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# THE ROME EXPERIENCE

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Beauty is the gateway through which we arrive at a profound encounter with God and come to more deeply delight in the drama of life. Our Experience in Italy (and Ireland) will give us the opportunity to feast on the beauty of the Church and the ages. Part pilgrimage, part educational, and part cultural journey, this experience will transform your life. Come and submerge yourself in the BEAUTY, GOODNESS, & TRUTH of these incredible destinations!





# ROME + ASSISI ITINERARY

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## Day 1 • Wednesday, May 22: **Depart USA**

Depart USA via overnight flights on scheduled airline to Rome, Italy.

## Day 2 • Thursday, May 23: **Arrive in Rome | Assisi** 🏰

Arrive in Rome and meet your Italian tour manager. Transfer by private motor coach to Assisi. Visit the Church of St. Mary of the Angels and see the Porziuncola where the Franciscan movement started. Celebrate Mass. Check in to your religious house and enjoy a special Welcome Dinner. Overnight in Assisi.

## Day 3 • Friday, May 24: **In the Footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare** ☕

This morning, enjoy a walking city tour of Assisi to see the art and architecture of this Umbrian town. Celebrate Mass. Visit the Basilica of St. Francis and see his tomb, then visit the Church of St. Clare to see her tomb and the Cross of San Damiano. Enjoy free time this afternoon to explore this charming city with its narrow streets and quaint shops. Dinner on own and overnight in Assisi.

## Day 4 • Saturday, May 25: **Rome | Trastevere | Pontifical North American College (PNAC)** ☕ | 🏰

This morning, check-out of the hotel. Depart by train for the Eternal City, Rome, and enjoy lunch on your own. Upon arrival, check in to your religious house. This afternoon, Celebrate Mass at Santa Cecilia Basilica and explore the area of Trastevere before joining the Seminarians at the North American College for Evening Prayer. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

## Day 5 • Sunday, May 26: **Ancient Rome | Aventine Hill | St. Mary Major** ☕

After breakfast, take a guided tour of Ancient Rome, including the Coliseum (inside visit), Capitol Hill, and the Roman Forum. Tour and celebrate Mass at San Clemente Basilica. After lunch on your own, take an optional walk up Aventine Hill to see Santa Sabina. This evening, take a guided tour of St. Mary Major Basilica. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Rome.

## Day 6 • Monday, May 27: **Scavi Tour | St. John Lateran | Pasta Making Class** ☕ | 🏰

This morning, take part in the Scavi tour - the ancient Roman excavations below the Basilica of St. Peter's culminating at the tomb of St. Peter (pending confirmation). After lunch on your own, visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran. Then continue to visit the Holy Stairs at the Church of the Holy Cross, which contains the relics of Christ's Passion. Celebrate Mass. This evening, participate in a pasta-making class with an Italian chef, followed by dinner and overnight Rome.

## Day 7 • Tuesday, May 28: **Catacombs | St. Paul Outside the Walls | Tre Fontane**

After breakfast, depart for a visit to the St. Sebastian Catacombs. Tour through this ancient site of Christian burial with tombs of the early church martyrs burrowed underground on four levels. Celebrate Mass in the Catacombs (pending confirmation). Then, visit the Abbey of Tre Fontane, the place of St. Paul's martyrdom, before visiting one of the four major basilicas, St. Paul Outside the Wall. Dinner on your own and overnight in Rome.

## Day 8 • Wednesday, May 29: **Papal Audience | Vatican Museums | St. Peter's Basilica | Farewell** ☕ | 🏰

Early departure for St. Peter's Square to participate in the Wednesday Papal Audience (pending the Holy Father's schedule). After lunch on own, tour the Vatican Museums and admire the beauty of the Sistine Chapel. Conclude the last day of the pilgrimage with a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Rome.

## Day 9 • Thursday, May 30: **Depart Rome | Dublin** ☕

This morning, depart Rome for return flights to the USA with an extended layover in Ireland. Upon arrival in Dublin, transfer to Dublin's City Center for a day of exploration. Dinner on your own. Overnight outside Dublin.

## Day 10 • Friday, May 31: **Depart Dublin**

Return home after a memorable, spiritual journey to Assisi, Rome and Dublin.

☕ | Continental Breakfast • 🏰 | Dinner

