Spiritual Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy

Fr. Neil Herlihy Saint Brigid Catholic Church

September 1 – 11, 2020

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11 Days **45 Meals**: 9 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners

Book Now & Save \$200 Per Person:

Double \$4,499;Double \$4,299*Single \$5,099;Single \$4,899;Triple \$4,469Triple \$4,269

For bookings made after Apr 06, 2020 call for rates.

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Hartsfield Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

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Spiritual Journeys: Collette's collection of religious tours has been created with our faith-based travelers in mind. The focus is on creating inspiring travel experiences in world-famous spiritual locations, and these itineraries are designed utilizing more modest accommodations that capture the reflective surroundings in which they sit.







Collette Experiences

- Spend time at the renowned Abbey of Montecassino, founded by St. Benedict.
- Join a local expert for a fascinating tour of Assisi.
- In Pompeii, visit the Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary.

Must-See Inclusions

- Attend the weekly Papal audience at Vatican City.
- Stroll through the catacombs of Rome where early Christians hid and buried their dead.
- Discover the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto.

Culinary Inclusions

• Enjoy regional wines with every included dinner.

Highlights: Rome, Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo, Tomb of Padre Pio, Abbey of Santissima Trinita, Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary, Vatican City, Papal Audience, Christian Rome City Tour, St. Mary Major, St. John in Lateran, St. Peter's Basilica

Day 1: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 Overnight Flight Travel on an inspirational journey to some of the most fascinating religious sites and relics in the world.

Day 2: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 Rome, Italy - Tour Begins Your tour opens in Rome. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a special welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant featuring regional delicacies and fine Italian wines. (D)

Day 3: Thursday, September 3, 2020 Rome - Assisi Travel north to Assisi and begin your tour at St. Mary of the

Angels Basilica, where St. Francis spent most of his life. Pause to reflect at the Chapel of the Porziuncola, the rose bush, and the cave where the saint prayed. Later, have time at the Church of St. Clare, who founded the Order of Poor Clares and followed the teachings of St. Francis by living a life of poverty and humility. Kneel before the crucifix from which Jesus spoke to St. Francis, asking him to rebuild his church. Join a local expert for a fascinating tour of Assisi highlighting the huge 13th-century basilica where you can see many of St. Francis' possessions and a series of frescoes



depicting his life. Celebrate Mass in the Basilica of St. Francis this afternoon. (B, D)

Day 4: Friday, September 4, 2020 Assisi - Florence Today you'll see Florence, the "Renaissance City," where a local expert provides a leisurely paced walking tour featuring the Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore – one of the largest in the Christian world, and the Baptistery doors. You also view the Palazzo Vecchio and the Ponte Vecchio. Enjoy several hours at leisure in Florence before returning to Assisi. (*B*)

Day 5: Saturday, September 5, 2020 Assisi - Loreto - San Giovanni

Rotondo Travel across the Apennine Mountains toward the Adriatic Coast to the Marian shrine of Loreto. Discover the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto where more than 50 popes have made a pilgrimage. You will celebrate Mass before continuing your journey to San Giovanni Rotondo, home of Padre Pio. (B, D)

Day 6: Sunday, September 6, 2020 San Giovanni Rotondo - Monte Sant'

Angelo - San Giovanni Rotondo Begin your day with a special visit to Monte Sant' Angelo. Take in the stunning views of the Gargano Peninsula and explore one of the most celebrated shrines of early Christianity - the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. Many popes and saints have knelt and prayed at this grotto, seeking the protection of Saint Michael. Later, return to San Giovanni Rotondo and celebrate Mass in the sanctuary of Padre Pio. This is followed by a tour of the sanctuary, including the old church and the crucifix from which he received the stigmata in 1918, as well as Padre Pio's tomb. Then, visit the new church dedicated in 2004 to Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. You will also see the confessional where Padre Pio spent many hours directing pilgrims on their journey toward God. (B, D)

Day 7: Monday, September 7, 2020 San Giovanni Rotondo - Abbey of Santissima Trinita - Campania Journey through the picturesque landscape of the regions of Apulia and Campania to Cava de Tirreni. Be



introduced to the Benedictine Abbey of Santissima Trinita, founded in the 11th century by a local saint. After a guided visit to the abbey you will celebrate Mass. (B, D)

Day 8: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 Campania-Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary-Abbey of Montecassino-

Rome Continue your travels to the town of Pompeii where you will visit the Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary, one of the most famous shrines of Christianity. Later, travel to Montecassino to discover the renowned abbey founded by St. Benedict in the 6th century A.D. This sacred place houses the relics of St. Benedict and his sister, Saint Scholastica. Montecassino also became famous during the battles that took place here during World War II, when the abbey was bombed and destroyed. End your day in Rome. (*B*)

Day 9: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 Rome - Papal Audience This morning, attend the weekly Papal audience* at Vatican City to receive the blessing given by His Holiness Pope Francis. Enjoy an afternoon and evening at leisure. Perhaps you will go on an optional tour of Rome's iconic sites, getting a glimpse into the "Eternal City" with visits to the Colosseum and St. Peter in Chains. (*B*)

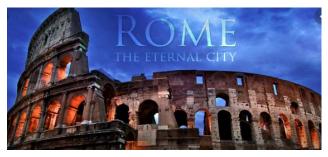
Day 10: Thursday, September 10, 2020 Rome - Christian Rome City Tour - Vatican Museum Celebrate Mass in the morning before making your way to the catacombs, where early Christians hid and buried their dead. Visit St. Mary Major and St. John in Lateran - the former residence of the popes. Explore the Vatican Museum** and view historical treasures, including the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's restored mural of the Last Judgment. End your visit to the Vatican in the breathtaking St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world. Feel the grace around you as you meander along the towering marble columns and stand in awe before Pietà, Michelangelo's renowned sculpture. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable pilgrimage to Italy. (B, D)

Day 11: Friday, September 11, 2020 Rome - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close in Rome. (*B*)

POPULAR OPTIONAL TOUR

Rome: The "Eternal City" Revealed

\$ 99.00 USD



On a compelling tour of Rome's most famous antiquities, you'll discover why this city has been known through the ages as the "Eternal City." Spend your afternoon with a local expert leading you through Rome's iconic monuments. The city's ancient remnants serve as an undisputed testimony to its former glory as the seat of an empire. Hear the distant echoes of 45,000 cheering spectators when you visit the Colosseum, the site of legendary gladiator contests. Walk up the steps that millions have before you, marveling at the ingenuity and scale of this world-famous structure. Continue on to St. Peter in Chains, a basilica that holds the saint's relic from the time he was bound in Jerusalem. You may kneel before the chains to pray, before admiring Michelangelo's pensive statue of Moses.

Please note this option needs to be pre-purchased 90 days prior to departure; bookings requested while on tour may not be possible. Due to these conditions, once purchased it is non-refundable. *Duration: Approximately 3 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Itinerary at a glance	
Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Cardinal Hotel St. Peter, Rome
Days 3, 4	Hotel Cenacolo, Assisi
Days 5, 6	Hotel Parco delle Rose, San Giovanni Rotondo
Day 7	Hotel Scapolatiello, Campania, Italy
Days 8 - 10	Cardinal Hotel St. Peter, Rome
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

Experience It! Marian Shrine of Loreto

This shrine is at the location of a house that is believed to have once been the home where Mary conceived and raised Jesus. The legend states it was moved here from Nazareth by angels by way of Croatia. The Holy House of Nazareth is located inside a large basilica. On the altar of the shrine you will find the sacred statue of Madonna of Loreto. Over 4 million Catholic pilgrims flock here each year to worship in the shrine and 50 popes have made the pilgrimage. The Holy House of Loreto has been one of the most celebrated Marian shrines in the world since the 14th century and you will delight in the unforgettable experience of celebrating Mass in this sacred place.

Please Note:

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel after January 2021, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

Proper dress (covering your knees and shoulders) is required when visiting religious sites, sanctuaries, basilicas, etc.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

*The Papal Audience is, at times, unavailable due to the Pope's travel schedule.

**Vatican Museums are not available on most Sundays and holidays.

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option

of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

The Academy Gallery Museum, the Vatican Museums and the Colosseum dates and times are all subject to change based on availability of reservations.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our travel counselors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$500 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of March 30, 2020 are based upon availability. Final payment due by July 03, 2020. Deposits are refundable up until April 06, 2020.

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† Full credit is valid for your next tour when travel is completed within 12 months of the original trip. \$100 of the credit remains valid for travel within 13-24 months. Credit expires 24 months after the original trip.

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