights to and from the USA allow the passenger to bring one (1) checked bag, which may have a maximum weight of 50 lbs., and maximum combined dimensions of 62 inches. Also, one (1) "carry-on" with maximum dimensions of 8"x12"x20" is permitted. Luggage on domestic flights including Mexico & Canada will cost extra. Luggage is the passenger's responsibility and that of the airlines. For lost luggage, the passenger is responsible for notifying the airline directly. Check with your carrier regarding carry-on luggage rules and regulations.

PRICES: All prices are based on exchange rates and fares applicable at time of quotation and based on minimum number of paying passengers stated in the brochure and are therefore subject to change if fares change (including fuel surcharges increase), if group does not reach minimum or if exchange rates fluctuate. Minimum number of paying passengers is 20.

NOT INCLUDED: Passport and Visas, meals not mentioned, beverages with meals, extra beyond standard menu, excess baggage, luggage on domestic flights, telephone calls, fuel surcharges increase.

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Visa for Europe - ETIAS

- As of February 2024, Americans, Canadians, Australians will need to apply online for travel authorization for Europe.
- This applies to all travelers, and all ages.
- Fee approx. \$9. Per Person
- The program is called ETIAS. Some refer to it as "visa for Europe "it is not a traditional visa but needs basic details about the traveler and their trip.

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