

Shrines of Italy

Highlights...

Rome • Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi • San Giovanni Rotondo • Tomb of Padre Pio • Abbey of Santissima Trinita • Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary • Vatican City • Papal Audience* • St. Peter's Basilica • Christian Rome City Tour • St. Paul Outside the Walls • St. Mary Major • St. John in Lateran



11 Days • 15 Meals: 9 Breakfasts • 6 Dinners

COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

- ★ Spend time at the renowned Abbey of Montecassino, founded by St. Benedict.
- ★ In Pompeii, visit the Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary.
- ★ Join a local expert for a fascinating tour of Assisi.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- ★ Attend the weekly papal audience* at Vatican City.
- ★ Stroll through the catacombs where early Christians hid and buried their dead.
- ★ Discover the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- ★ Enjoy regional wines with every included dinner.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Travel on an inspirational journey to some of the most fascinating religious sites and relics in the world.

Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Rome. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant featuring regional delicacies and fine Italian wines. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Day 3: Rome - Assisi

Travel north to Assisi and begin your tour at St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, where St. Francis spent most of his life. Pause to reflect at the Chapel of the Porziuncola, the rose bush, and the cave where the saint prayed. Later, have time at the Church of St. Clare, who founded the Order of Poor Clares and followed the teachings of St. Francis by living a life of poverty and humility. Kneel before the crucifix from which Jesus spoke to St. Francis, asking him to rebuild his church. **Join a local expert for a fascinating tour of Assisi** highlighting the huge 13th-century basilica where you can see many of St. Francis' possessions and a series of frescoes depicting his life. Celebrate Mass in the Basilica of St. Francis this afternoon. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 4: Assisi - Optional Florence Excursion

Enjoy a full day at leisure to independently explore historic Assisi. Or, join a full day optional excursion to Florence, the "Renaissance City," where a local expert provides a leisurely paced walking tour featuring the Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore – one of the largest in the Christian world, and the Baptistery doors. You also view the Palazzo Vecchio and the Ponte Vecchio. Enjoy several hours at leisure in Florence before returning to Assisi. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 5: Assisi - Loreto - San Giovanni Rotondo

Travel across the Apennine Mountains toward the Adriatic Coast to the Marian shrine of Loreto. Discover the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto where more than 50 popes have made a pilgrimage. You will celebrate

Mass before continuing your journey to San Giovanni Rotondo, home of Padre Pio. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 6: San Giovanni Rotondo - Monte Sant' Angelo - San Giovanni Rotondo
Begin your day with a special visit to Monte Sant' Angelo. Take in the breathtaking views of the Gargano Peninsula and **explore one of the most celebrated shrines of early Christianity – the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel.** Many popes and saints have knelt and prayed at this grotto, seeking the protection of Saint Michael. Later, return to San Giovanni Rotondo and celebrate Mass in the sanctuary of Padre Pio. This is followed by a tour of the sanctuary, including the old church and the crucifix from which he received the stigmata in 1918, as well as Padre Pio's tomb. Then, visit the new church dedicated in 2004 to Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. You will also see the confessional where Padre Pio spent many hours directing pilgrims on their journey toward God. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 7: San Giovanni Rotondo - Abbey of Santissima Trinita - Campania

Journey through the picturesque landscape of the regions of Apulia and Campania to Cava de' Tirreni. Be introduced to the Benedictine Abbey of Santissima Trinita, founded in the 11th century by a local saint. After a guided visit to the abbey you will have the option of celebrating Mass. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 8: Campania - Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary- Abbey of Montecassino- Rome

Continue your travels to the town of Pompeii where you will **visit the Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary, one of the most famous shrines of Christianity.** Later, travel to Montecassino to discover the renowned abbey founded by St. Benedict in the 6th century A.D. This sacred place houses the relics of St. Benedict and his sister, Saint Scholastica. Montecassino also became famous during the battles that took place here during World War II, when the abbey was bombed and destroyed. End your day in Rome. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 9: Rome - Papal Audience - Vatican Museum

This morning, attend the weekly papal audience* at Vatican City to receive the blessing given by His Holiness, Pope Francis. Later, visit the Vatican Museum** where you will view such historical treasures as the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's restored mural of the Last Judgment. Then it's on to the breathtaking St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site where St. Peter was martyred. Known as the grandest of the world's churches, St. Peter's is unsurpassed in beauty. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 10: Rome - Christian Rome City Tour

Begin your day at the Basilica St. Paul Outside the Walls; the remains of St. Paul are located under its main altar. You'll celebrate Mass before making your way

to the catacombs where early Christians fearing persecution hid and buried their dead. Continue on to visit the other major Roman basilicas, St. Mary Major and St. John in Lateran, the former residence of the popes prior to their return to Rome in 1377. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable pilgrimage to Italy. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 11: Rome - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in Rome. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Experience It!

Marian Shrine of Loreto

This shrine is the location of a house that is believed to have once been the home where Mary conceived and raised Jesus. The legend states it was moved here from Nazareth by angels by way of Croatia. The Holy House of Nazareth is located inside of a large basilica. On the altar of the shrine you will find the sacred statue of Madonna of Loreto. Over 4 million Catholic pilgrims flock here each year to worship in the shrine and 50 popes have made the pilgrimage. The Holy House of Loreto has been one of the most celebrated Marian shrines in the world since the 14th century and you will delight in the unforgettable experience of celebrating Mass in this sacred place.

YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Cardinal Hotel St. Peter, Rome
Days 3, 4	Grand Hotel Dei Congressi Assisi, Assisi
Days 5, 6	Hotel Parco delle Rose, San Giovanni Rotondo
Day 7	Hotel Scapolatiello, Cava de Tirreni or Holiday Inn Salerno, Cava de Tirreni
Days 8 – 10	Cardinal Hotel St. Peter, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

"Religious Tours" are competitively priced journeys that focus on the needs of our faith-based travelers. Featuring three star hotels and more modest meals, these packages are designed to capture the reflective and humble surroundings of the world-famous spiritual sites they visit. With an emphasis on religious inclusions, these tours also include other culturally appropriate attractions and the services of a professional Tour Manager.

Please Note:

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more travelling on the same flights and dates.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

Proper dress (covering your knees and shoulders) is required when visiting religious sites, sanctuaries, basilicas, etc.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

*The Papal Audience is, at times, unavailable due to the Pope's travel schedule.

**Vatican Museums are not available on most Sundays and holidays.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motorcoaches, especially in historic areas. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our travel counsellors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP: PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Documentation is required by foreign governments for all trips outside Canada. Clients/passengers should check with the appropriate foreign consulate/embassy for entry requirements, including whether you need to obtain a visa before entering your destination country and, if you do need to get a visa, its cost and timing. Please remember that the possession of valid passports and necessary visas are the responsibility of each client/passenger. If you would like assistance in ensuring you have the proper visa(s) for your trip outside of Canada, we would be happy to refer you to a company that can assist you.

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TRAVEL CONDITIONS

There may be different living standards and practices and different standards and conditions with respect to the provision of services and accommodations outside of Canada.

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protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). The Travel Protection Plan Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. However, the Part B travel insurance includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons as detailed in Part B. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. Cancellation waiver protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. Cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you choose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you choose to partially cancel your vacation, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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