

**12 Day Pilgrimage to Northern Italy**  
visiting Rome, Assisi, Florence, La Verna, Padua, Venice, Stresa



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**September 15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:**

- Roundtrip Air from JFK or Newark
- Deluxe Motorcoach
- English Speaking Guide
- 4 Star First Class Hotels
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Breakfast & Dinner Daily (except in Florence where dinner is on your own)
- Daily Mass and Rosary

**Highlights:**

- Visit the Basilicas of Rome – St. Peters', St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran and St. Paul Outside the Walls
- Rome by Night Panorama
- Welcome Dinner at Da Meo Patacca
- Visit the Basilicas of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare
- Visit the Holy House of Loreto
- Visit La Verna – where St. Francis received the Stigmata
- Visit the Basilica of St. Anthony of Padua
- Tour of Venice
- Visit the Basilica of St. Mark
- Visit the Church of St. Lucy to see her body
- And much more...

**PILGRIMAGE PRICE: \$ 3,699.00 per person Double or Triple**  
**\$ 750.00 Single Supplement**

**ITINERARY**

**Sat, Sep 15<sup>th</sup>: New York/Rome** Depart Newark or JFK Airport on your overnight flight to Italy.

**Sun, Sep 16<sup>th</sup>: Rome** Upon arrival in **Rome** we are transferred to our hotel. Remainder of the day is free.

**Mon, Sep 17<sup>th</sup>: Tour of the Basilicas of Rome** Today we visit the four major Basilicas of Rome. *St. Peters', St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran and St. Paul Outside the Walls.*



**Tue, Sep 18<sup>th</sup>: Rome by Night and Welcome Dinner** Free day to enjoy Rome on your own. This evening we have a *Rome By Night Panorama* followed by a *Welcome Dinner at Da Meo Patacca*.

**Wed, Sep 19<sup>th</sup>: Rome/Assisi** Morning departure to **Assisi**. Upon arrival, we visit the the *Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli* where we see the *Porziuncola* (the little church St. Francis built). After our visit we go to the upper city to visit the *Basilicas of St. Francis and St. Clare*, where we see the *Tombs of the two Saints*.

**Thu, Sep 20<sup>th</sup>: Assisi/Loreto/Assisi** *Holy House of Loreto* - According to the New Testament, Jesus was raised by Mary and Joseph in Nazareth, near Jerusalem. Joseph was a carpenter, and their house was humble. Three centuries after the life of Jesus, the newly-converted Emperor Constantine built a basilica over the humble brick house believed to have sheltered the Holy Family.

According to Catholic tradition, the Holy House came under threat during the turmoil of the Crusades, so in 1291, angels miraculously translated the house from its original location to a site in modern-day Croatia. An empty space was left in Nazareth and a small house suddenly appeared in a field in Croatia. The bewildered parish priest brought to the scene by shepherds who discovered it, had a vision in which the Virgin Mary revealed it was her former house.

On December 10, 1294, the house was again moved by angels because of the Muslim invasion of Albania. It landed first in Recanti, Italy, but was shortly thereafter moved for a third time to its present location in Loreto.

**Fri, Sep 21<sup>st</sup>: Assisi** Today we visit *San Damiano Church*. In the summer of 1205, St. Francis, who had retired for a prayer in the small country oratory, heard the Crucifix (now at St. Clare's Basilica) talk to him ordering him to restore the church in decay. The Crucifix at the main altar is a copy of the one now at St. Clare's. In 1212 St. Clare and her companions established themselves in this place. Between 1224-25, St. Francis wrote his *Cantico delle Creature* (Song of the Creatures).

**Sat, Sep, 22<sup>nd</sup>: Assisi/Florence** Morning departure to **Florence**. Upon arrival we tour the city's priceless treasures including the *Piazza del Duomo*, center of religious life in medieval Florence. We also, visit the *Church of Santa Croce*, burial place of *Michelangelo*, *Galileo* and *Machiavelli*, for Mass.

**Sun, Sep 23<sup>rd</sup>: Florence/La Verna/Padua** Morning departure to **Padua**. En route we stop in **La Verna**. *La Verna Sanctuary* is perched in an amazing setting in the forest on a high rocky promontory, visible from a distance. The sanctuary sits on the site where **Saint Francis received the stigmata**. It's now a monastic complex that includes the monastery, church, museum, chapels, and the cave that was his cell. From the sanctuary there are fantastic views of the valleys below.

*Santa Maria degli Angeli*, a small church founded by Saint Francis, was built on this spot in 1216. In 1224, Saint Francis came to the mountain and little church for one of his retreats and it was then that he received the stigmata. In 1263, a small chapel was built over the spot where Saint Francis received the stigmata. La Verna became an important pilgrimage site for Franciscans and followers of Saint Francis and a large monastery developed.

After our visit, we continue to Padua, we visit the *Basilica of St. Anthony of Padua* where we have Mass near the *Tomb of St. Anthony*. After Mass, we have free time to visit the Basilica and see the *Fresco of the Eucharistic Miracle of Padua*. Remainder of the day is free.

**Mon, Sep 24<sup>th</sup>: Venice** This morning we are transferred to **Venice** for our short cruise along the Grand Canal to the *Church of St. Geremania and St. Lucy* for Mass and to view the body of St. Lucy. After Mass we go to *St. Marks Square* for our *Tour of Venice* including St. Marks Square where we view the *Clock*

*Tower with its famous Moors*, then we visit *St. Marks Basilica* with its Byzantine and European architectural styles and dazzling mosaics. We stop to pray at the *Tomb of St. Mark* before continuing our walking tour of Venice. We will have free time for lunch (on our own) and shopping before our late afternoon return to Padua.

**Tue, Sep 25<sup>th</sup>: Padua/Stresa** Morning departure to **Stresa**. Upon arrival we check into our hotel. The remainder of the day is free to enjoy this lovely resort town.

**Wed, Sep 26<sup>th</sup>: Stresa/Milan** Morning departure to Milan airport for our return flight to the USA.

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