

Join us on a pilgrimage to

Watican - Rome - Assisi - Florence - Pisa

September 22 - October 2, 2025

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# Your Journey Begins...

Day 1: Monday, September 22nd: Flights to Rome: Today we board our flights to Italy full of excitement as we anticipate the incredible journey to come.

Day 2: Tuesday, September 23rd: Arrive Rome | St. Paul Outside the Walls | Welcome Dinner: After landing in Rome, we meet our Tour Escort once we've proceeded through customs and collected our bags. We then transfer to St. Paul Outside the Walls 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: Wednesday, September 24th: St. John Lateran | St. Mary Major: On our first full day in Italy, we begin with a visit to the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the oldest basilica of the Western World. Our time here will also allow for those who wish to ascend the Holy Stairs, also known as the Scala Sancta, located just outside the basilica. This afternoon, we proceed to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, one the most important shrines in the world dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 4: Thursday, September 25th: Depart Rome | Arrive Assisi | Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels | Basilica of St. Francis: After breakfast and check out procedures are complete, we board our bus and head for Assisi. Upon our arrival, we celebrate Mass at the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels followed by some time for lunch. Later this afternoon, we will visit the Basilica of St. Francis for a tour with some time added to observe Holy Hour included. Afterwards, we return to our hotel for a group dinner to close the day.

Overnight: Assisi (Breakfast, Dinner)



Basilica of St. Clare

Day 5: Friday, September 26th: Basilica of St. Clare | Convent of San Damiano | Free Afternoon: After breakfast, we begin our day with Mass at the Basilica of Santa Chiara followed by a group tour. We then transfer for a tour of the nearby Convent of San Damiano, where St. Francis received his call to rebuild the Church and where St. Clare lived and died. We are then given the balance of the day to explore Assisi to our own individual tastes.

Overnight: Assisi (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 6: Saturday, September 27th: Depart Assisi | Arrive Florence | Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore: Departing Assisi, we enjoy beautiful views of the Tuscan countryside before arriving in Florence. Upon our arrival we will enjoy some time for lunch in the Piazza de San Giovanni the 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 Baptistry 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 7: Sunday, September 28th: Walking Tour of Florence | Basilica of San Lorenzo | Accademia: We begin with a walking tour of some of the city's most famous sites including the Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio, and Ponte Vecchio. Our tour concludes with a visit to the Basilica of San Lorenzo. Serving as the burial place of many of the famous Medici family, the basilica also contains an invaluable collection of Catholic art. After Mass and some time for lunch, we proceed to the Accademia Gallery. The Gallery houses some of the most magnificent achievements of Renaissance era artists including those of Botticelli, Bartolini, and Michelangelo to name just a few!

Overnight: Florence (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 8: Monday, September 29th: Day Trip to Pisa: After breakfast, we will begin our short drive 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 Baptistry of San Giovanni, and the Monumental Cemetery before returning to Florence.

Overnight: Florence (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 9: Tuesday, September 30th: Depart Florence | Orvieto | Arrive Rome: This morning, we depart Florence and make our way back to Rome. Along the way, we stop in the town of Orvieto where we visit the Gothic Cathedral built to house the holy relics of the Eucharistic Miracle of Orvieto.

It was this miracle that occasioned the proclamation of the Feast of Corpus Christi and inspired St. Thomas Aquinas to write the famous hymn "Tantum Ergo." Here we celebrate Mass. We enjoy lunch in a local restaurant with a tasting of the Orvieto and Orvieto Classico wine for which this region is famous. Afterwards, we board our bus and return to our hotel in Rome for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 10: Wednesday, October 1: General Audience | Vatican Museum | Farewell Dinner: We begin our final full day in Rome by sharing in the truly unique experience of attending a Papal Audience. An early morning start ensures the best possible views of the Holy Father as he personally greets and addresses the faithful. Afterwards, we enjoy a tour of the famous Vatican Museum. The immense collection contained within includes several of the most well-known masterpieces of Renaissance art in the world. To exit the Museum, visitors enter St. Peter's Basilica and are given the chance to view Michelangelo's masterpieces, the Sistine Chapel ceiling and The Last Judgement. We later close the day by enjoying a special farewell dinner at a local restaurant!

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 11: Thursday, October 2: Depart Rome | Flights to USA: Our hearts and minds fortified by faith and fellowship, we now begin the long journey home.

Overnight: N/A (Breakfast\*)

## Base Price Per Person

With roundtrip airfare from Atlanta (ATL): \$4,699\*
Single Supplement + \$600

\*Contact ABBA Tours for pricing without group airfare included\*

## Payment Schedule

 Deposit
 \$1,000.00
 Due: Now

 Second Payment
 \$1,000.00
 Due: April 5, 2025

 Third Payment
 \$1,000.00
 Due: May 5, 2025

 Final Payment
 Remaining
 Due: June 5, 2025

## Trip Price Includes

- Meals and Activities per Itinerary
- 9 Nights Accommodation
- Tour Guides / Tour Escort
- Spiritual Direction and Daily Mass
- Gratuities for Tour Escort, Drivers, 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.

Pricing for this pilgrimage was determined according to exchange rates and fuel prices at the time of quotation (03/01/25) and by assuming that there will be at least 35 participants. Should exchange rates or fuel prices rise significantly, or the total number of participants fall below 30 at the final payment date, ABBA Tours may ask for additional compensation to make up for the increased costs caused by these factors. Registered participants will be informed of any such supplemental payment prior to the final payment date for this pilgrimage, as shown on the trip brochure.