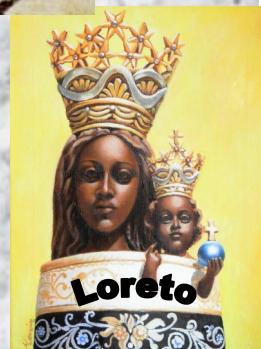


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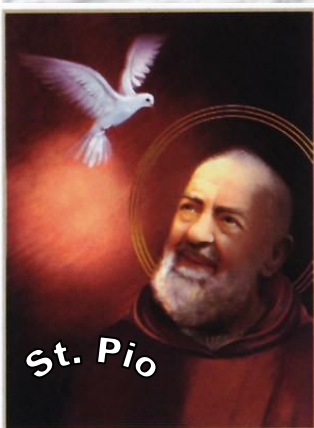
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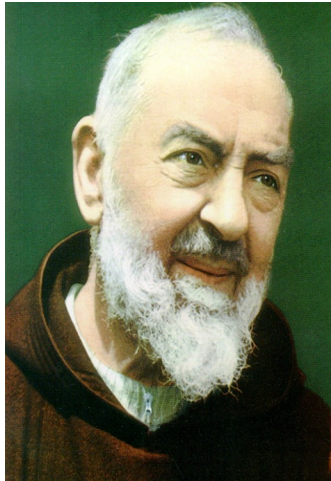
Highlights: San Giovanni Rotondo St. Padre Pio Shrine / Monte Sant' Angelo / Lanciano / Loreto / Rome : Vatican City / Sistine Chapel / and more

Day 1 – Trans-Atlantic Flight / Monday, June 16

This evening's trans-Atlantic flight to Naples, Italy will depart from **Dulles** International Airport. Meals and entertainment are aloft . Time schedule TBA.

Day 2 – Arrival Naples on to San Giovanni Rotondo / Tuesday, June 17

Upon arrival, we will clear Passport Control and Customs, meet our motor-coach and driver. Depart for San Giovanni Rotondo. Upon arrival we will have an orientation of the city and shrine and some free time to freshen up and relax. **Dinner (included)** overnight in San Giovanni.



Padre Pio: "Every holy Mass, heard with devotion, produces in our souls marvelous effects, abundant spiritual and material graces which we, ourselves, do not know. It is easier for the earth to exist without the sun than without the holy Sacrifice of the Mass."

Day 3—Shrine of St Pio / San Giovanni Rotondo / Wednesday, June 18

Today we begin with a guided visit of the Shrine of Saint Pio, the Gallery of St. Pio, Casa Sollievo Soffrenza (Hospital) and the historic center of San Giovanni Rotondo.

The Shrine of Padre Pio, which centers on his tomb inside the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Grace (Santa Maria delle Grazie). Here you can also see his cell, his confessional, the crucifix from which he received the stigmata, and nearly everything he owned or touched, carefully preserved and labeled. Santa Maria delle Grazie (Our Lady of Grace) is a new church built during Padre Pio's lifetime (1956-59) to accommodate the many pilgrims and worshippers attracted to San Giovanni Rotondo. The east wall bears a splendid mosaic. Behind Santa Maria delle Grazie is the Padre Pio Pilgrimage Church, completed in 2004 and considered a notable example of modern architecture. In 1940, Padre Pio began plans to open a hospital in San Giovanni Rotondo, to be named the Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza or Home for the Relief of Suffering. The hospital opened in 1956, and is considered one of the most efficient hospitals in Europe.

Tonight **supper (included) (with wine, water and coffee)** and overnight in San Giovanni.

Day 4 – Monte Sant'Angelo / Cavern of St. Michael / Thursday, June 19

Today we will have a full day's excursion to Monte Sant'Angelo. This quaint village made holy and famous to Christians by Saint Michael the Archangel who appeared here in the 5th Century for the conversion of pagans. It was also the site where the



Crusaders came to pay homage before their departures to the east. We will visit the Grotto of Saint Michael the Archangel, a pilgrim site since the 5th Century. The sanctuary has



been a popular place of **pilgrimage** for many centuries: St. Francis of Assisi, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, St. Bridget of Sweden, St. Gerard Majella, St. William of Vercelli and six popes have made the pilgrimage here to ask for St. Michael's protection. **Mass will be celebrated in the grotto.** Lunch (on your own) and some free time in Monte Sant'Angelo. **Supper (included)**, with wine , water and coffee, overnight in San Giovanni

Day 5—San Giovanni Rotondo to Loreto via Lanciano / Friday, June 20

This morning after breakfast, we will depart for the city of Loreto. Along the way we will have a side trip to the city of Lanciano to visit the site of the Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano. A Basilian monk, wise in the ways of the world, but not in the ways of faith, was having a trying time with his belief in the real presence of Our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. He prayed constantly for relief from his doubts, and from the fear that he was losing his vocation. He suffered through the routine of his priesthood day after day, with these doubts gnawing at him. One morning in the church dedicated to Saints Legontian and Domitian in Lanciano, while the Basilian monk was doubting the real and substantial presence of the Flesh and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the consecrated Holy Species, he began celebrating Mass in the Latin rite with a host of unleavened bread. During the two-fold consecration, as he held the Holy Host and Wine, his hand and body began to shake. He stood for a long time with his back to the people, and then slowly turned around to them. He said:



"O fortunate witnesses to whom the Blessed God, to confound my disbelief, has wished to reveal Himself in this Most Blessed Sacrament and to render Himself visible to our eyes. Come, brethren, and marvel at our God so close to us. Behold the Flesh and Blood of our most beloved Christ."

Longinus, the centurion who thrust the lance into the side of Jesus, tearing in halves the Heart from which blood and water gushed forth, was from this town. After seeing the events which followed the piercing of Jesus' Heart, the darkening of the sun, and the earthquake, he believed that Christ was the Savior. A more physical sign, however, was that Longinus had poor eyesight, and after having touched his eyes with the water and blood from the side of Jesus, his eyesight was restored. Converted, he gave up the Army and went to Cappadocia where he was martyred for the faith. He is now known as Saint Longinus. His feast is celebrated every March 15.

Afterwards we will have a break for lunch (on your own) before continuing our journey to Loreto. Loreto lies on a hill near the Adriatic Sea, some 13 miles south of Ancona. Since the 14th century it has been Italy's second most important place of pilgrimage after Rome. Upon arrival, we will check in to our hotel. Some free time to explore the city and the Basilica.

Supper (included) with wine, water and coffee and overnight in Loreto.



Day 6—Loreto / Saturday, June 21

Today the guide will give us a full explanation of Loreto, the Basilica and the story of the Little House and how it came to be here in Loreto from Nazareth! Free time for exploring or shopping on your own. **Dinner (included) (with wine, water and coffee)** and overnight in Loreto



Day 7—Loreto / Rome / Sunday, June 22

This morning after breakfast we depart for Rome. Approximately half way to Rome, in the region of the Gran Sasso, we will stop for lunch (on your own). Upon our arrival in Rome, we will check in to our hotel. Some free time will be available upon our arrival in Rome. **Supper included (with wine, water and coffee)** and overnight in Rome.

Day 8—Christian Rome Rome / Monday, June 23

Saint Mary Major / Santa Maria Maggiore

The largest church in Rome dedicated to the Virgin Mary, hence the name, and one of the first to be built in her honor, Santa Maria Maggiore is located on Piazza Esquilino, not far from the Termini train station. It is the only basilica among these four to have preserved the Paleochristian structure of the 5th century, even though it underwent several makeovers and additions externally. It closely resembles a 2nd-century imperial basilica, imposing in its aspect, perhaps to signify Rome's Christian future. Under the high altar is the Crypt of the Nativity, with a crystal reliquary said to contain wood from Jesus' crib.



Saint John Lateran

Mater et caput of all Rome's and the world's Catholic churches, **San Giovanni in Laterano** is the oldest church of the Western World, founded in the 4th century by Constantine the Great. Dedicated to John the Baptist and John the Evangelist, it stands on the piazza by the same name, within Rome's city center. San Giovanni in Laterano is also the city's cathedral, seat of the Bishop of Rome. The basilica was reconstructed a few times until the 18th century, when the monumental façade, a two-storied portico supported by giant columns, crowned by 15 seven-meter-high statues, was redesigned.

Saint Paul Outside the Walls

San Paolo Fuori Le Mura is the second largest basilica of the four. It was founded by the Roman emperor Constantine over the burial place of St. Paul (now under the papal altar), making it a popular pilgrimage site. The huge basilica has maintained the original structure with one nave and four aisles, but it was almost entirely reconstructed in 1823 following a fire. The covered portico that precedes the façade is a Neo-classicist addition from the reconstruction. What remains of the ancient basilica is the interior portion of the apse with the triumphal arch. South of the transept is the cloister, considered one of the most beautiful of the Middle Ages.



Pizza supper (included) with wine, water and coffee this evening and overnight in Rome

Day 9—Vatican—Basilica / Vatican Museum & Sistine Chapel / Tuesday, June 24



Today will be a guided visit Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. At 22,067 square meters, St. Peter's is the world's largest church; regarded as one of the holiest Catholic shrines, it is a popular place of pilgrimage, even though it is neither the Mother Church nor a cathedral (San Giovanni in Laterano is both). It is hard to grasp its proportions until you have seen it. Particularly impressive is its height, 136 meters from the ground to the top of the magnificent dome, the tallest in the world. According to Catholic tradition, the Basilica is the burial site of the apostle St. Peter, the first Pope and Bishop of Rome. St. Peter's tomb is below the high altar. Many popes have been

buried here since the Early Christian period. A church has been on this site since Roman Emperor Constantine the Great. Construction of the present basilica, which replaced the basilica of the 4th century, began on 18 April 1506 and was completed in 1626. St. Peter's Basilica is also famous as a magnificent work of art, to which major Renaissance artists, including Michelangelo, Bramante, Raffaello, Sangallo and Giacomo della Porta contributed. Gian Lorenzo Bernini designed the ample staircase and elliptical square surrounded by columns, which "introduces" the basilica, with the façade by Carlo Maderno. **Supper (included) (with wine, water and coffee) overnight in Rome.**



Day 10—Morning Papal Audience / Afternoon Colosseum and Monuments of Rome / Wednesday, June 25

We will depart soon after breakfast as to clear security at the Vatican early and get our seats. It is best to try to arrive before many of the tour buses and crowds if possible. The Audience will last about 2 hours. We will give a meeting point and time for re-gathering after the Audience



This afternoon we will visit the Colosseum and the Monuments and Squares of Rome.

Trevi Fountain

Fountain of Trevi: It is the largest Baroque fountain in the city and the most beautiful in the world. A traditional legend holds



that if visitors throw a coin into the fountain, they are ensured a return to Rome.



Spanish Steps

The elegant staircase of 135 steps was inaugurated in the Jubilee Year of 1725 by Pope Benedict XIII

Navona Square

Piazza Navona is one of the most beautiful and famous squares in the center of Rome.



Farewell Supper included with wine, water and coffee and overnight in Rome.
Overnight in Rome.

Day 11—Departure to USA / Thursday, June 26

We bid a fond farewell to Rome as we depart for Leonardo da Vinci International Airport for our voyage back to the USA following a wonderful pilgrimage and cultural visit to Italy. We arrive home in late afternoon, meals aloft.

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All transfers abroad Airport/Hotels
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Prior to all of our group departures Fratelli & Company LLC will provide you with an “information” packet which will answer many of your concerns and questions about the trip. It will give contact information, flight schedules, hotel information and telephone numbers to leave at home with family members. It will give you info for packing suggestions, type of weather to expect, Euro vs US Dollar exchanges, US Embassy telephone numbers and much more. However, if you have a question or concern beforehand, please do not hesitate to call or email our office.

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

Reservations/Deposits/Payments: Deposit of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) is required at the time of booking. No reservation is confirmed until the deposit is received by the tour operator. Balance of the tour price is due and payable sixty (60) days prior to departure.

Minors And Infirm: Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or a responsible adult deemed worthy by the parent/guardian. If a minor is traveling with any person other than parent/guardian then the responsible adult will provide the travel agent/tour operator and have in his/her possession a notarized letter from the parent/guardian giving that adult full permission to make decisions on their behalf and permission to room with the minor. No minor will be allowed to room alone without the parent/guardian or named responsible adult. Due to the physical demands of the tour and the inaccessibility of handicap facilities abroad, no physically handicapped person may be a tour passenger.

Tour Price: The tour price in this brochure is based upon the U. S. currency vs. the European Euro at the time of printing, **November 1, 2024**. If changes in these rates occur, it may change the price accordingly. The tour price is based on booking a minimum of 20 paying passengers. A lesser amount could increase the price of the tour. Should the price of the tour change for any of the reasons mentioned above, the passenger will then have the right to cancel the reservation and receive a full refund of payment made to date, provided that written notice be received by Fratelli & Co. within 7 (seven) days of the notification of the price change. Otherwise, the cancellation policy written below prevails. Airport Taxes which are included in the tour price are subject to change. No refund will be made if the passenger is dissatisfied with any of the accommodations; fails to use any of the accommodations included in the tour price, or must return home prior to completion of the tour.

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Sightseeing & Itinerary: Sightseeing is included as specified in the itinerary with English-speaking guides and customary entrance fees. The tour operator reserves the right to vary the sequence of the itinerary and/or reroute the order of cities, should circumstances arise.

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Inclusions: All hotel taxes, service charges, First Class Three or Four Star Hotel, Comprehensive sightseeing as per itinerary, English-speaking guides, Breakfasts, lunches and dinners (including in flight meals) as per itinerary.

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