

ITALY

PILGRIMAGE OF ITALY

Day 1 Australia - Italy

Depart Australia on your flights to Italy.

Day 2 Rome

(D)

Upon arrival, transfer to your accommodation by private coach. Enjoy a guided walking tour of Rome this afternoon.

First night's accommodation in Rome

Day 3 Rome

(B,D)

This morning, make your way to the Vatican City for a papal audience. After the service, explore St. Peter's Basilica with your guide and visit the Vatican Museums, which house Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel.

Second night's accommodation in Rome

Day 4 Rome

(B,D)

This morning, visit the Basilica di San Giovanni in Laterano, Rome's cathedral and seat of the papal residence from the 5th to the 14th century when the popes moved to Avignon. This afternoon, visit the Catacombs of San Callisto, where early Christians congregated and prayed beneath the streets of Rome.

Third night's accommodation in Rome

Day 5 Rome

(B,D)

Enjoy a full day exploring Rome as a group. You might like to visit the Forum Romanum, the Circus Maximus and the Colosseum.

Fourth night's accommodation in Rome

Day 6 Montecassino, San Giovanni

(B,D)

This morning, depart Rome for Montecassino. Enjoy a visit of the town's 6th century Benedictine abbey perched on the top of the hill. Continue on to San Giovanni Rotondo, where Padre Pio was canonised by Pope John Paul II in 2002. Visit the tomb of St Pio in Our Lady of Grace.

Overnight accommodation in San Giovanni



Day 7 San Giovanni, Lanciano, Loreto

(B,D)

This morning travel from Rome to Lanciano. En route, stop in Monte Sant'Angelo to visit the grotto dedicated to the archangel Michael. Continue on to Lanciano and visit the church, where the relic of the Miracle of Lanciano is displayed. Travel to Loreto. According to the Catholic tradition, the House of the Holy Family was miraculously born by angels from Nazareth to Loreto. Enjoy a free afternoon in the town.

Overnight accommodation in Loreto

Day 8 Assisi

(B,D)

This morning, leave Loreto for Assisi. Visit the Basilica di San Francesco, which houses the body of Saint Francis and draws millions of pilgrims each year. This afternoon, explore the town as a group.

Overnight accommodation in Assisi

Day 9 Assisi - Siena

(B,D)

After breakfast, travel to Siena, which according to legend was founded by Remus' son. Visit the medieval town as a group. See the cathedral and Casa di Santa Caterina where Saint Catherine was born.

Overnight accommodation in Siena

Day 10 Padua, Venice

(B,D)

After breakfast, depart Siena for Venice. En route, stop in Padua and visit the town centre and the Cappella Degli Scrovegni with its famous Giotto frescoes. Continue on to Venice. Upon arrival enjoy a guided tour of the city.

First night's accommodation in Venice



Day 11 Venice

(B,D)

Attend mass this morning at St. Mark's Cathedral. The rest of the day is free for you to explore the town as a group. Visit St. Mark's square, the Grand Canal and the Doges' Palace.

Second night's accommodation in Venice

Day 12 Florence

(B,D)

This morning, depart Venice for Florence. Upon arrival in the Tuscan capital, enjoy a guided tour of the city's sights, including the Duomo, Florence's cathedral.

Overnight accommodation in Florence

Day 13 Florence, Orvieto

(B,D)

After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of the Uffizi gallery. This afternoon, depart for Orvieto. Visit the Cathedral of Orvieto, built in the 13th century after the Miracle of Bolsena. The rest of the day is free for you to visit this beautiful medieval town as a group.

Overnight accommodation in Orvieto

Day 14 Italy - Australia

(B)

This morning travel from Orvieto to Rome Airport for your return flights to Australia.

Day 15 Australia

Arrive home.



B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, PL = Packed Lunch, D = Dinner

We tailor all tours to meet your specific requirements.