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MILAN



FLORENCE

*Come Celebrate Fr. G's Silver Jubilee in*

# Italy



**\$4999 Cash/Check Discount Price**

***Includes shuttle to and from MSY Airport***

**13 DAYS: May 13-25, 2025**

**Roundtrip from New Orleans (MSY)**

**Under the Spiritual Directions  
of Fr. Martin "G" Gillespie**

## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

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| ■ Milan    | ■ Assisi  |
| ■ Rome     | ■ Orvieto |
| ■ Florence | ■ Vatican |

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I invite you to travel with me on the pilgrimage of a lifetime! In May of 2025, we will travel to Italy to visit some of the holiest places on Earth and enjoy each other's company as we are drawn closer to Our Lord! It is good for us to step away from our daily routines, as Jesus Himself invited His Disciples to "Come away for a while and be refreshed" and to enter into a more spiritual realm. It is on just such a pilgrimage where we begin to not only appreciate the places where the saints once walked, but to also, and perhaps more importantly, to see Christ more clearly in the people we meet. It is with these very thoughts that I look forward with great glee the opportunity for all of us to share a most special journey together!

On a personal note, on May 20th, 2025, I will be celebrating my 25th anniversary of ordination to the Roman Catholic Priesthood, a very special milestone indeed. On that day, I will honor my commitment and promise to Our Lord and His Mother, to be a good and faithful steward of the souls in my care. As per Christ's command, I have placed my hands on the plow and never looked back. I have served joyfully in the vineyard of God, and would like nothing more than to share this momentous occasion with all y'all! What's more, I will be celebrating my Mass of Thanksgiving in the Basilica of St Clare in Assisi. I have had a tremendous devotion to St Clare after having served as pastor of St Clare Catholic Church before, during, and after Hurricane Katrina. We placed our lives in Her care, and she kept everyone safe.

So please, I ask that you prayerfully consider joining me on this pilgrimage. I can assure you that it will not only be a spiritual journey, but also a fun and exciting one, too!  
Be safe and be well, and may Almighty God bless you!



Fr G

## Day by Day Itinerary

May 13th - Day 1: Flight to Milan | Meals served aloft

May 14th - Day 2: Arrival | Panoramic City Tour | Welcome Dinner  
Overnight: Milan (Dinner\*)

May 15th - Day 3: Milan | Duomo | The Last Supper  
Overnight: Milan (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 16th - Day 4: Transfer to Florence | Free Time - Florence  
Overnight: Florence (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 17th - Day 5: Florence|Piazza della Signoria | Palazzo Vecchio|  
Ponte Vecchio | Duomo | Academia  
Overnight: Florence (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 18th - Day 6: Florence, Assisi: Basilica of St. Francis |  
Tomb of St. Francis | Convent of San Damiano  
Overnight: Assisi (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 19th - Day 7: Assisi | Mass at the Basilica of Santa Chiara |  
Free Time - Bus transportation to town's Piazzas | Group Dinner  
Overnight: Assisi (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 20th - Day 8: Silver Jubilee Mass at Basilica of St. Clare | Transfer  
to Rome | Saint Paul Outside the Walls  
Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 21st - Day 9: Rome | Papal Audience |Basilica of St.  
John Lateran | Basilica of St. Mary Major | Blessed Virgin Mary  
Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 22nd - Day 10: Rome | Vatican City | St. Peter's Basilica |  
Vatican Museums | The Sistine Chapel | Catacombs of St.  
Callixtus  
Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 23rd - Day 11: Rome | Orvieto | Gothic Cathedral | lunch  
in a local restaurant with tasting of the Orvieto  
Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

May 24th - Day 12: Rome| Mass at St. Peter's Basilica |  
Piazza Navona | Trevi Fountain | Spanish Steps | Explore  
Rome | Farewell Dinner  
Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 25th - Day 13: Return to USA

## Pilgrimage Details

### PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare

\$4999.00\*

\*Discount cash/ check price

### Land Only Price:

No airfare included

\$3899.00\*

### OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add \$900
- Scan for Travel Insurance Information:

### FIRST DEPOSIT

\$500

DUE: NOW

### SECOND PAYMENT

\$1249

DUE: NOV 14, 2024

### THIRD PAYMENT

\$1000

DUE: JAN 13, 2025

### FINAL PAYMENT

REMAINING

DUE: MAR 14, 2025

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare from New Orleans (MSY)
- Meals per itinerary
- All excursions
- 10 nights' accommodation
- Tour guide / Tour escort
- Gratuities : Drivers/ Guides / Hotel Staff
- Charter Bus to and from (MSY) from St. Mary

Tour Number: MSY-0513/13D

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## *Milan*

Milan is home to The Last Supper painting, painted by Leonardo da Vinci on the north wall of the refractory in Santa Maria delle Grazie. The Duomo di Milano, is a massive church located on Piazza del Duomo, the main square in Milan, it's the 3rd largest catholic church in Europe.



## *Florence*

Florence is famous for its iconic Duomo (cathedral), the Ponte Vecchio bridge with its medieval shops, and museums containing some of the world's most famous sculptures, paintings, and names like Michelangelo.



## *Assisi*

Assisi is forever filled with the peacefulness of its favorite saint, Francis, who here heard the Lord's call to "rebuild my Church." Medieval stone buildings at every glance are as lovely as the hand-painted ceramic crafts offered along the streets that lead to the basilic named for its saint.



## *Rome*

Vatican City is the smallest country in the world, covering just over 100 acres and having a population of 825 people. Constantine began construction of the original basilica atop the ancient burial ground with what was believed to be the tomb of St. Peter at its center. There are more than 2000 fountains in Rome, the most famous are the Trevi Fountain and the Fontana della Barcaccia.



## *Orvieto*

Orvieto is a city set on a hill that cannot be hidden! Rising dramatically above the plain in southwest Umbria on a volcanic plateau, its Etruscan origins are evident. The crown jewel of Orvieto is its magnificent cathedral, built following a Eucharistic miracle in the Middle Ages.



# **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 180 days prior to departure. A third payment of \$1000 is due 120 days prior to departure. Final payment is due 60 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 180 days prior to the tour's departure date.
2. From 179 to 120 days prior to departure day, the cancellation fee is \$350 + 20% of total price.
3. From 119 days to 60 days prior to departure day, cancellation fee is \$350 + 50% of total price.
4. From 59 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/](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. 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

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**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.

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**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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*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*

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