

Join Fr. Hyginus Anuta on a pilgrimage to

# Rome & Assisi

Rome - Assisi - Padre Pio - Vatican - Papal Audience



May  
20-31, 2024



Starting from  
**\$4499**  
Per Person

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## Day by Day Itinerary

**May 20 Day 1: Depart USA:** Depart for your flights to Italy. Dinner on-board, relax, and anticipate your arrival tomorrow.

**May 21 Day 2: Arrive Rome:** We are greeted upon arrival by our Holy Land Travel Center Representative. Time permitting, we stop at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls for our guided visit and celebrate Mass. We then transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Overnight:** Rome (Dinner)

**May 22 Day 3: Papal Audience:** After breakfast we will explore the spiritual capital for all Catholics around the world. Today attend a papal audience pending the papal schedule, followed by a visit to the Vatican Museums. We will cover the Tapestry Gallery, the Raphael Rooms and the overwhelming Sistine Chapel with the restored mural of the Last Judgment. Later, enter the largest church in Christendom, St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site of St. Peter's tomb. We will also visit the tomb of Pope John Paul II located at the Vatican. Dinner and overnight.

**Overnight:** Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

**May 23 Day 4: Christian Rome:** Following breakfast, we depart for full day, highlighting Christian Rome which includes a visit to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the most important and the oldest church dedicated to Our Lady, which contains relics from the manger of the infant Jesus. Continue to the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the Pope's Cathedral church where relics of both Sts. Peter and Paul remain under the main altar. See the Scala Santa (Holy Staircase) which is believed to be from Pilate's palace in Jerusalem and brought to Rome by St. Helen in the 4th century. Time permitting, climb the steps on your knees in memory of Christ's Passion. After break for lunch we will drive along the ancient Appian Way, the oldest road from Roman times. We visit the famous Domino Quo Vadis Chapel and the catacombs of St. Callixtus where the early Christians hid to escape persecution. We then return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Overnight:** Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

**May 24 Day 5: Montecassino:** Following breakfast, head south crossing through the Roman countryside with its villas and vineyards. During our drive, our tour escort will explain the spiritual, historical and cultural overview of Italy, which will help to orient you to this beautiful country and prepare you for all that you will experience in the days to follow. We stop at Montecassino, a beautiful abbey founded by Saint Benedict in 529. After lunch we continue through the countryside heading east to Padre Pio's town, San Giovanni Rotondo, our base for the following two nights. Dinner and overnight.

**Overnight:** San Giovanni Rotondo (Breakfast, Dinner)

**May 25 Day 6: Padre Pio:** After Mass at the tomb of St. Padre Pio, tour the sanctuary and see the old church and the crucifix he was praying in front of when he received the stigmata for the second time in 1918. See the confessional where Padre Pio spent innumerable hours with multitudes of pilgrims, view the Gargano Peninsula and the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. Six different Popes, St Francis and at least four other saints have knelt in prayer at this grotto, seeking the protection of St Michael the Archangel. Afterwards enjoy the panoramic view of the ocean and the surrounding countryside. Dinner and overnight.

**Overnight:** San Giovanni Rotondo (Breakfast, Dinner)

**May 26 Day 7: Lanciano & Loreto:** After breakfast, we make our way to Lanciano to visit the Church of St. Longinus where you see the Eucharistic Miracle and celebrate Mass. Continue toward the

Adriatic coast to the Marian shrine of Loreto to visit the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto. More than 50 popes have made a pilgrimage to the house transported by angels to this hill in central Italy in 1294. Tradition has it that this is the house in which Mary first prayed the Magnificat, in which Jesus grew to manhood, and in which the Holy Family lived. We continue to Assisi, the hometown of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals and the environment, and the founder of the Franciscan Order. St. Francis of Assisi is the first person recorded who received the stigmata.

**Overnight:** Assisi (Breakfast, Dinner)

**May 27 Day 8: Assisi:** After breakfast, we begin a full day tour in the hometown of St. Francis. This will include a visit to the 13th century Basilica which houses the tomb of St. Francis. We will kneel before the crucifix from which Jesus Christ directed Francis to "rebuild my Church". A visit to the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels which houses the Portiuncula Chapel that Saint Francis built in response to the request to "rebuild my Church". We continue to the Basilica of Saint Clare which contains the remains of Saint Clare of Assisi. Throughout our full day we will enjoy strolling the medieval streets of this little historic town.

**Overnight:** Assisi (Breakfast, Dinner)

**May 28 Day 9: Assisi:** After breakfast, we drive to Orvieto, famous for its wine and the Cathedral, which is considered one of the most beautiful in Italy. We take a funicular to the town then enjoy a guided tour to see the dodecagon, a rare and unique 12-sided figure in the form of a bell tower, at Sant' Andrea Church on Piazza della Repubblica, and continue the guided tour to the Cathedral, where we see the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena. Then we celebrate Mass.

Enjoy time at leisure for an independent lunch. This afternoon, on the way back to Assisi, we will stop in Perugia. The main city of the Umbria region. Enjoy time at leisure to stroll around the city before we return to Assisi.

**Overnight:** Assisi (Breakfast, Dinner)

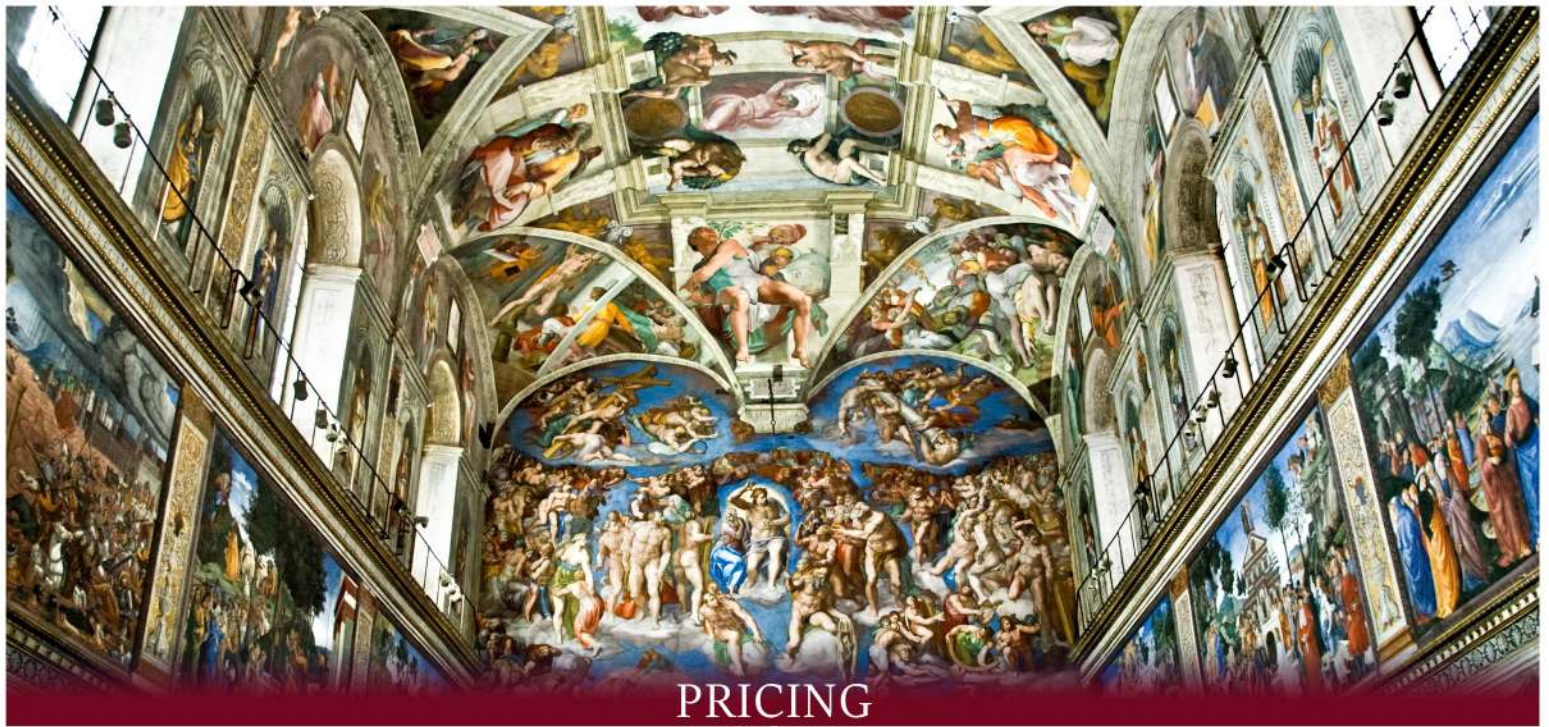
**May 29 Day 10: Imperial Rome/ Trevi Fountain/ Spanish Steps:** After breakfast we return to Rome. Upon arrival we enjoy a guided tour of the Imperial Rome area to see the Colosseum, the Roman Forums, the Capitol Hill and the Palatine Hill. Tour ends at the Trevi Fountain. After break for lunch we enjoy time at leisure for shopping at the Spanish Steps area. In the late afternoon, after Mass, we board our bus and drive to the roman hills area, here we will spend the last two nights.

**Overnight:** Roman Hills Area (Breakfast, Dinner)

**May 30 Day 11:** After breakfast we drive to visit Villa D'Este a Unesco world heritage site, where our guide will tell us about the history and development of the villa, considered one of the most enchanting sites of the late Italian Renaissance. We break for independent lunch in the village, then we return to the hotel to relax and pack to be ready for the next day check out. In the late afternoon we will drive to Castel Gandolfo. Time at leisure to explore the charming little town where the Papal Residence is the dominant attraction. We will enjoy a restaurant farewell dinner before returning to the hotel for the night.

**Overnight:** Roman Hills Area (Breakfast, Dinner)

**May 31 Day 12: Return USA:** Today we bid farewell to Italy with memories and keepsakes for a lifetime.



## PRICING

### BASE PRICE PER PERSON

**\$4499.00\***

Double occupancy with base airfare

\*Discount cash/check price

### OPTIONS

- For a single room\*: add \$900

\*Subject to availability

- Travel Insurance: Travelex Insurance

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\*Available only for travelers with primary residence in USA or Canada

### BASE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare from Albuquerque (ABQ)
- Excursions per itinerary
- 11 Nights accommodation
- Meals per Itinerary
- Professional Catholic tour guides
- Spiritual director

FIRST PAYMENT	\$500.00	DUE: NOW
SECOND PAYMENT	\$1249.00	DUE: DEC 10 2023
THIRD PAYMENT	\$1000.00	DUE: FEB 8, 2024
FINAL PAYMENT	REMAINING	DUE: MARCH 24, 2024

## Why Travel with Us?

The Holy Land Travel Center is a family-run business providing pilgrims with an unmatched religious group travel experience. Operated by a husband and wife team from the Qumsieh family, one of the oldest Christian families from the Bethlehem suburb Beit Sahour; the center offers a unique opportunity to be fully immersed in the Christian community of the Holy Land.

The tours are professionally organized to ensure that pilgrims receive the highest quality in travel and lodging. But we pride ourselves most on offering a personalized experience. From the first day you are treated like family, welcomed into the local Christian homes, offered stories of faith by residents, and unfettered access to holy sites.

# 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 April 31, 2023. Registrations are processed in the order received by HLTC. 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:

- 1) Minimum cancellation fee is \$500 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 \$500 + 20% of total price.
- 3) From 59 days to 31 days prior to departure day, cancellation fee is \$500 + 50% of total price.
- 4) From 30 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. Coverage takes affect once payment is received. 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/](http://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. In the event that 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 the 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 disperses 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 8"x12"x20" is permitted. Luggage on domestic flights including Mexico & Canada 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 20.

**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.

**VISAS:** When and if a visa or visa waiver is required, it is the passenger's responsibility to obtain one. HLTC, owner, agent, or employees cannot be held liable for clients not having proper passports, visa, visa waiver, or other travel documents. Cancellations or changes to schedule due to a lack of appropriate documents will incur usual penalties. A Passport Card is not useful for International Air Travel. Attempting to use this instead of a Passport Book will result in a denial of boarding by the airlines and entry by the legal authorities.

**Visa for Europe - ETIAS**

- As of February 2024, Americans, Canadians, Australians will need to apply online for travel authorization for Europe.

- This applies to all travelers, and all ages.

- Fee approx. \$9. Per Person

- The program is called ETIAS. Some refer to it as "visa for Europe" it is not a traditional visa but needs basic details about the traveler and their trip.

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*Note: While no changes are anticipated, there may be unforeseen occasions when certain alterations become necessary, either due to changes to the airline schedule, government regulations, travel restrictions, or any other reason. Holy Land Travel Center reserves the right to change the itinerary or name alternate dates due to such unforeseen circumstances or emergencies*