

Join Fr. Baiju Augustine, MS on a

# Pilgrimage to ITALY

**October 1-11, 2024**



- Tour Highlights**
- ✓ **Vatican**
  - ✓ **Rome**
  - ✓ **Florence**
  - ✓ **Papal Audience**
  - ✓ **Assisi**
  - ✓ **Pisa**



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# Day by Day Itinerary

**Day 1: Oct 1: Flights to Rome:** Today we board our flights to Italy full of excitement as we anticipate the incredible journey to come.

**Day 2: Oct 2: Arrival in Rome:** After landing in Rome, we meet our Tour Escort once we've proceeded through customs and collected our bags. We then transfer to [insert Mass location here] for our first Mass of the pilgrimage. Afterward, we proceed to our hotel to enjoy a special Welcome Dinner followed by a restful night's sleep!

**Overnight: Rome (Dinner\*)**

**Day 3: Oct 3: Assisi:** After enjoying breakfast at our hotel we board our bus for the scenic drive to Assisi (3.5hrs). Upon our arrival we will enjoy Mass and participate in the evening's festivities to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis.

**Overnight: Assisi (Breakfast, Dinner)**

**Day 4: Oct 4: Assisi: The Feast of St. Francis Assisi:** Today we will share in the celebration of the Feast of St. Francis. Each year, thousands of pilgrims flock to Assisi to honor Italy's patron Saint. Special Masses, processions and performances will fill this beautiful day of worship and devotion!

**Overnight: Assisi (Breakfast, Dinner)**

**Day 5: Oct 5: Florence:** Today, we enjoy a leisurely breakfast before beginning our journey to Florence (2.5hrs). Upon our arrival we will celebrate a private Mass at the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. After Mass, we will enjoy some free time to explore this magnificent Cathedral and get a bite to eat at one of many nearby restaurants as well as catch a glimpse of the Baptistery of San Giovanni. We then proceed to our hotel to check in and relax before our dinner later in the evening.

**Overnight: Florence (Breakfast, Dinner)**

**Day 6: Oct 6: Florence:** We begin our first full day in Florence with Mass at Basilica of San Lorenzo followed by a tour of the Riccardi Medici Palace Museum. After our tour, we will proceed on a short walk to the San Lorenzo Market for lunch and some free time to explore the many stalls and shops. Our appetites satisfied, we will proceed to a tour of the Baptistery of San Giovanni (St. John) and its remarkable bell tower. We then return to our hotel for some leisure time before joining together for a group dinner later in the evening.

**Overnight: Florence (Breakfast, Dinner)**

**Day 7: Oct 7: Pisa:** After breakfast we will begin our short drive (1.5hrs) to Pisa. Once we arrive our group will enjoy a private Mass at the Basilica of Pisa located in the Piazza dei Miracoli, also known as the Field of Miracles. After Mass, our group will disperse to enjoy lunch at the nearby restaurants before gathering once more to continue our tour of Pisa. In the Piazza dei Miracoli we will explore the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Baptistery of San Giovanni, and the Monumental Cemetery before returning to Florence.

**Overnight: Florence (Breakfast, Dinner)**

**Day 8: Oct 8: Rome:** After breakfast we check out of our Florence hotel and begin our journey back to Rome (3.5hrs). Just outside the city we will celebrate mass at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls before Upon our arrival, we will explore the Piazza Navona. There, we will enjoy lunch and some shopping before beginning a walking tour that will take us to the Spanish Steps and Trevi Fountain. We then proceed to our hotel for check in and a bit of rest before attending a private Mass in the early evening.

**Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)**

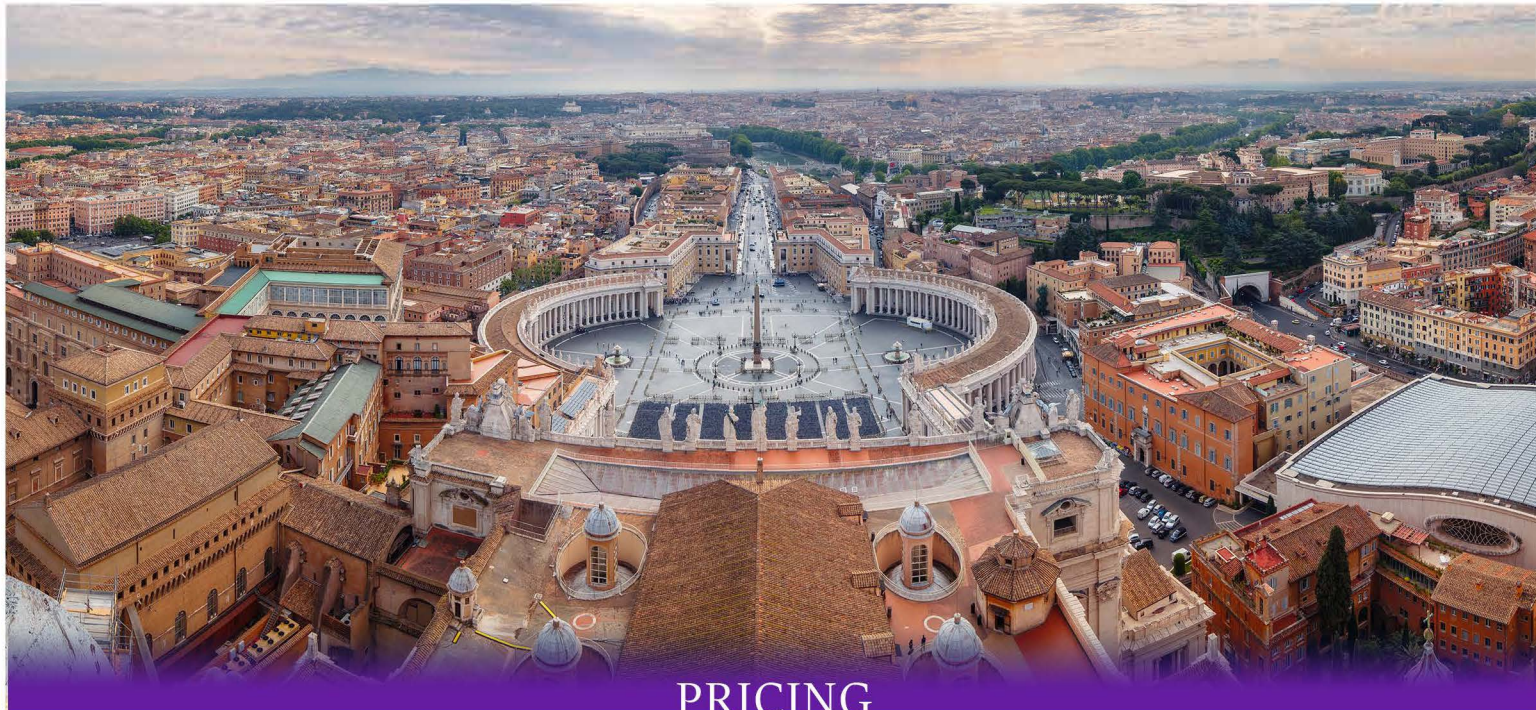
**Day 9: Oct 9: Rome:** Today we will share in the truly unique experience of attending a Papal Audience. An early morning start ensures the best possible view of the Holy Father as he personally greets and addresses the faithful. In the afternoon, we visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the oldest basilica of the Western World. We then proceed to celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, one the most important shrines in the world dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Time permitting, we will proceed to the Catacombs of St. Callixtus.

**Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)**

**Day 10: Oct 10: Rome:** We begin our final full day in Rome with a special Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. After Mass, our group will disperse to explore the Vatican and Rome at their own pace. Later, we will reconvene at our hotel to gather for our farewell dinner celebration and to get a good night's rest before our journey home tomorrow.

**Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)**

**Day 11: Oct 11: Return Home**



## PRICING

### BASE PRICE PER PERSON

**\$4699.00\***

Double occupancy with base airfare

\*Discount cash/check price

### OPTIONS

- For a single room\*: add \$900

\*Subject to availability

\*Available only for travelers with primary residence in USA or Canada

FIRST PAYMENT	\$1000.00	DUE: NOW
SECOND PAYMENT	\$1249.00	DUE: MAY 3, 2024
FINAL PAYMENT	REMAINING	DUE: JULY 3, 2024

### BASE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare from Raleigh (RDU), Atlanta (ATL)

\* Costs from other airports may vary

- All activities
- 9 Nights accommodation
- Meals per Itinerary
- Tour Guides /Escorts
- Spiritual Director
- Gratuities for Guide, Driver and Hotel Staff



## THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

Air Transportation Economy classes and Round-Trip airfares are based at the time of the reservation, Rates and Times are subject to change without notice.

Airfares once issued ARE NON-REFUNDABLE, NON -TRANSFERABLE AND CAN'T BE USED TOWARDS FUTURE TRAVEL.

Land Transportation All land transportation as describe in the itinerary, some may be equipped with WI-FI service.

Hotel rooms are double occupancy (2 people per room with private bath).

Single Room There is an additional cost per person specified on registration form.

Single rooms are limited and will be awarded on a first come first serve basis. Meal Plan The meal plan offers 2 meals per day and consists of both breakfast and dinner. You are responsible for your lunch.

Baggage ABBA Tour Pilgrimage limits all passengers to 1 piece of checked luggage and 1 carry-on. (All passengers should check with the airlines carriers for up-to-date baggage weight and dimensions).

Airport Taxes, Fuel Surcharges and Security Fees.

Gratuities covered in this trip for the main guide, driver and hotel staff are considered "respectable." However, pilgrims should anticipate receiving exceptional service and should budget accordingly.

Daily Mass.

## THE TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

Expenses for passports or any additional documents that may be required. Passports must be valid for 6 months after you return date.

Personal Articles Laundry, wines, liquors, mineral water, tea, coffee and other beverages, food that is not on the menus of your included meal package, and any additional luggage. Any sightseeing, other services, or personal items that are not specifically mentioned as being included in the itinerary.

Travel Insurance. We highly recommend a trip cancellation & protection plan.

Gratuities covered in this trip do not include the following: Mass donations, restaurant staff, and local guides. Local guides are defined as any guide that your group encounters besides your main guide. Your main guide is always with your group.

Lunch

COVID test

Visa cost

Extended Cancellation Protection Plan.

Items of a personal nature.