

Join St. John Vianney Parish on a pilgrimage to

Italy & Medjugorje

Under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. Joe Kim

Rome - Assisi - San Giovanni Rotondo - Medjugorje



October
13-25, 2025



Starting from
\$4999
Per Person

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Day by Day Itinerary

October 13 Day 1: Depart USA: Flights to Rome: Today we board our overnight flights to Rome with snacks and beverages served aloft.

October 14 Day 2: Arrive Rome: Upon arrival we are greeted by our Holy Land Travel Center Representative who will accompany us throughout our tour. We then transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Rome (Dinner)

October 15 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)

October 16 Day 4: Vatican Museum and Walking Tour: Today we tour the Vatican Museums, where we will marvel at the sight of the incredible collections of art, we will see the Tapestry Gallery, Raphael Rooms, and Sistine Chapel. After we continue to St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site where St. Peter the Apostle was martyred. Here, we will have the opportunity to pray at the tomb of St. John Paul II and view Michelangelo's Pieta sculpture. Next, we begin our walking tour of Rome where we will view the famous Colosseum's Exterior – 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)

October 17 Day 5: Rome – Monte Cassino - San Giovanni Rotondo: This morning, you will board the bus and enjoy the scenic route to the Abbey of Monte Cassino, the principal monastery of the Benedictine Order, founded by St. Benedict around 530 A.D. Continue on to San Giovanni Rotondo, where St. Pio of Pietrelcina (St. Padre Pio) lived for many decades and where thousands of people have flocked to be closer to this great saint and Our Lord. Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo.

Overnight: San Giovanni Rotondo (Breakfast, Dinner)

October 18 Day 6: San Giovanni Rotondo - Monte Sant' Angelo: Visit the Old Church of Our Lady of Grace and see the confessional from where St. Pio spent an innumerable number of hours listening to confessions. Next, you will board the bus and travel along the beautiful Gargano Peninsula to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. Return for dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo. *Candlelight Procession – Between May and October, attend the weekly candlelight procession at the Sanctuary of St. Pio after dinner, at 9:00 pm.

Overnight: San Giovanni Rotondo (Breakfast, Dinner)

October 19 Day 7: San Giovanni Rotondo - Lanciano - Loreto – Assisi: After breakfast, we leave for Assisi. On the way, we stop in Lanciano for private Mass at the Church of St. Longinus- the site of a Eucharistic Miracle that occurred in the eighth century. At the time of the miracle, there was a Basilian monk, who struggled with the belief in the Real Presence in the Eucharist. During the time of Mass, the monk, with doubt in his voice, said the words of consecration, and the bread and wine transformed into physical flesh and blood. Leave for the Marian shrine of Loreto to visit the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto. Tradition holds that this is the house in which Mary first prayed the Magnificat, in which Jesus grew to manhood, and in which the Holy Family lived, before it was transported several times by angels, to its current location. End the day in Assisi, hometown of St. Francis and St. Clare, with dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Overnight: Assisi (Breakfast, Dinner)

October 20 Day 8: Assisi: Tour of the Basilica of St. Francis, where you will see the tomb of St. Francis, and have the opportunity to view a series of frescoes depicting his life, along with a few of the saint's possessions. Next,

you will visit the Santuario Della Spogliazione where Blessed Carlo Acutis' tomb is, the first millennial to be declared Blessed. Continue the tour by walking through this picturesque town, where St. Francis and St. Clare both followed God's call to rebuild his church. Enjoy some free time – for additional prayer, shopping, and lunch. After lunch, board the bus, which will take you outside of the walls of Assisi, to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. This Basilica is made up of two structures, both of which you will visit. The first structure is the "Porziuncola" and the second is the "Capella del Transito" which is the place where St. Francis died. Return to the hotel for dinner and a restful overnight.

Overnight: Assisi (Breakfast, Dinner)

October 21 Day 9: Assisi - Orvieto – Bolsena – Rome: This morning, you will ride through the beautiful Umbrian mountains to Orvieto. This incredible town sits on a volcanic high rock formation. Here we visit one of the most beautiful and renowned Cathedrals in Italy. Because of its strategic location, its Christian history officially started in 1004, but Orvieto was built over preexisting Etruscan-era cave tunnels dating back 2,500 years, which some historians believe Christians used to celebrate Mass when Christianity was forbidden. Next, we visit the nearby town of Bolsena and the Cathedral housing the corporeal of the Miracle of the Eucharist which took place in 1262. Here we celebrate Mass. Continue to Assisi, the hometown of St. Francis and St. Clare. Upon arriving, check in to your hotel. Dinner and overnight. Retire to your room for a restful night's sleep. Transfer to Rome for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

October 22 Day 10: Flights to Medjugorje: We take our flights to Medjugorje. Upon arrival to Dubrovnik (or Split) International Airport, your group will meet with your guide and driver and your pilgrimage journey to Medjugorje begins. After short border formalities, between the Republic of Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, group will arrive in Medjugorje. Check in to your hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

Overnight: Medjugorje (Dinner)

October 23 Day 11: Medjugorje: After breakfast on your first morning in Medjugorje, your local guide will begin introductions starting with a walk from your hotel to the Church St. James. You will arrive just before your first English language mass at 10:00 am. While in Medjugorje, we will join thousands of pilgrims from all over the world celebrating daily mass at St. James Church, visiting Bijakovici Village, Apparition Hill (also known as Podbrdo, where Our Lady first appeared), and gathering at 6PM each evening together to pray the rosary. All three Mysteries will be prayed during the evening program. Today we will attend Veneration of the Cross which is held on Fridays. After the Holy Mass, there is the Blessing of the Sick and blessing of any religious items or souvenirs that you have with you. Every pilgrim in Medjugorje will have time for private devotions, shopping, or simply enjoying your own "freedom of prayer." We will enjoy dinner each night at our hotel.

Overnight: Medjugorje (Breakfast, Dinner)

October 24 Day 12: Medjugorje: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Our Lady has always called us to be close to her Son. For this, you will have the opportunity to adore the Blessed Sacrament at the altar outside of St. James Church. Adoration is held on Tuesdays and Saturdays; In the afternoon we transfer to Mt. Krizevac. In 1933, the villagers built a 30 foot high cross atop a mountain to commemorate Jesus' passion and death on the cross. Your group will have the opportunity to climb this mountain and venerate that very cross. While climbing, your group is invited to pray the Stations of the Cross (to meditate on Jesus' suffering Road to Calvary), pausing fifteen times for each Station.

Overnight: Medjugorje (Breakfast, Dinner)

October 25 Day 13: Dubrovnik & Flights Home: Today we transfer to Dubrovnik or Split. Time permitting, we will take a short orientation tour before boarding our return flights home with memories that will last a lifetime.

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PRICING

BASE PRICE PER PERSON

\$4999.00*

Double occupancy with base airfare

*Discount cash/check price

OPTIONS

- For a single room*: add \$1050

*Subject to availability

- Travel Insurance offered through Travelex

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BASE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip from San Francisco (SFO)
- Excursions per itinerary
- 11 Nights accommodation
- Meals per Itinerary
- Professional Catholic tour guides
- Spiritual director
- Pilgrims' Backpacks
- Entry Fees

FIRST PAYMENT	\$500.00	DUE: NOW
SECOND PAYMENT	\$1249.00	DUE: MAY 16, 2025
THIRD PAYMENT	\$1000.00	DUE: JULY 15, 2025
FINAL PAYMENT	REMAINING	DUE: AUG 29, 2025

Why Travel with Us?

Pax Via Tours builds on a lifelong passion for faith-based travel and our family's deep roots in Beit Sahour, Bethlehem—one of the oldest Christian communities in the Holy Land. With decades of involvement in Holy Land tourism and the successful founding of Holy Land Travel Center in 2009, we are now extending that legacy through Pax Via Tours, based in San Diego.

Pax Via Tours specializes in providing pilgrims with transformative religious travel experiences. Our tours are meticulously crafted to ensure the highest quality in travel and lodging, while offering the same personal touch that makes every journey uniquely meaningful. Guests are treated like family as they explore holy sites, engage with local Christian communities, and immerse themselves in the profound spiritual and cultural heritage of each destination.

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Terms & Conditions

Below are the general terms & conditions. Dates and fees may change from tour to tour. For tour-specific information please refer to the terms and conditions on the travel brochure specific to your tour.

By making any payments (cash, credit card or otherwise) towards any tour constitutes your unconditional acceptance of all the terms and conditions stated in this brochure. Pax Via Tours & Travel Inc. shall be referred to as PVTT within this document.

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 PVTT. Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure. Late payments are subject to a \$50 late fee per week past the due date. PVTT 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.

INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION FEES & REFUNDS: Upon cancellation of participation of tour by you, the registrant, for any reason, and only after PVTT receives your written cancellation via email used to register or by US mail, PVTT will then refund your payment for services not received by you, minus applicable cancellation fees per person, according to the following schedule: All refunds will be processed via check. Credit card fees are collected by the payment processor and will not be refunded.

Minimum cancellation fee is \$500 from time of registration up to 120 days prior to the tour's departure date.

From 119 to 60 days prior to departure day, the cancellation fee is \$500 + 20% of total price.

From 59 days to 31 days prior to departure day, cancellation fee is \$500 + 50% of total price.

From 30 days prior to departure day onward, no refund is possible.

PAYMENT: Advertised price is the cash/check discounted price. If paying with a card, a processing fee will apply. Card processing fee is nonrefundable.

BOUNCED CHECKS: Bounced checks will incur a \$25 administrative fee.

DISPUTED PAYMENTS: In the event of a disputed payment for reasons other than a fraudulent charge, the administrative fees associated with a dispute will be invoiced to your account and either deducted from your refund or invoiced to you. These fees are subject to change due to payment processors' rules and regulations.

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 effect once payment is received. If you choose 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 and purchase the plan, which provides the full coverage terms and details, including limitations and exclusions, please visit our website: www.paxvia.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. PVTT 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 a 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. Accommodations are subject to change due to upgrade, size of group, etc.

MOBILE APP: Final pilgrimage details will be available through an app before departure. Please be aware that the information on the app is regularly updated and subject to change. PVTT holds no liability for errors or discrepancies in the app's content.

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.

AIRLINE TICKETS AND ITINERARY LENGTH: Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class aboard carriers utilizing non-refundable, non-amenable tickets. Preliminary international flight schedules are available 60 days prior to departure and may change before they are finalized. Therefore, if you book the domestic flight on your own, you will be responsible for changing your domestic flights and incurring any change fees that would be generated by this adjustment. We are not responsible for changes and delays in airline schedules and do not reimburse passengers for expenses resulting from such occurrences. Travelers making their own flight arrangements should not purchase non-refundable, non-changeable tickets. We cannot

guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. If flight schedules change, we reserve the right to lengthen or shorten the itinerary accordingly, and if changes or flight schedules necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged at normal hotel rates. Land Only packages do not include airport-hotel transfers.

SEAT ASSIGNMENT: THERE IS NO ADVANCE SEAT SELECTION FOR TOUR DEPARTURES. PVTT cannot guarantee specific seats, which are at the discretion of the airline and are pending availability. When PVTT disperses travel packages, you will receive your record locator. You can use this locator to do online seating arrangements, if permitted by the airline. Any additional costs for seat selection are your responsibility. If your airline ticket is canceled for any reason, you must directly contact the airline to request a refund for your seat selection. The refund will be processed to your original form of payment, subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

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

VISAS: When and if a visa or visa waiver is required, it is the passenger's responsibility to obtain one. PVTT, owner, agent, or employees cannot be held liable for clients not having proper passports, visa, visa waiver, or other travel documents. Cancellations or changes to schedule due to a lack of appropriate documents will incur usual penalties.

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