

# ITALY & MEDJUGORJE

TAILOR-MADE OPTION



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## Day 1

### ARRIVAL

Upon arriving at Rome's airport, we will be greeted by our tour escort and driver. Transfer to our hotel, dinner and overnight in Rome.

## Day 2

### ROME

Breakfast. This morning, we will start the day exploring the ancient Appian way. Stop to visit the Catacombs and the Basilica of St. Sebastian. Continue for a visit to the Church of Domine Quo Vadis, where we will see the stone with the footprints of Jesus. Our day continues with a walking tour of Imperial Rome, including an exterior visit to the Colosseum and the Roman Forum, as well as the Arches of Constantine and Titus. Celebrate mass. Following Mass, we will visit one of Rome's major basilicas; St. Mary Major. This basilica is one of the oldest shrines dedicated to the blessed Virgin Mary. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

## Day 3

### ROME

Breakfast. Early morning, transfer to St. Peter's Square to join pilgrims from all over the world to attend the weekly Papal audience and blessing. After lunch, continue to visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran. Continue to the Shrine of the Holy Stairs, believed to be those that led to the praetorium of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem. Later this afternoon, we will visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Celebrate mass. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

## Day 4

### ROME

Breakfast. We will visit St. Peter's Basilica. Enjoy a guided tour of the Basilica, admiring Michelangelo's Pietà and the tombs of St. Peter and Pope John Paul II. Celebrate mass. Continue to the Vatican Museum and walk through the richly decorated galleries and visit the Sistine Chapel. In the afternoon, visit the most beautiful monuments of the Baroque Rome area, including Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, the Trevi Fountain, and the Spanish Steps. Enjoy some time for shopping before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

## Day 5

### ROME - ASSISI

Breakfast. Departure to Assisi. Today, we will enjoy a full day of touring the hometown of St. Francis. We will start the tour at the Sanctuary of San Damiano, where St. Francis received his divine calling. Next, we will visit the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, home to the Porziuncola, the tiny chapel where St. Francis founded the Franciscan Order. Continue to the Basilica of St. Francis. Celebrate mass. Later this afternoon, visit the Basilica of St. Clare. Dinner and overnight.

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## Day 6

### ASSISI - LANCIANO - LORETO - SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

Breakfast. Departure to Lanciano. Arrival and free time for reflection inside the Sanctuary of the Eucharistic Miracle in Lanciano. Departure to Loreto. Upon arrival, we'll visit the Holy House of Nazareth, where Mary is believed to have first prayed the Magnificat, and admire the stunning Madonna of Loreto. Celebrate mass. Continue to San Giovanni Rotondo. Arrival at the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

## Day 7

### SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

Breakfast. This morning we'll make a special visit to St. Michael's Cave (Sanctuary of Monte Sant'Angelo). This ancient pilgrimage site is renowned for its historic significance and the legendary appearances of the Archangel Michael. We'll have the opportunity to explore the cave's remarkable beauty and spiritual atmosphere. Return to San Giovanni Rotondo. In the afternoon, we will visit the Sanctuary of St. Padre Pio, which includes the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie. Celebrate Mass. We will also have the opportunity to reflect on the life and miracles of Padre Pio and visit significant places connected to his life and work, including his cell and his tomb. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight.

## Day 8

### SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO - MEDJUGORJE

Breakfast. Transfer to Bari to board the flight to Dubrovnik. Upon arrival, transfer to Medjugorje. Arrival at the hotel. Dinner and overnight stay.

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## Day 9

### MEDJUGORJE

Breakfast. During your stay, you will experience the beauty and peace of this simple village, and have the opportunity to share your faith with pilgrims from all over the world. Celebrate mass at St. James Church. After Mass, ascend Apparition Hill, the sacred site where the visionaries first saw Our Lady. Stop at the Blue Cross, a place of Marian apparitions, for quiet prayer. Spend time in personal reflection, browse local shops, and pray the rosary at your own pace. In the evening, return to your hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

## Day 10

### MEDJUGORJE

Breakfast. Free day for spiritual activities or visits to the sanctuary. Dinner and overnight stay.

## Day 10

### RETURN TO USA

Today our pilgrimage comes to an end. We will transfer to the airport for our return flight.



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