



Sorrento

Capri

Rome

From **\$5999***
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Join us on a Pilgrimage to Italy

with optional 3 day Ireland extention

13 Days: July 10 - 22, 2023
Roundtrip from Kansas City (MCI)

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Rome
- Sorrento●
- Castel Gandolf●
- Naples
- Pompei
- Vatican

Under the Spiritual Direction
of Fr. Bill McEvoy

Chaplain to the University of St. Mary in Leavenworth, KS



Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1: July 10th: Depart USA for USA: Today we board our flights to Naples. Meals and drinks will be served aloft.

Day 2: July 11th: Arrival in Naples: Upon our arrival in Naples we will proceed through customs and baggage claim before being met by our HLTC guide and driver. Time permitting, we will enjoy a brief panoramic city tour of Naples before continuing to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Naples (Dinner)

Day 3: July 12th: Catacombs of San Gennaro/ Church of San Domenico Maggiore: We begin the day by celebrating Mass at the Cathedral of Naples. After Mass, our group will take some time to view some of the beautiful artwork and statuary found inside the structure before proceeding to the nearby Catacombs of San Gennaro. Dating back to the 3rd century AD, these catacombs hold a special significance to the people of Naples as it was here that their ancestors fled for protection from the eruption of nearby Mount Vesuvius in 472 AD. Once inside, their prayers were answered by Saint Januarius, Patron Saint of Naples, and the eruption ended, saving the city. After lunch, we continue our tour of Naples with a visit to the Church of San Domenico Maggiore. Founded by the friars of the Dominican Order, the church is built over the remains of a smaller church dating from the 10th century. We will also explore the monastery next to the church which was originally the site of the University of Naples where Saint Thomas Aquinas taught for a time. You can see the room that St Thomas occupied while he studied and lived here; a relic of the saint; as well as the image of the crucifix from which Jesus spoke to him and commended him for writing so well of Him. We then return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Naples (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 4: July 13th: Naples/Pompei/Sorrento: After breakfast, we set out for Pompei. There we will go on an archaeological journey through the ancient city. Buried under a layer of ashes and lapilli by a sudden eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD, after 1700 years, the excavations have brought to light Pompei, a town whose daily life of Imperial Age has been petrified, as if under a spell. Furthermore, visiting the "frozen city", we will see houses, shops, temples, squares, streets and understand the way of living of the ancient Romans. After we break for lunch, we will celebrate Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine before heading to Sorrento to check into our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Sorrento (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 5: July 14th :Amalfi Coast: Ravello: Today we depart for Ravello to explore the beautiful gardens of Villa Rufolo. Continue along the narrow roads known as the Citrus Coast due to the abundance of Lemon and Orange trees, to Amalfi. After breaking for lunch, we explore the Cathedral of St. Andrew to see the relics of the saint, the crypt where he is buried, and to celebrate Mass. We will then visit a Limoncello family-ran farm to try our hand at making the tasty liquor. We depart Amalfi in the late afternoon, and return to Sorrento for a leisurely dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Sorrento (Breakfast, Limoncello tasting)

Day 6: July 15th: Capri/Blue Grotto: Today we take an excursion to Capri by hydrofoil jets (high speed boat) from Sorrento to enjoy a full day on the island. We will take a panoramic guided tour before free time for shopping, or to visit the worldwide famous Blue Grotto (optional). Return to Sorrento in the afternoon with dinner served at the hotel.

Overnight: Sorrento (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 7: July 16th : Montecassino/Appian Way/Rome: Today we drive towards Rome where St. Paul lived for two years. On the way, we stop at the Abbey of Montecassino. Founded nearly 1500 years ago by St. Benedict of Nursia, the Abbey has endured as a place of Catholic spirituality and worship despite centuries of political upheaval and warfare within Italy. After lunch, we continue our journey to Rome. Upon arrival, we will drive along the Appian Way "Regina Viarum" and see the Church of Quo Vadis, located where Christ appeared to Peter, and the Apostle asked "Domine, quo vadis?" (Where are you going, Lord?) The Lord replied, "I am going to Rome to be crucified for the second time." Peter understood the message and returned to face his martyrdom. We see the Inn where St. Paul stopped for rest before arriving at the seat of the former Roman Empire. We visit the Catacombs of St. Sebastian where the early Christians hid, prayed and buried their dead and the remnants of the original basilica dedicated to Peter and Paul. We will then continue to the Abbey of the Three Fountains, the place of Paul's martyrdom, where tradition has it that three different springs gushed out at each spot touched when Paul's head fell down. Our tour ends at Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Wall, a Benedictine Abbey who shares its origins with the adjoining basilica. Visit the Basilica where the bones of Paul have recently been found and celebrate Mass. Continue to hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 8: July 17th : Castel Gandolfo: Start the day with breakfast, and then explore Castel Gandolfo, also known as the Apostolic Palace and Papal Summer Residence. Here we will see the Palace, made by Urban VIII in the 17th century, the Holy See's treasures and the beautifully landscaped Barberini Gardens which have only been open to the public since 2016. Admire the views of Lake Albano, and relax over lunch by the Papal gardens. Subiaco is a small village surrounded by spectacular natural scenery. Visit the Monastery of Santa Scolastica, and the Monastery of San Benedetto. Make a short stop at Abbazia di Santa Scolastica ("Abbot at Santa Scolastica"), where the first book in Italy was printed. A visit to the Benedictine Herbalist is a must. Santa Scolastica is the last existing monastery where the ancient method of cultivation exists, which was begun by San Benedetto.

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

Naples



Day 9: July 18th: Rome: This morning after mass, we will enjoy a guided tour of the Relics of the Passion of Jesus Christ. We begin our tour with Basilica of St. Mary Major. We then walk over to the Basilica of St. Prassede which holds a segment of the alleged pillar upon which Jesus was flogged and tortured before his crucifixion in Jerusalem. After, we visit the Holy Stairs, so named because they are the steps which led to the Praetorium of the Roman Procurator Ponzio Pilato. From there we visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran, after break for lunch. Continue with the Basilica of Holy Cross in Jerusalem, built over spread earth brought over from Jerusalem. Continue on a panoramic tour of Imperial Rome with visits to the Roman Forum, the Palatine Hill, the Arch of Constantine and the Coliseum. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 10: July 19th: Rome, Papal Audience, Vatican City: Today we transfer to St. Peter's Square to join the thousands of pilgrims coming to Rome for Pope Francis' blessing. After free time & lunch, we continue to the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel. We will then tour St. Peter's Basilica and take in the awesome architecture. Pray at the new tomb of Blessed John Paul II, in St. Sebastian's Chapel. Time permitting, you may visit the Vatican Crypt on your own and pray near the tomb of St. Peter. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 11: July 20th: Assisi: Today we visit the sites of Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis, including the Basilica of Santa Maria Degli Angeli (Our Lady of Angels). Inside this Basilica, we explore the Portiuncola, the Chapel of the Transitus and the Rose Garden. We continue to the Basilica of St. Clare, the Town Hall Square, and the Basilica of St. Francis. We enjoy an afternoon at leisure exploring the lovely town. We then continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Assisi (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 12: July 21st: Rome, Free Day: After breakfast, our group bids farewell to Assisi and returns to the Eternal City of Rome. Here we will celebrate Mass before breaking for lunch and individual exploration of one of the world's most beloved and famous cities. In the evening, the group will reconvene at the hotel before being shuttled to a local restaurant for a farewell dinner.

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 13: July 22nd : Return Home: Depart Rome: Today we transfer to the airport for our return flights home with memories and keepsakes that will last a lifetime.

Optional Extension to Ireland:

Day 13: July 22rd : Arrive Dublin: Upon arrival in Dublin, we'll enjoy a tour of Ireland's capital. We will begin with the main thoroughfare of O'Connell Street. We'll see the General Post Office (GPO), the Custom House, and Phoenix Park. This part of the city is also dominated by Trinity College, home to the Book of Kells, a splendidly illuminated version of the Christian Gospels. We'll also explore Christchurch Cathedral, site of Dublin's first wooden church. Then we'll begin a tour of the Guinness Brewery before enjoying some free time to further explore the city before checking into our hotel to enjoy dinner and an overnight stay.

Overnight: Dublin (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 14: July 23th: Boyne Valley: Our travel this morning takes us through Boyne Valley, a complex of tombs, and prehistoric enclosures. Next we visit the Silverstream Monastery before continuing to the Abbey of Kells, a former monastery located in Kells, County Meath. In the churchyard, we'll find the Round Tower and several of the High Crosses. The day's last stop is Mellifont Abbey, the first Cistercian abbey to be built in Ireland. We return once more to Dublin where we will enjoy dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Overnight: Dublin (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 15: July 24th: Free Day: St. Patrick's Cathedral: After a leisurely breakfast, we will be released to enjoy a day of independent exploration around Dublin. The group's guide and driver will be available to help with transportation and suggested sites. In the evening, the group will reconvene at St. Patrick's Cathedral to experience a tour and Choral Evensong performance held there. Afterwards, we will head to a local restaurant to celebrate our travels together with a farewell dinner before returning to our hotel to overnight.

Overnight: Dublin (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 16: July 25th: Return Home: Depart Dublin: After enjoying a traditional Irish breakfast, we will transfer to the airport for our return flights home with memories and keepsakes that will last a lifetime.

(Breakfast)

Pilgrimage Details

PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare	
Main Tour (13 Days)	\$5999.00*
Extended Tour (16 Days)	\$6999.00*
	*Discount cash/ check price

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add \$800 + \$250 (Ireland Extention)
- Travel Insurance: add \$373 / \$435

FIRST DEPOSIT	\$500	DUE: NOW
FINAL PAYMENT	REMAINING	DUE: MAY 1, 2023

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare from Kansas City (MCI) **Cost from other airports may vary**
- Meals per itinerary
- All excursions
- 11/14 nights' accommodation
- Tour guide / Tour escort
- Gratuities: Bus Drivers, Guides and Hotel Staff
- Mass Daily

Price does not include: lunch & drinks with meals

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Terms & Conditions

By making any payments (cash, credit card or otherwise) towards any tour constitutes your unconditional acceptance of all the terms and conditions stated in this brochure. Holy Land Travel Center shall be referred to as HLTC within this document.

DOCUMENTS: US citizens require a valid passport. Other nationalities please inquire with the appropriate embassies.

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT: Deposit of \$500 per person is required upon registration along with a signed copy of the registration form on or before. Registrations are processed in the order received by HLTC A second payment of \$1249 is required on or before 150 days prior to departure. A third payment of \$1000 is due 90 days prior to departure. Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure. Late payments are subject to \$50 late fee. HLTC reserves the right to cancel reservations whose payments are 30 days late and to apply applicable cancellation/penalties indicated below. No registrations can be made over the telephone.

INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION FEES & REFUNDS: Upon cancellation of participation of tour by you, the registrant, for any reason, and only after HLTC receives your signed cancellation, HLTC will then refund your payment for services not received by you, minus applicable cancellation fees per person, according to the following schedule:

In addition to any cancellation fees specific to your tour, the following fees apply.

1. Minimum cancellation fee is \$350 from time of registration up to 120 days prior to the tour's departure date.
2. From 119 to 60 days prior to departure day, the cancellation fee is \$350 + 20% of total price.
3. From 59 days to 8 days prior to departure day, cancellation fee is \$350 + 50% of total price.
4. From 7 days prior to departure day onward, no refund is possible.

TRAVEL PROTECTION: Travel insurance is recommended to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer travel protection. If you do not wish to purchase now, the plan can be purchased any time before submitting your final payment. If you chose to purchase outside of the time sensitive period outlined in the plan, you will not be eligible for time sensitive benefits. All plan premiums are non-refundable. To view/download the plan, which provides the full coverage terms and details, including limitations and exclusion please visit our website: www.holylandtc.com/travel-protection/

MEDICAL CONDITION: We endeavor to provide the highest level of service to all our passengers. Participants who require special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the participants' well-being. This pilgrimage demands a lot of walking and can be strenuous. HLTC is not responsible for any medical conditions that occur prior to, during, or after the tour.

LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSFERS: By private deluxe motor coach.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Tour prices are per person, based on two persons sharing double or twin-bedded rooms with private bathroom with tub or shower. If one does not sign up with a roommate and is not able to be paired with another traveler, there will be a single supplement charge to the account. Single rooms subject to availability and an additional cost indicated on brochure.

MEALS: Meals in accordance with the itinerary. All beverages are extra.

TIPPING: Unless it is specified in the tour brochure, the price of the tour does not include tips and gratuities. Tipping is recommended to the tour guide and motor coach driver approximately \$6 and \$4 per person, respectively, per day to each: Hotel tips are approximately \$2 per day per person. Tips may be pre-collected before the pilgrimage for your convenience.

AIRLINE TICKETS AND ITINERARY LENGTH: Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class aboard carriers utilizing non-refundable, non-amenable tickets. Preliminary international flight schedules are available 60 days prior to departure and may change before they are finalized. Therefore, if you book

the domestic flight on your own, you will be responsible for changing your domestic flights and incurring any change fees that would be generated by this adjustment. We are not responsible for changes and delays in airline schedules and do not reimburse passengers for expenses resulting from such occurrences. Travelers making their own flight arrangements should not purchase non-refundable, non-changeable tickets. We cannot guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. If flight schedules change, we reserve the right to lengthen or shorten the itinerary accordingly, and if changes or flight schedules necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged at normal hotel rates. Land Only packages do not include airport-hotel transfers.

SEAT ASSIGNMENT: THERE IS NO ADVANCE SEAT SELECTION FOR TOUR DEPARTURES. HLTC cannot guarantee specific seats, which are at the discretion of the airline and are pending availability. When HLTC dispenses travel packages, you will receive your record locator. You can use this locator to do online seating arrangements, if permitted by the airline.

BAGGAGE: Transatlantic and transpacific flights to and from the USA allow the passenger to bring one (1) checked bag, which may have a maximum weight of 50 lbs., and maximum combined dimensions of 62 inches. Also, one (1) "carry-on" with maximum dimensions of 22" x 14" x 9" is permitted. Luggage on domestic flights will cost extra. Luggage is the passenger's responsibility and that of the airlines. For lost luggage, the passenger is responsible for notifying the airline directly. Check with your carrier regarding carry-on luggage rules and regulations.

PRICES: All prices are based on exchange rates and fares applicable at time of quotation and based on minimum number of paying passengers stated in the brochure and are therefore subject to change if fares change (including fuel surcharges increase), if group does not reach minimum or if exchange rates fluctuate. Minimum number of paying passengers is 30.

NOT INCLUDED: Passport and Visas, meals not mentioned, beverages with meals, extra beyond standard menu, excess baggage, luggage on domestic flights, telephone calls, fuel surcharges increase.

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