

Journeys of Faith with Ceci presents
**EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES,
SAINTS AND SHRINES OF
ITALY**



with Fr. Nicholas Akindele

**Featuring Orvieto, Assisi, Cassia,
Siena, Loreto, San Giovanni,
Mugnano, Pompeii and Rome!**

**12 Days
May 19-30, 2024**



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WHAT'S THE COST?

Land Only

\$3795.00

Group Air*

\$800.00

Total Trip Cost

\$4595.00

Solo Traveler

(Additional Cost)

\$895.00

Prices are per person

*Group Air Price based on a minimum of 10 passengers

Prices are valid only if the deposit is received no later than January 29, 2024

Final payment due March 19, 2024

Trip Code: 24MI05ITCT



This active program

requires walking ten

to thirteen thousand steps

daily, often on uneven

surfaces, cobblestones

and some stairs.



DAILY ITINERARY

✠ May 19, Sunday, Day 1: DEPART FROM USA

We depart on an overnight flight to Rome. Dinner and breakfast will be served on the flights; optional premium economy and business class upgrades are available upon request.

✠ May 20, Monday, Day 2: WELCOME TO ITALY – EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE in ORVIETO – WINE TASTING

Today we arrive at Rome airport where our motorcoach takes us on a drive to Assisi, the city of birds and silence. On the way, we stop in Orvieto to visit the magnificent Duomo and view the Miracle of the Eucharist of Bolsena. Following lunch at a local restaurant with an opportunity to taste the famous wine from this region, we visit Le Velette Estate for a history lesson about wine and olive oil production and a wine tasting. Next proceed to Santa Maria of the Angels Church and celebrate Mass (TBC) before checking into our hotel in Assisi for dinner and overnight (Special Lunch. D.)

✠ May 21, Tuesday, Day 3: ST. FRANCIS, ST CLARE and BLESSED CARLO in ASSISI

This morning we explore the Basilica of St. Francis, first the upper Basilica with Giotto's frescoes representing the life of St. Francis, then the lower Basilica and the Tomb of St. Francis. Mass will be celebrated in one of the chapels of the magnificent Basilica. In the afternoon we have some time at leisure before we proceed to the Basilica of St. Clare and the Chapel of San Damiano, where St. Francis received his call to rebuild the Church and where St. Clare lived and died. Our last stop of the day is the Sanctuary of the Spoliation to see the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis in the Church of St. Mary Major. Overnight in Assisi. (B.D)

✠ May 22, Wednesday, Day 4: ST. RITA in CASCIA and ST. CATHERINE in SIENA

This morning depart for Cascia, home of the beloved St. Rita and Miracle of the Eucharist. See the Basilica of St. Rita with her incorrupt body, relics from her life and the stained glass windows surrounding the main altar depicting the Eucharistic Miracle of Siena, which shows an open book with two red round stains facing each other. Today a special Monstrance holds the pages that reveal the blood stains in the lower chapel of the basilica. In the stains is the perfect portrait outline of Christ's face. Mass is celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Rita. In the afternoon our motorcoach takes us to Siena, home of St. Catherine where we see the famous Piazza del Campo known for its horse races. See the relics of St. Catherine the patron Saint of Italy at St. Dominic Church. Return to Assisi for dinner and overnight. (B. D.)

✠ May 23, Thursday, Day 5: HOLY HOUSE OF NAZARETH in LORETO – MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST in LANCIANO

We depart for Loreto to see the Holy House of Nazareth which was transported here, from the Holy Land, as tradition tells us. In it we have a chance to view the most reproduced Madonna in the world; the Black Madonna of Loreto. Continue to Lanciano to see the Host of Flesh, which is still in one piece and has retained the dimensions of the original. The actual spot of the miracle is located beneath the present-day Tabernacle of the Church of St. Francis. The Eucharistic miracle is preserved in the second tabernacle found on the high altar. The Host, now changed to Flesh, is contained in a silver Monstrance. The wine, now changed to Blood, is contained in a crystal chalice. This is also a pilgrimage place to Our Lady of Mercy. We celebrate Mass. We depart for San Giovanni to see the places associated with the life and work of St. Pio. Overnight and dinner at the hotel in San Giovanni. (B.D)

✠ May 24, Friday, Day 6: PADRE PIO in SAN GIOVANNI

Visit places associated with Padre Pio, his tomb and cell; the old church where he received the stigmata; his confessional and the new church of Santa Maria Delle Grazie. In the afternoon see the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel, and celebrate Mass. Overnight and dinner at San Giovanni. (B.D.)

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✚ **May 25, Saturday, Day 7: ST. PHILOMENA in MUGNANO – ROSARY BASILICA in POMPEII**

We depart from San Giovanni to Mugnano to visit St Philomena where we see her remains. After lunch on your own we depart for Pompeii to visit the Rosary Basilica and celebrate Mass. We have a tour of the ancient volcanic ruins of Pompeii. Overnight in Pompeii. (B.D)

✚ **May 26, Sunday, Day 8: WELCOME TO ROME**

Depart this morning for Rome. Before arriving at our hotel the coach takes us to St. Paul Outside the Walls for Holy Mass and to Virgin of Revelation and Tre Fontane. In the afternoon, see the ancient ruins of the Coliseum (outside view), Piazza Venezia and many other landmarks which you may have seen only in pictures. Check into our hotel where we have dinner and overnight. (B.D)

✚ **May 27, Monday, Day 9: ROME – CHRISTIAN ROME**

Today we visit St. Peter's Basilica and are amazed at the magnificence of the largest church in the world. Mass will be celebrated at one of the chapels inside St. Peter's. Tickets to the Scavi tunnels underneath the Vatican will be requested (TBC). Continue the Christian Rome tour with visits to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major & St. John Lateran, Holy Stairs and Holy Cross in Jerusalem to see the relics of the true cross and the sacred thorns. Overnight and dinner at the hotel in Rome. (B. D.)

✚ **May 28, Tuesday, Day 10: ANCIENT ROME**

Following Mass we embark on a walking tour. Enjoy a walk through Piazza Navone to view the magnificent Four Rivers fountain by Bernini and then walk to the Pantheon. On this route we also visit Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, the only true Gothic church in Rome, the Pantheon, and the Trevi Fountain where we see the shrine dedicated to the Virgin of Revelation, the site of an apparition which, though not formally approved by the Church, was acknowledged by Pope. The rest of the afternoon and dinner are at leisure. (B.)

✚ **May 29, Wednesday, Day 11: ROME – THE PAPAL AUDIENCE & VATICAN MUSEUM**

Today we are Blessed by the Holy Father during the Papal Audience. Enjoy a visit to the Vatican Square for lunch on your own and time to shop for religious goods. We walk over to the Vatican Museum to see one of the greatest museums and art collections in the world, including the Sistine Chapel. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner at a traditional Italian restaurant where we can sing along with local music and savor home cooked dishes and regional wine. Overnight in Rome (B. Special farewell dinner)

✚ **May 30, Thursday, Day 12: RETURN TO USA**

After breakfast we are transferred to Rome airport for our flight home.(B)

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- Roundtrip airfare from Chicago to Rome
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- First-class hotels for 10 nights
- Service charges and hotel taxes
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Special lunch in a restaurant with wine tasting
- 8 Hotel dinners (standard 3-course menu, beverages may be purchased at an additional cost)
- Farewell Dinner
- All transfers with a private A/C motor coach as per itinerary
- Professional English-speaking Christian tour guide throughout
- Scavi Tickets
- Tickets to Vatican Museum
- Entrance fees are included to sites specifically listed (outside view means no entrance is included)
- Luggage handling at hotels (one piece per person in / out)
- Select International Tours Travel Portfolio
- Confirmation of daily private Mass
- Whisper sets
- We recommend you consider purchasing CFAR Travel Protection

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Personal expenses
- Medical Insurance
- Any items not explicitly mentioned in the listed inclusions
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted
- Gratuities for the guide(s), driver, and wait staff (please refer to the suggestions we will make available to you)
- Church donations

BAGGAGE CHARGES NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP COST:

- Any airline baggage charges
- Baggage handling at train stations, airports, and hotels in excess of one suitcase per person
- Any charges incurred due to excessive luggage including the cost of an additional baggage vehicle or porterage charges



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DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENT: A deposit of \$500.00 per person by check should accompany the enrollment form and a copy of your passport picture page by **January 29, 2024. Final payment is due by March 19, 2024. A late payment fee of \$100 will be charged per person for all payments received after the final payment date.** Please mail your payment to: **Select International Tours, 85 Park Ave., Flemington, NJ 08822 Attn: Mirela Krstic, 800-842-4842, mirela@select-intl.com.**

Your passport must be valid through November 30, 2024. Reservations will not be processed until we have passport copies. Prices quoted are based on payments by check. Prices: **\$3,695.00** for land only (air not included); **\$800.00** for group air; **\$4,595.00** for land and air; **\$895.00** for solo traveler, additional cost, (in room by yourself). For credit card prices add 4%

PILGRIMAGE PRICES: Prices are based on minimum 20 passengers. Prices may be adjusted in the event of fewer than 20 passengers, changes in currency conversion rates, or amendments in local government taxes and/or fuel surcharges. Prices are in US dollars. For European travel an exchange rate of US \$1.15 per Euro is assumed.

SOLO TRAVEL: A limited number of single rooms are available. Prices are based on two people per room. We do not guarantee roommates but will do our best to connect you with a someone willing to share.

LAND ONLY OPTION: Land only services start and end at the hotels and do not include any airfare. You are welcome to transfer from the airport with the group if you arrive at the same time, otherwise, transfers are not included.

TOUR CANCELLATION POLICY: Individual deposits are refundable except for a \$350.00 per person handling fee for cancellations made 90 days or more before departure. A \$500.00 non-refundable fee will be assessed if the reservation is canceled between 90 and 60 days prior to departure. Within 60 days of departure all payments are non-refundable regardless of reason for cancellations. All airline tickets are non-refundable once issued. All cancellations must be in writing. Unused portions of the trip are not refundable. If a roommate cancels, the cost of a solo supplement will be added to your invoice. You may be eligible for a refund through your travel protection. Refer to the U.S. Policy by State on our website.

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WALKING: Our trips require daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, steps, and uneven terrain. We recommend preparing oneself, by walking before the trip. Anyone needing assistance is required to be accompanied by a qualified and physically-able travel companion. We are not responsible for any medical condition that occurs prior, during or after the trip.

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SHIPPING & HANDLING: \$15.00—not included in package price—will be added to each invoice. Your invoice will confirm the trip registration.

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