



PILGRIM
Center of Hope

Pilgrim Center of Hope answers Christ's call
by guiding people to encounter Him
so as to live in hope, as pilgrims in daily life.

invites you to a

Pilgrimage to Italy

In the Footsteps of the Apostles & Saints

Oct. 29–Nov. 9, 2024



Come Experience *Treasures of Our Faith!*

Journey with Experts

Over 25 Years' Experience - Answering Christ's Call - Coordinating & Leading Pilgrimages



Walk through History



Touch Sacred Places



Taste Italian Cuisine



Encounter God & the Saints

EXPERIENCE

OCT. 29: BEGINNING OUR PILGRIMAGE

Depart San Antonio to Rome via jet service. Our pilgrimage begins onward on our journey in the footsteps of the saints. Refer to your airline schedule.

OCT. 30: ARRIVAL IN ROME

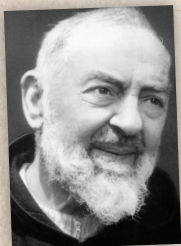
Upon our arrival in Rome, we will be met by our local pilgrimage representative who will assist us throughout our journey. Our private motorcoach will transport us from the airport to Assisi, a quiet medieval town and the home of Sts. Francis & Clare.

OCT. 31: ASSISI

Today we will take time to visit the Basilica of San Francesco. This church built shortly after St. Francis' death has three levels, including the saint's tomb and sacred art depicting his life. Then we will visit the Church of San Damiano, where St. Clare and her sisters lived and prayed. A Eucharistic miracle occurred here. In the afternoon, we continue with a walking tour of the city, visiting the major sites associated with Sts. Francis and Clare, including the Chiesa Nuova, built over Francis' family home. Plus, we will see the tomb of a new young saint-to-be, Blessed Carlo Acutis.



NOV. 1: ASSISI The morning begins visiting the Church of St. Clare, where we will see relics of both Francis and Clare, and have an opportunity to visit Clare's tomb. Afterwards, we will take taxis up the winding road (buses cannot make these sharp turns) to the Eremo delle Carceri (Hermitage), secluded some 2.5 miles outside the town of Assisi, where St. Francis often would pray. Here, in the midst of the lush green forest and the singing birds, you get a sense of the spirit of St. Francis. Another major highlight is the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels where the world-famous Portiuncula is located. We will have some time for reflection to walk the streets of this medieval town and absorb the spirit of Saints Francis and Clare.



NOV. 2: DEPART TO LANCIANO

After breakfast, we head to Lanciano, site of the Eucharistic miracle where bread & wine turned into visible, scientifically-verified human flesh and blood. In the afternoon, we continue to the hometown of St. Padre Pio, where we will have Mass at the Church of St. Padre Pio.

NOV. 3: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

Visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Grace, to see where St. Pio spent hours hearing confessions, and the crucifix where he received the stigmata. Then, proceed to a beautiful, new shrine where his incorrupt body may be seen & venerated. You will have time for private prayer with Padre Pio, reflection, or to pray the Via Crucis.



NOV. 4: MONTE SANT'ANGELO

After breakfast, we travel the beautiful Gargano Peninsula to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel, site of his apparition, with Mass. Afterward, enjoy free time and lunch on your own. We return to San Giovanni Rotondo for the afternoon; spend the time as you feel called.

NOV. 5: DEPART TO ROME After breakfast, we will drive through countryside to Rome. Upon arrival, we will visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Here we will have Mass and pray before the tomb of St. Paul.

NOV. 6: ROME After breakfast, we will proceed to St. Peter's Square for an audience with His Holiness Pope Francis (pending papal schedule). Then, free time for lunch, shopping, or mail a postcard from the Vatican! We conclude with Mass at St. Callixtus Catacombs, where early Christians secretly celebrated liturgies.

NOV. 7: ROME Morning Mass at St. Peter's Basilica. After breakfast, enjoy a tour of two major basilicas: St. John Lateran, Rome's cathedral, followed by the Holy Staircase which tradition says was brought to Rome from Pontius Pilate's palace, and we conclude with Mass at St. Mary Major, housing a relic from Christ's manger.

NOV. 8: ROME Today, see awe-inspiring relics and sacred art in the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel. Afterwards, we will explore St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site of Peter's martyrdom. Marvel at the Pieta, pray at the tombs of holy popes, and feel connected to centuries of history. The balance of the day is spent at your leisure. Your group leaders will have suggestions. Tonight, we bid farewell to Rome with a dinner.

NOV. 9: RETURN HOME

This Pilgrimage Includes . . .

- 3 Nights in Assisi
- 3 Nights In San Giovanni Rotondo (with Lanciano & Monte Sant'Angelo)
- 4 Nights in Rome
- First-Class Hotels In Excellent Locations
- Round-Trip Airfare from San Antonio
- Airline and Hotel Taxes & Surcharges
- Private Motor Coach and Local Guides
- Daily Mass, Prayer, and Spiritual Reflections at Holy Sites
- Daily Breakfast & Dinner offering local regional cuisine and wine
- All Taxes & Gratuities throughout the pilgrimage
- Pre-Pilgrimage Orientation Meetings
- Preparation Materials
- Complimentary tote bag, luggage tag and document holder

This exceptional journey is yours for \$6,245.⁰⁰
 Price per person from San Antonio, TX, based on double occupancy rate.
Deacons can receive education credit hours on this pilgrimage!



OUTSTANDING PILGRIMAGE GROUP LEADERS
Debra Garza & Kathy Gottardy
Pilgrim Center of Hope



Deacon Jordan Rojas, OFM Cap. is scheduled for ordination to the priesthood in May 2024. He looks forward to serving as chaplain of this pilgrimage, offering Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation for pilgrims who desire to receive it.

Welcome! We invite you to join this unique pilgrimage to Italy. You will see, touch, and experience the places of faith's rich history, and will have the privilege to prayerfully retrace the footsteps of the apostles and the saints.



A pilgrimage is a journey of faith; an ancient practice. Pilgrim Center of Hope has organized and led 90 pilgrimages to date, in which we apply our professional backgrounds in the travel & hospitality industries and nearly 40 years in ministry; our experience will greatly benefit you as a pilgrim. Through the many groups we have led, we have seen that a pilgrimage is truly an eternal investment with everlasting rewards. Pilgrim Center of Hope is committed to ensuring each pilgrim's maximum experience, so space is limited. May the Holy Spirit guide your discernment process. We welcome your call with any questions, at 210-521-3377 and invite you to visit our website, PilgrimCenterOfHope.org.

Tom Fox Mary Jane Fox

Deacon Tom Fox, KCHS, and Mary Jane Fox, DCHS
Directors, Pilgrimage Coordinators
Pilgrim Center of Hope

As you discern whether to join us, consider:
 Our Group Leaders and Local Guide handle all logistical details, so our Chaplain can focus on offering the powerful, healing ministry of Jesus to you, the pilgrim.

Join us now! Space is limited.

- 1 Please print legibly.
- 2 Make checks payable to **Consolidated Tours Organization**.
- 3 Mail with deposit to following address:

CONSOLIDATED TOURS ORGANIZATION - 5665 New Northside Dr. NW, Suite 150, Atlanta, GA 30328

Mr. _____
 Mrs. _____
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(NAME AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT)

ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP _____

TELEPHONE - Home (_____) Office (_____)

Cell (_____) Email _____

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YES - Definitely arrange for the listed inclusions. I understand an invoice is to be sent to me and is to be paid in full sixty (60) days prior to departure. The \$500.⁰⁰ per person deposit is attached to confirm participation and as credit to the total cost of the tour. I have read and accept the Tour Conditions.

SIGNATURE _____ SINGLE ROOM - \$775.⁰⁰

Pilgrim Center of Hope entrusts travel arrangements to our partners:

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5665 New Northside Dr. NW, Suite 150, Atlanta, GA 30328

Telephone: 1-800-554-4556 or 404-767-2727

FAX: 404-766-4520

Email: info@ctoinc.com

Tour Conditions

Please retain a copy for your records.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Economy class jet connecting IATA and ATC carriers. Airfare is based on SUPER APEX 6-21 days plus domestic add-on fares where applicable. Airfares are based on available rates and are subject to change without prior notice.

BAGGAGE: Limited to one normal size suitcase, the weight of which should not exceed 50 pounds. Flight bags, cosmetic bags, briefcases, and camera cases remain in the personal care of tour members and are not included in the 50 pounds.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Superior First Class Hotels, two persons sharing a twin bedroom with private bath.

A limited number of single rooms are available at \$775.00 supplemental cost. Confirmation required before departure.

MEALS: TWO MEALS PER DAY: Breakfast and dinner daily.

SIGHTSEEING: As detailed in the itinerary, using comfortable and convenient transportation. English speaking government licensed guide. All entrance fees are included when applicable to specified sites.

TIPS: Tips associated with portering at the hotels, meal gratuities, GUIDE and DRIVER rendering services are included.

TAXES: Service charges as imposed by lodging facilities, taxes by local administrations and government authorities on lodging are included on all services rendered to the group. Airport taxes and international border taxes where applicable abroad are subject to change without prior notice are included in the price of this tour.

THE TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE: Daily lunch, expense of passports, laundry, wines, liquors, mineral water, and after supper coffee or tea or items not found on the menu, excessive baggage expenses, and all items of a personal nature, plus those not listed as being included in the tour price.

BOOKING AND CONDITIONS: Deposit and payment. A deposit of \$500.00 per person is required at the time of booking. Final payment must be made no later than 60 days prior to departure. An invoice will be sent to you.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations must be made in writing. Cancellations made up to 60 days prior to departure, refunds will be made less \$200.00 per person administrative fee. Cancellations made 59-40 days prior to departure will be subject to \$300.00 per person administrative fee. Cancellations received 39 days prior to departure have to pay a charge equivalent to 75% of the cost of the basic tour from the Gateway City. **NO SHOW NO REFUND.** Cancellation charges with medical reasons certified by a hospital and accepted by the airlines and suppliers will only be made based on refunds from suppliers and less \$300.00 per person administrative fee. **TRAVEL PROTECTION IS HIGHLY SUGGESTED.** No refunds for services or sightseeing rendered and not used by tour members. Consolidated Tours RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL, withdraw or change the tour in whole or in part at any time in the event a change is deemed necessary by CTO, Inc. The sole obligation of CTO, Inc. is to refund payments received in connection herewith if not acceptable to tour members.

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Requirements for Travel

PASSPORT – American citizens traveling abroad must have a valid passport. Apply at your nearest passport office or clerk of superior court immediately. Non-American citizens need to check with CTO for requirements.

VISA: ITALY – None at this time for U.S. citizens.