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WELCOME LETTER FROM TONI HELAL

Dear Friends in Christ,

Welcome to Crown of Bethlehem Tours.

My name is Toni Helal, and it is both a privilege and a blessing to personally welcome you to our pilgrimage family.

Since 2016, Crown of Bethlehem Tours has been dedicated to helping pilgrims encounter Christ in some of the most sacred places in the world. What began as a passion for sharing the beauty of our Catholic faith has grown into a ministry of service, bringing individuals, families, parish groups, and communities closer to God through meaningful pilgrimage experiences.

A pilgrimage is much more than a trip. It is a journey of the heart. It is an opportunity to step away from the distractions of daily life and enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Whether praying at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, kneeling before Our Lady of Lourdes, walking in the footsteps of St. Paul in Greece, visiting the Vatican in Rome, or praying before the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, each destination offers a unique opportunity for spiritual renewal and personal transformation.

Over the years, I have witnessed countless pilgrims return home with renewed faith, stronger families, lifelong friendships, and a deeper understanding of God's presence in their lives. These experiences are what inspire us to continue serving the Catholic community with dedication, integrity, and care.

At Crown of Bethlehem Tours, we are committed to providing well-planned pilgrimages that combine spiritual enrichment, quality accommodations, professional guides, daily opportunities for Mass and prayer, and personalized service from beginning to end. We work closely with trusted partners around the world to ensure every pilgrimage is memorable, meaningful, and spiritually rewarding.

Whether you are traveling for the first time or have made many pilgrimages before, we consider it an honor to accompany you on this sacred journey. We are grateful for the trust that pilgrims, priests, parish leaders, and families have placed in us throughout the years.

As you explore the pages of this magazine, I invite you to discover the many destinations, shrines, and faith-filled experiences waiting for you. My prayer is that one of these pilgrimages will inspire you to answer God's call and embark on a journey that will strengthen your faith and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Thank you for allowing Crown of Bethlehem Tours to be part of your faith journey.

May Our Lord Jesus Christ bless you, Our Blessed Mother protect you, and may the saints guide you wherever your pilgrimage path may lead.

In Christ,

Toni Helal

Founder & President

Crown of Bethlehem Tours

Serving Pilgrims Since 2016

Walking by Faith • Encountering Christ • Following the Saints"



"For we walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7

ABOUT US

Crown of Bethlehem Tours is a Catholic pilgrimage company dedicated to providing faith-filled journeys to the world's most sacred Christian destinations. Our mission is to help pilgrims deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ by walking in the footsteps of the saints, visiting holy shrines, and experiencing the rich spiritual heritage of the Catholic faith.

We specialize in carefully planned pilgrimages to the Holy Land, Rome, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Ireland, Scotland, France, Spain, Portugal, Poland, Medjugorje, Mexico, and other renowned Catholic destinations. Every pilgrimage is designed to combine prayer, daily Mass, spiritual reflection, historical discovery, and fellowship with fellow believers.

Working with trusted local Catholic guides, experienced tour operators, and clergy, we strive to provide meaningful experiences that nourish the soul while ensuring comfort, safety, and exceptional service throughout the journey.

Whether you are traveling for personal spiritual renewal, leading a parish group, or fulfilling a lifelong dream of visiting a holy site, we are honored to accompany you on your pilgrimage of faith.

OUR MISSION

To bring pilgrims closer to Christ through prayer, worship, education, and unforgettable encounters with the places where our faith was born and where the saints lived and served.

WHY TRAVEL WITH US?

- Catholic-focused pilgrimages
- Daily Mass and spiritual opportunities
- Experienced Catholic guides
- Carefully selected accommodations
- Personalized service from beginning to end
- Pilgrimages designed for individuals, families, and parish groups
- Trusted travel planning and support

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Serving Pilgrims Across the United States and Beyond



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WHY GO ON A PILGRIMAGE?

A pilgrimage is much more than a vacation or sightseeing tour. It is a sacred journey that allows us to step away from the routines of everyday life and draw closer to God.

For centuries, Christians have traveled to holy places seeking spiritual renewal, healing, guidance, and a deeper understanding of their faith. Whether walking in the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land, praying before the tombs of the Apostles in Rome, visiting the Marian shrines of Lourdes and Fatima, or following the paths of beloved saints, pilgrims experience their faith in a powerful and personal way.

A pilgrimage offers time for prayer, reflection, and worship in places where extraordinary events of our faith took place. It allows us to encounter the history of Christianity, celebrate Holy Mass in sacred locations, receive the Sacraments, and strengthen our relationship with Christ.

Many pilgrims return home with renewed faith, lasting friendships, and a greater sense of peace and purpose. The memories created during a pilgrimage often remain a source of inspiration for years to come.

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Whether you are seeking spiritual growth, giving thanks for blessings received, praying for loved ones, or fulfilling a lifelong dream, a pilgrimage can be a life-changing experience.

Come walk where saints walked, pray where miracles happened, and discover the beauty of our Catholic faith in a deeper and more meaningful way.

A pilgrimage is not simply a journey to a destination — it is a journey closer to Christ.



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WHY CHOOSE CROWN OF BETHLEHEM TOURS?



Choosing a pilgrimage company is about more than selecting a travel provider—it's about choosing a trusted partner for your spiritual journey.

Since 2016, Crown of Bethlehem Tours has been dedicated to helping pilgrims experience the beauty, history, and spiritual richness of the Catholic faith through carefully planned pilgrimages to some of the world's most sacred destinations.

We understand that a pilgrimage is a deeply personal experience. That is why we strive to provide more than transportation and accommodations. Our goal is to create meaningful journeys that inspire faith, encourage prayer, and bring pilgrims closer to Christ.

From the Holy Land and Rome to Lourdes, Fatima, Medjugorje, Greece, Ireland, Poland, Mexico, and beyond, every itinerary is thoughtfully designed to combine spiritual enrichment, historical discovery, and unforgettable experiences.

WHAT SETS US APART?

+ Catholic-Focused Pilgrimages

Every journey is built around the Catholic faith, including opportunities for daily Mass, prayer, spiritual reflection, and visits to important shrines, churches, and holy sites.

+ Personalized Service

We take pride in offering personal attention before, during, and after your pilgrimage. Our team is committed to making every traveler feel welcomed, valued, and supported throughout the journey.

+ Experience You Can Trust

Since 2016, we have assisted individuals, families, parish groups, and clergy in organizing successful pilgrimages around the world.

+ Carefully Selected Partners

We work with trusted hotels, transportation providers, local guides, and pilgrimage specialists to ensure a comfortable and rewarding travel experience.

+ Group & Parish Specialists

Whether you are traveling individually or leading a parish group, we can help customize a pilgrimage that meets your spiritual and travel needs.

+ Faith, Fellowship, and Community

Pilgrimages often create lasting friendships and unforgettable memories. Many of our travelers return home not only spiritually renewed but also connected with fellow pilgrims who share their faith journey.

CROWN OF BETHLEHEM TOURS AT A GLANCE

- Founded in 2016
- Based in Kingwood, Texas
- ARC Accredited Travel Agency
- Catholic Pilgrimages Worldwide
- Holy Land Specialists
- Customized Parish & Group Departures
- Professional Guides & Spiritual Programs
- Dedicated Customer Service

At Crown of Bethlehem Tours, we believe that every pilgrimage should be a journey of faith, discovery, and transformation. We are honored to accompany our pilgrims as they walk where Jesus walked, pray where the saints prayed, and encounter the beauty of God's presence around the world.

Walking by Faith • Encountering Christ • Following the Saints



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FEATURED HOLY PLACES AROUND THE WORLD

For over two thousand years, Christians have journeyed to sacred places seeking spiritual renewal, healing, and a deeper encounter with God. These holy destinations have inspired countless pilgrims through prayer, worship, and the witness of saints who dedicated their lives to Christ.

At Crown of Bethlehem Tours, we are honored to guide pilgrims to some of the world's most cherished Catholic destinations, where faith comes alive through history, tradition, and personal spiritual experiences.



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THE HOLY LAND

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ through Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Mount Tabor, and the Jordan River. Experience the places where Our Lord was born, preached, performed miracles, died, and rose again.



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GREECE

FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL

Follow the missionary journeys of St. Paul through Philippi, Thessaloniki, Berea, Athens, and Corinth. Discover where Christianity first spread throughout Europe.



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TURKEY – SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

Explore the biblical sites of Ephesus, Pergamon, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea, and Smyrna while discovering the early history of Christianity.



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ROME & VATICAN CITY, ITALY

Visit the heart of the Catholic Church and pray at St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican, the major basilicas of Rome, and the tombs of the Apostles. Follow in the footsteps of countless saints who shaped Christian history.



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SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, SPAIN

Journey to the resting place of St. James the Apostle, one of Christianity's most important pilgrimage destinations for over a thousand years.



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LOURDES, FRANCE

One of the world's most beloved Marian shrines, where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858. Millions of pilgrims visit the Grotto each year seeking healing, hope, and spiritual renewal.



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MEDJUGORJE

Known as a place of prayer, peace, conversion, and reconciliation, Medjugorje continues to draw pilgrims from around the world seeking a deeper relationship with Christ and His Blessed Mother.



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MARIAN SHRINES OF EUROPE

Journey through the great Marian sanctuaries of Fatima, Lourdes, La Salette, Montserrat, and Zaragoza, where generations of pilgrims have encountered the loving presence of Our Blessed Mother.



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FATIMA, PORTUGAL

Visit the site where Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children in 1917. Pray at the Chapel of Apparitions and walk the paths where the children received the messages that continue to inspire the faithful around the world.



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IRELAND & SCOTLAND

Experience the rich Christian heritage of St. Patrick, Our Lady of Knock, ancient monasteries, sacred cathedrals, and centuries of faith preserved through generations.



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POLAND – DIVINE MERCY & ST. JOHN PAUL II

Visit Krakow, the Divine Mercy Shrine, Wadowice, and the places connected to St. John Paul II and St. Faustina, whose message of Divine Mercy continues to touch millions of lives.



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MEXICO – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Pray before the miraculous tilma of St. Juan Diego at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the most visited Marian shrine in the world and a powerful symbol of faith and evangelization.

A JOURNEY OF FAITH AWAITS

Whether you are seeking spiritual renewal, praying for a special intention, fulfilling a lifelong dream, or simply longing to grow closer to Christ, a pilgrimage offers a unique opportunity to experience the beauty and richness of our Catholic faith.

Join Crown of Bethlehem Tours as we explore the sacred places where faith, history, and grace come together.



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10 DAYS THE HOLY LAND WALK WHERE JESUS WALKED

Tel Aviv * Caesarea * Nazareth * Cana * Tiberias * Sea of Galilee * Jordan River * Mt. Tabor * Jerusalem * Gethsemane * Ein Karem * Bethlehem * Qumran * Jericho * Dead Sea * Mt. of Olives * Mt. Zion * Holy Sepulchre



DAY 1: BEGINNING THE PILGRIMAGE.

- Begin our spiritual journey as we depart for the overnight flights to Tel Aviv. Your meals are served on board.

DAY 2: INTO THE LAND OF THE BIBLE.

- Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, meet with our professional tour guide, who will be with us during our visit to the Holy Land. Transfer to Galilee for an overnight.

DAY 3: ALL THE PAST YEARS WITH HISTORY.

- Start our day by visiting ancient Caesarea, which was once the ancient capital of the Roman province. Visit the Byzantine churches, the Roman Theater, Crusader's moat and the aqueduct. Continue on north to the sparkling city of Haifa; ascend to the top of Mt. Carmel for a panoramic view of the city and port. Celebrate Mass at Stella Maris Convent, and the Cave of Elijah.
- Drive to Cana where the Jesus performed his first miracle, turning water into wine at the wedding feast; here couples may renew their wedding vows.
- Continue to the Basilica of Annunciation in Nazareth and then visit Mary's Well and the Church of the Angel Gabriel.



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DAY 4: THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST IN THE GALILEE.

- After Breakfast will start the day with a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee; where Jesus walked on the water, to Capernaum to see the synagogue and St. Peter's house, a visit to the Mount of the Beatitudes where the Sermon on the Mount was given, to Tabgha to see the splendid mosaic about the miracle of the loaves and fishes, and to the nearby Church of Peter's Primacy where Peter was told **"Feed my lambs, feed my sheep."** There will be an unforgettable Mass near the shores of the Sea of Galilee at the Primacy or Mt Beatitudes. In the afternoon we visit Caesarea Philippi, location of the testimony of St. Peter and where Jesus answered him "You are the Rock and upon this rock I will build my Church."

DAY 5: ALONG THE JORDAN VALLEY.

- We start the day at the traditional baptismal site at the Jordan River. Here we have the opportunity to get baptized. Continue to Mount Tabor, scene of the Transfiguration, where we will have Mass. We proceed through the Jordan Valley / Judean Wilderness to Jericho the oldest city in the world. In Jericho, we will have the opportunity to view the exact location, the Mount of Temptation, of where the Devil tempted Jesus during his forty-day fast, and then will continue to visit the excavations of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were uncovered. On the way back there is time for a swim (or rather a float!) in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea, renowned for its healing properties. The day of touring culminates with a pass through Bethany. Bethany is the site where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

DAY 6: A FULL DAY OF LEISURE IN BETHLEHEM.

- Today is the day that we plan to partake in a work project in support of the local Catholic community

DAY 7: THE NATIVITY AND THE VISITATION.

- This Morning we drive to Bethlehem and start our visit at the Shepherd's Fields where the angels announced the birth of Jesus. Then we visit the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem that stands upon the site where Jesus was born. Mass in Bethlehem or the Shepherds Fields.
- After Lunch we drive to the village of Ein Karem, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist and to the Church of Visitation where the Blessed Virgin Mary visited her cousin, Elizabeth, and proclaimed the 'Magnificat'.

DAY 8: PALM SUNDAY AND THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN.

- After breakfast, we will make our way to the Mount of Olives, where we will be able to take in the beautiful panoramic view of Jerusalem. Will start by visiting the Pater Noster Shrine, where Jesus taught His disciples the Lord's Prayer. will continue to visit The Dominus Flevit, which is the Church that commemorates where Jesus wept for Jerusalem. The tour continues on to Gethsemane, a garden at the foot of the Mount of Olives. Jesus brought His disciples here to pray the night before He was crucified. Beside the Garden is your next stop, the Church of All Nations, built over the **"Rock of Agony"**. This is where Jesus prayed alone on the night of His arrest. Proceed to Mount Zion, we will visit the house of the High Priest Caiaphas (Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu). This Church commemorates where Jesus was brought to jail after his arrest. It also commemorates Peter's Denial of Christ. Continue to visit the Upper Room, where Jesus and His disciples celebrated the Last Supper and where He appeared to them after His Death and Resurrection.
- Will continue to visit the nearby Benedictine Church of the Dormition. This Church is where our Blessed Mary, **"fell asleep."**

DAY 9: THE WAY OF THE CROSS

- Early in the morning we retrace the last steps of Jesus. As we walk along the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrow), through the markets of the Old City praying the Stations of the Cross, we reflect on the greatness of His sacrifice. Finally we arrive at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre for Mass. We will then visit St. Anne's Church, the home of the Virgin Mary and her parents Saints Joachim and Anne. We pass the Ecce Home where Pilate proclaimed "Behold the man". Continue to the Wailing Wall, the most holy place for Jews. The rest of the day is open for revisit to Holy places, rest or Shop.

DAY 10: RETURN HOME

- After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewell, will head to the airport in Tel Aviv to catch our flight back home.

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11 DAYS HOLY LAND & JORDAN PILGRIMAGE

Following in the Footsteps of Jesus Christ

DAY 1: DEPARTURE FROM THE UNITED STATES

- Today your pilgrimage begins as you depart from your local airport for an overnight flight to the Holy Land. Gather with your fellow pilgrims and spiritual director before check-in and prepare your heart for a journey unlike any other.
- As you travel across the Atlantic, reflect on the places where Jesus was born, preached, performed miracles, died, and rose from the dead. Enjoy in-flight meals and rest as you begin this spiritual adventure.

DAY 2: ARRIVAL IN TEL AVIV & BETHLEHEM

- Welcome to the Holy Land.
- Upon arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport in Tel Aviv, you will be greeted by your Christian guide and driver. Travel through the Judean Hills to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
- After checking into your hotel and enjoying some time to rest, gather for an orientation meeting and introduction to the sacred sites that will be visited throughout the pilgrimage.
- This evening celebrate your Welcome Mass and entrust your intentions, family, and loved ones to the Lord.
- Enjoy a welcome dinner with your fellow pilgrims.

DAY 3: JERUSALEM: THE OLD CITY & THE WAY OF THE CROSS

- After breakfast, depart for Jerusalem and enter the Old City through the Lion's Gate.
- Visit St. Anne's Church, traditionally believed to stand near the birthplace of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the nearby Pools of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic who had suffered for thirty-eight years.
- Continue along the Via Dolorosa, prayerfully walking the Way of the Cross and reflecting upon Christ's Passion as you follow the path He carried His Cross to Calvary.
- Arrive at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Christianity's holiest shrine. Visit Calvary, the Stone of Anointing, and the Empty Tomb where Christ rose from the dead.
- Celebrate Holy Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.
- After time for personal prayer and reflection, return to Bethlehem.



DAY 4: MOUNT OF OLIVES, GETHSEMANE & MOUNT ZION

- This morning begin at the Mount of Olives, where Jesus often gathered with His disciples.
- Visit the Church of the Pater Noster, commemorating the place where Jesus taught the Lord's Prayer. Enjoy breathtaking views overlooking Jerusalem before walking the Palm Sunday Road toward the Old City.
- Stop at Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem, and continue to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. Here we remember Christ's agony before His arrest and pray among the ancient olive trees.
- Celebrate Holy Mass before continuing to Mount Zion.
- Visit the Dormition Abbey, commemorating the Blessed Virgin Mary's Dormition. Continue to the Upper Room, site of the Last Supper and Pentecost, and visit the traditional Tomb of King David.
- Conclude the day at St. Peter in Gallicantu, where Peter denied Christ three times before hearing the rooster crow.

DAY 5: BETHLEHEM & EIN KAREM

- After breakfast begin a full day exploring Bethlehem, the City of David and birthplace of Jesus.
- Visit Shepherds' Field, where the angels announced the birth of Christ to the shepherds. Continue to the Church of the Nativity, built over the cave where Jesus was born.
- Descend into the Grotto of the Nativity and spend time in prayer at the birthplace of Our Savior.
- Visit St. Catherine's Church and the caves associated with St. Jerome, who translated the Bible into Latin while living in Bethlehem.
- Celebrate Holy Mass in St. Jerome's Chapel.
- Continue to the Milk Grotto before traveling to Ein Karem, birthplace of St. John the Baptist.
- Visit the Church of the Visitation, where Mary visited Elizabeth, and the Church of St. John the Baptist.



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DAY 6 – BETHANY, JERICHO, JORDAN RIVER & THE DEAD SEA

- This morning travel to Bethany, home of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus.
- Visit the traditional Tomb of Lazarus and reflect upon Christ's miracle of raising him from the dead.
- Continue to Jericho, considered the oldest city in the world. View the Mount of Temptation, where Jesus fasted for forty days and was tempted by Satan.
- Celebrate Holy Mass at the Good Shepherd Church.
- Visit the Sycamore Tree associated with Zacchaeus before continuing to the Jordan River.
- At the traditional Baptismal Site, pilgrims will have the opportunity to renew their baptismal promises in the place where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist.
- Continue to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, where pilgrims may experience floating in its mineral-rich waters.
- Travel through the Jordan Valley to the Sea of Galilee region.

DAY 7 – MOUNT TABOR, MAGDALA & THE SEA OF GALILEE

- After breakfast ascend Mount Tabor, the traditional site of the Transfiguration of Jesus.
- Visit the Basilica of the Transfiguration and celebrate Holy Mass while enjoying magnificent views of the surrounding countryside.
- Continue to Magdala, hometown of Mary Magdalene. Explore the archaeological remains of the first-century village and visit the beautiful Duc In Altum Chapel overlooking the Sea of Galilee.
- Proceed to the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount.
- Continue to Tabgha, site of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, and the Church of the Primacy of Peter.

DAY 8 – HAIFA, MOUNT CARMEL, CANA & NAZARETH

- Following breakfast travel to Haifa and celebrate Holy Mass at Stella Maris Monastery, built above the cave associated with the Prophet Elijah.
- Continue to Mount Carmel, where Elijah defended the worship of the one true God.
- Travel to Cana of Galilee, where Jesus performed His first public miracle by turning water into wine.
- Married couples will have the opportunity to renew their wedding vows at the Wedding Church.
- Continue to Nazareth and visit the magnificent Basilica of the Annunciation, built over the home of the Blessed Virgin Mary where the Angel Gabriel announced the birth of Christ.
- Visit St. Joseph's Church, traditionally believed to stand over the home and workshop of St. Joseph and the Holy Family.

DAY 9 – JORDAN CROSSING, MOUNT NEBO & PETRA

- After breakfast check out and cross into the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
- Travel to Mount Nebo, where Moses viewed the Promised Land before his death.
- Visit the Franciscan Memorial Church and celebrate Holy Mass while enjoying spectacular views across the Jordan Valley toward Jerusalem.
- Continue south through Jordan's desert landscapes toward Petra, one of the most remarkable archaeological treasures in the world.
- Upon arrival, enjoy time to relax before dinner.

DAY 10 – PETRA, MADABA & AMMAN

- This morning explore the magnificent city of Petra, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World.
- Walk through the dramatic Siq, the narrow canyon leading into the ancient Nabataean city. Emerge before the breathtaking Treasury and continue exploring the temples, royal tombs, Roman Theatre, and countless monuments carved into the rose-colored sandstone cliffs.
- After lunch travel north to Madaba, known as the City of Mosaics.
- Visit St. George's Church and view the famous sixth-century mosaic map of the Holy Land.
- Continue to Amman, the capital city of Jordan.
- This evening gather for a farewell dinner celebrating the completion of your pilgrimage and the many blessings received along the way.

DAY 11 – RETURN HOME

- Early this morning transfer to Queen Alia International Airport for your return flight home.
- As your pilgrimage comes to an end, reflect upon the extraordinary places you have visited: Bethlehem, Jerusalem, the Mount of Olives, Nazareth, Cana, the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, Mount Nebo, and Petra.
- Return home renewed in faith, inspired by the life of Christ, and strengthened by the spiritual experiences shared throughout this unforgettable journey.
- May the blessings of the Holy Land remain with you always.

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12 DAYS TO THE HOLY LAND & EGYPT

DAY 1: DEPARTURE FOR THE HOLY LAND

Today we embark on our journey to the Holy Land. We prepare ourselves for a life-changing experience. Get some rest on the overnight flight. Meals are served onboard.

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, make your way to the baggage claim area and collect your luggage. Proceed to Arrival Hall, where your tour guide and/or driver will greet you. Transfer to your hotel in Galilee to check-in and enjoy dinner.



DAY 3: HAIFA – MOUNT CARMEL – CANA – NAZARETH

Following breakfast, we will drive to northern Haifa to celebrate Mass in Stella Maris, a Carmelite Monastery. The monastery is located above the cave where Elijah, the prophet, once lived. We continue to Mount Carmel, the place where the prophet Elijah was hiding from the queen Jezebel. After that we drive to Cana where you will visit the Franciscan Wedding Church. Couples will have the opportunity to participate in a ceremony for renewal of their wedding vows. We then continue to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation where the Archangel Gabriel announced the Birth of Christ. With its two floors, it is considered the largest basilica in the Middle East. In the vicinity of that church is the Church of St. Joseph, which, according to tradition, was the place where the Holy Family lived. The current church was built over a Crusader church in 1914.

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We will visit the Church of the Transfiguration that is located on Mt. Tabor, according to the Gospel account of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Holy Mass is celebrated there on Mt. Tabor. After that we drive to the Golan Heights where we visit Caesarea Philippi. We remember there the great confession of St. Peter that Jesus is the Son of the Living God. Then we drive to Lake Tiberius (the Sea of Galilee). We visit the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus proclaimed the Sermon on the Mount, continue to the church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fish, and to Capernaum which is well known as the town of Jesus. Before the end of the day we will enjoy a boat ride on the lake. Overnight in Galilee. Day 5: Jordan Valley – Jericho – Mt. of Temptations – Dead Sea – Bethany

DAY 4: MOUNT TABOR – CAESAREA PHILIPPI – TIBERIUS

Driving through the Jordan Valley with its fertile land we reach the oldest city in the world, Jericho. Visit the Mt. of Temptations, and celebrate a Holy Mass in the Good Shepherd Church, the place where Jesus fasted forty days in the desert and was tempted by the devil. In Jericho, see the sycamore tree where we remember the story of Zacchaeus. After that we go to the traditional baptismal site on the Jordan River where we can renew our baptismal vows. Then we will have the possibility to float on the water in the Dead Sea. On our way to Bethlehem we will visit Bethany, the home of the siblings Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, as well as that of Simon the Leper and the site of the reputed Tomb of Lazarus.

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DAY 6: JERUSALEM – MOUNT OF OLIVES – MT. ZION

We start the day by visiting the Mount of Olives. The Church of Pater Noster is the place where we remember Jesus teaching the disciples how to pray. Then we go on foot to view the Old City of Jerusalem. Walk down the Palm Sunday route, passing the Tombs of the Prophets, the Jewish Cemeteries to Dominus Flevit and there celebrate a Mass. The teardrop-shaped church reminds us of Jesus crying over Jerusalem. Then we continue to the Church of All Nations also known as the Church of the Agony or Gethsemane. According to tradition this is the place where Jesus had his agony before he was arrested and given into the hands of the Romans. The Garden of Gethsemane still has some old olive trees that might go back to the time of Jesus. The Church of All Nations still holds the rock where Jesus prayed. Then driving some minutes around the Old City we reach Mount Zion. There we visit the church of Dormition Abbey, the site of the Assumption of Mary. In the crypt of the church we can see the statue of Our Lady in a sleeping position. Just three minutes' walk away we find the Cenacle, the Upper Room, where we remember the Last Supper of our Lord, the place of the New Covenant. Close by is the Tomb of David. The tomb that was built by the Crusaders as an honorary tomb was the holiest place for the Jews until 1967. Continue to the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu where we remember the crying of Peter after he denied Jesus. Of interest are the dungeons under the church, which are a good example of Roman prisons. Overnight in Bethlehem.

DAY 7: OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM – EIN KAREM – BETHLEHEM

We start the day by going through the Lions Gate that is marked with two panthers on each side of the gate. St Ann's Church and the Pools of Bethesda are only some meters away. That is the place where we remember the healing of the cripple who was there for 38 years and the birth of Mary. Walk through the Way of the Cross – that believers have walked at least since the 14th Century – to remember the Passion of Our Lord. We finish at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which is one of the holiest places in Christianity, and visit the Holy Tomb, with a Mass at the church. After Jerusalem, we continue on our way to the town in the Judean Hills called Ein Karim. The place of the Visitation, where Our Lady visited Elisabeth and the Church of John the Baptist, the place where he was born, are the main attractions of the city. Continue to the shepherds' fields where we remember the Angel of God giving the good news to the shepherds. Follow the path of the shepherds to the birthplace of Our Lord. The Church of the Nativity is considered to be one of the oldest churches in the world. The church is standing tall above the cave where Jesus was born. The cave of St. Jerome where he translated the Bible is also worth a visit. Overnight in Bethlehem.

DAY 8: ISRAEL – EGYPT (TABA/ST. CATHERINE)

This morning we head south to cross the border between Israel & Egypt (this will take us around 6 hours from Bethlehem – driving time, plus passing through borders and checking our visas). We continue to our hotel in St. Catherine, near Mt. Sinai, for dinner and overnight.

DAY 9: MOUNT SINAI – ST. CATHERINE – TRANSFER TO CAIRO

After breakfast we visit Saint Catherine Monastery, which is set beneath Mt. Sinai, where Moses is said to have received the Ten Commandments. Saint Catherine Monastery has been one of the world's great centers of religious pilgrimage for over fifteen centuries. Within its imposing walls it rests as a citadel like no other, incredibly rich in important religious and historical structures. Among its treasures is a library of ancient manuscripts and icons second only to the Vatican. Continue our way to Cairo for a dinner and overnight (5:30 Hours).

DAY 10: CAIRO: MUSEUM – PYRAMIDS – SPHINX

Day 10: Cairo: Museum – Pyramids – Sphinx Today we visit the Egyptian Museum. This is a place of true discovery and without a doubt is one of the greatest collections of all time. Over 250,000 genuine artifacts are presented, including an exhibit dedicated to the Tut-Ankh-Amon collection of treasures, gold, and jewelry, as it was enclosed in his tomb for over 3,500 years before it was excavated. We then visit the great Pyramids – Cheops, Chephren & Mykerinos. Cheops is the most colossal ever built. Next is a close-up look at the Sphinx. Dinner and overnight in Cairo.

DAY 11: CAIRO: THE CITADEL – ABU SERGHA CHURCH – KHAN BAZAARS

This morning we start our day by visiting the Citadel and Mohamed Ali mosque. We then visit Abu Sergha Church. Later we travel to Khan Bazaars. The Khan El-Khalili is one of the most interesting bazaars, not only in Egypt but also in the whole Middle East.

DAY 12: RETURN HOME.

A very early morning departure for the Cairo Airport for our flight back Home.



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10 DAYS CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE

Following in the Footsteps of St. Paul the Apostle

DAY 1 – DEPARTURE FROM THE UNITED STATES

- Today your pilgrimage begins as you depart from your local airport for your overnight flight to Greece.
- Gather with your fellow pilgrims and spiritual director as you prepare for a journey through the land where St. Paul established some of the first Christian communities in Europe. During your flight, enjoy the airline's meal service and spend time reflecting on the missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul and the growth of the early Church.
- Overnight aboard your flight.

DAY 2 – ARRIVAL IN ATHENS & FLIGHT TO THESSALONIKI

- Welcome to Greece.
- Upon arrival in Athens, connect to your domestic flight to Thessaloniki, Greece's second-largest city and one of the most important centers of early Christianity.
- Upon arrival, meet your local guide and driver before transferring to your hotel.
- After time to rest, enjoy an orientation tour introducing the rich history of Thessaloniki, a city closely connected to St. Paul and the recipients of his First and Second Letters to the Thessalonians.
- Celebrate your Welcome Mass and entrust your pilgrimage intentions to the Lord.
- This evening enjoy a traditional Greek dinner while becoming acquainted with your fellow pilgrims.

DAY 3 – PHILIPPI & KAVALA

- After breakfast depart for Philippi, one of the most important biblical sites in Greece and the first European city evangelized by St. Paul.
- Here St. Paul preached the Gospel, established a Christian community, and baptized Lydia, the first recorded Christian convert in Europe.
- Visit the Baptistry of Lydia and reflect upon the spread of Christianity throughout the continent. Explore the ruins of ancient Philippi including the Roman Forum, the Prison of St. Paul, the Basilica ruins, and the ancient theater.
- Celebrate Holy Mass before continuing to Kavala, ancient Neapolis, where St. Paul first stepped onto European soil.
- Walk along the harbor and admire the beautiful waterfront while learning about St. Paul's arrival and missionary journey.
- Return to Thessaloniki.
- Dinner and evening at leisure.



DAY 4 – THESSALONIKI CITY TOUR & HARBOR CRUISE

- Following breakfast begin a full-day exploration of Thessaloniki.
- Visit the Church of St. Demetrius, dedicated to the city's beloved patron saint and one of the most important churches in Greece.
- Continue to Aristotle Square, the White Tower, and the historic Upper Town, offering breathtaking views over the city and the Thermaic Gulf.
- Learn about Thessaloniki's role in early Christianity and its importance as one of the principal cities visited by St. Paul.
- Celebrate Holy Mass before enjoying a relaxing cruise along the waterfront.
- As you sail through the harbor, enjoy beautiful views of the city skyline and, weather permitting, distant views of Mount Olympus, the legendary home of the ancient Greek gods.
- The remainder of the afternoon is free for shopping, personal prayer, or independent exploration.



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DAY 5 – VERIA & METEORA

- After breakfast depart Thessaloniki and travel to Veria, ancient Berea.
- According to the Acts of the Apostles, the Bereans eagerly received St. Paul's message and searched the Scriptures daily to verify his teachings.
- Visit the Bema of St. Paul, where the Apostle is believed to have preached, and celebrate Holy Mass.
- Continue to Meteora, one of the most extraordinary religious sites in the world.
- Towering rock formations rise dramatically above the Thessalian plain, crowned by centuries-old monasteries built by monks seeking solitude and prayer.
- Visit two of the famous monasteries and learn about the monastic traditions that continue to flourish here.
- Admire priceless icons, manuscripts, chapels, and magnificent views of the surrounding countryside.
- Dinner and evening in Kalambaka.

DAY 6 – DELPHI & ATHENS

- This morning depart Kalambaka and travel south through central Greece.
- Arrive in Delphi, considered by the ancient Greeks to be the center of the world.
- Visit the archaeological site including the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Temple of Athena Pronaia, and the ancient Sacred Way.
- Explore the Delphi Museum and admire its remarkable collection of artifacts, including the famous Charioteer of Delphi.
- While reflecting on the ancient search for wisdom and truth, pilgrims gain a deeper appreciation for the Gospel message later proclaimed throughout the Greek world.
- Continue to Athens.
- Celebrate Holy Mass and enjoy dinner upon arrival.

DAY 7 – ATHENS & MARS HILL

- Following breakfast begin a full-day tour of Athens, one of the most influential cities in world history.
- Visit the Acropolis and admire the Parthenon, Erechtheion, and Propylaea, monuments that have stood for centuries overlooking the city.
- Continue to Mars Hill, also known as the Areopagus, where St. Paul delivered his famous sermon proclaiming the "Unknown God" to the Athenians.
- Read and reflect upon Acts 17 while standing in the very place where Christianity confronted the philosophical world of ancient Greece.
- Celebrate Holy Mass at St. Dionysius Catholic Cathedral, subject to availability.
- The afternoon is free for personal exploration, shopping, or prayer.

DAY 8 – ANCIENT CORINTH & CENCHREAE

- After breakfast travel along the scenic coastal highway toward Corinth.
- Visit the Corinth Canal before arriving at Ancient Corinth, one of the most important cities visited by St. Paul.
- Explore the archaeological site including the Temple of Apollo, the Roman Agora, and the Bema, where St. Paul stood before Gallio as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles.
- Visit the Archaeological Museum and gain insight into daily life during the time of the Apostle.
- Celebrate Holy Mass before continuing to Cenchreae, the ancient port from which St. Paul departed for Ephesus.
- Spend time reflecting on the missionary journeys that helped spread Christianity throughout the Mediterranean world.
- Return to Athens.

DAY 9 – AEGINA ISLAND & ST. NEKTARIOS

- Following breakfast depart for a full-day excursion to Aegina Island in the beautiful Saronic Gulf.
- Upon arrival, travel to the Monastery of St. Nektarios, one of the most beloved pilgrimage destinations in Greece.
- Visit the tomb and relics of St. Nektarios and learn about the life of this modern saint known for countless miracles and healings.
- Celebrate Holy Mass at the monastery and enjoy time for prayer and reflection.
- Following lunch by the sea, enjoy free time to stroll through the harbor, visit local shops, and experience the relaxed atmosphere of island life.
- Return to Athens in the late afternoon.
- This evening gather for a farewell dinner celebrating the completion of your pilgrimage and the blessings received while following in the footsteps of St. Paul.

DAY 10 – RETURN HOME

- After breakfast transfer to Athens International Airport for your return flight home.
- As your pilgrimage comes to an end, reflect on the sacred places visited throughout Greece: Philippi, Thessaloniki, Berea, Meteora, Delphi, Athens, Corinth, Cenchreae, and Aegina.
- May the example of St. Paul, the witness of the early Christians, and the faith experienced throughout this journey continue to inspire and strengthen you for years to come.
- Return home renewed in faith and enriched by the spiritual treasures of Greece, the land where Christianity first entered Europe.



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11 DAYS GREECE & CRUISE PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY



DAY 1: DEPART FOR GREECE

- Your pilgrimage begins as you depart from your local airport for an overnight flight to Greece.
- While on board, relax and enjoy meals served as you prepare for the spiritual journey ahead.

DAY 2: ARRIVE IN THESSALONIKI

- Upon arrival at Makedonia Thessaloniki Airport, proceed through baggage claim and meet your tour guide/driver. Board your motor coach for a transfer to the hotel. After check-in, enjoy some free time to rest from the journey.
- In the evening, gather with your group for a welcome dinner and overnight stay in Thessaloniki.

DAY 3: PHILIPPI – KAVALA – THESSALONIKI

- Philippi: Visit the archaeological site where St. Paul preached his first sermon in Europe and baptized Lydia, the first Christian convert (Acts 16:12–18). See the ruins of the prison of Paul and Silas, and walk through the Roman Forum.
- Kavala (ancient Neapolis): Explore the port where St. Paul first arrived in Europe with Silas, Timothy, and Luke. See the mosaic of St. Paul, the aqueduct, and ruins of the Acropolis. Imagine the early Christian community flourishing here as the city later became Christoupolis (City of Christ).
- Return to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4: THESSALONIKI CITY TOUR – VERIA – KALAMBAKA

- Thessaloniki: Tour sites linked to St. Paul, including the Arch of Galerius, St. Demetrios Church, the Roman Agora, and Monastery of Vlatadon, believed to be the site of Jason's house where Paul stayed.
- Veria (Berea): Visit the site where Paul preached to the Jews and Greeks. See the Triptych Monument, with mosaics depicting Paul's vision and preaching.
- Continue to Kalambaka for dinner and overnight.

DAY 5: METEORA – DELPHI

- Visit the world-famous Meteora Monasteries, perched high on rock pillars. Learn how monks built these monasteries during Turkish occupation, preserving both their faith and priceless Byzantine art. After touring Meteora, continue through central Greece to Delphi for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6: DELPHI – ATHENS

- Delphi: Known as the “navel of the world,” Delphi was a key religious site of the ancient Greeks. Visit the Sanctuary of Apollo, theatre, and museum, where artifacts like the Gallio inscription (a key link to Paul's ministry) are preserved.
- Reflect on Paul's preaching about the “unknown God” (Acts 17).
- Continue to Athens, the cradle of Western civilization.
- Dinner and overnight in Athens.



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DAY 7: ATHENS – EXCURSION TO CORINTH

- Athens City Tour: Visit the Acropolis (Parthenon, Erectheum, Propylene), Mars Hill, where Paul delivered his famous sermon, and the Ancient Agora. Drive through Athens to see Parliament, the University of Athens, the National Library, and the Panathenaic Stadium, site of the first modern Olympic Games.
- Corinth: Travel to Corinth, where Paul ministered for 18 months. Visit the ruins of the ancient city, including the Temple of Apollo, Fountain of Peirene, and Bema (judgment seat) where Paul was tried.
- Return to Athens for dinner and overnight.



DAY 8: ATHENS – BEGIN 3-DAY CRUISE (CELESTYAL CRUISES) – MYKONOS

- Board your cruise ship in Piraeus.
- Mykonos: Discover this cosmopolitan island. Walk through narrow whitewashed streets, see “Little Venice” with its waterfront houses, and enjoy the island’s lively atmosphere.
- Return to the ship for dinner and overnight.

DAY 9: KUSADASI (TURKEY) – EPHEBUS – PATMOS

- Kusadasi & Ephesus: Visit the House of the Virgin Mary, and then continue into Ephesus. Explore the Odeon, Temple of Hadrian, Library of Celsus, and Great Theatre, where Paul preached to the Ephesians.
- Patmos: Visit the Monastery of St. John and the Grotto of the Apocalypse, where John received visions recorded in Revelation. See manuscripts, icons, and relics in the monastery’s museum.
- Return to ship for dinner and overnight.

DAY 10: HERAKLION (CRETE) – SANTORINI

- Heraklion, Crete: Visit the Palace of Knossos, linked with King Minos and early Christian encounters.
- Santorini: Explore Thira, with its iconic blue-domed churches, whitewashed houses, and breathtaking caldera views. Enjoy shopping, cafes, and free time before returning to the ship.

DAY 11: RETURN HOME

- Disembark in Athens. Transfer to the airport for your return flight home. Carry with you the spiritual blessings and memories of your pilgrimage through biblical Greece and the Greek Isles.



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11 DAYS TURKEY AND GREECE

DAY 1: DEPARTURE

- Depart the USA to Athens, Greece from your local airport. Enjoy a full meal and inflight entertainment (movies, music, etc.) on your overnight flight.

DAY 2: ARRIVAL

- Arrive at Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport in Athens, where you will be greeted by our local Trinity Tour Travels guide and driver who will escort you to Athens. Begin your pilgrimage by a half day of touring one of the oldest named cities in the world, Athens. Driving to Panathenaic Stadium pass by the Prime Minister's Residence, ex Royal Palace and Zappion Hall.
- We begin with a short stop at the Panathenaic Stadium, site of the first Olympic Games in 1896. This historic stadium was rebuilt on the excavation site of the stadium built by Herodes Atticus around 144AD. It is the only stadium in the world built entirely from marble and remains the point from where the Olympic Flame handover ceremony to the host nation takes place.
- Then, passing by Roman Temple of Olympian Zeus and Hadrian's Arch, the panoramic drive continues around Syntagma Square, National Garden, St. Paul's church, Parliament, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Schliemann's House, Catholic Cathedral, Academy, University, Russia Orthodox Church and National Library. We then wander around Plaka, the Old Town of Athens.
- A stroll through the colorful flea market follows in Monastiraki, the heart of Athens.
- Just after, proceed to the hotel in Athens for check-in, dinner and overnight.



DAY 3: ATHENS

- Following breakfast at the hotel, we conclude visits of Athens, by visiting the Acropolis with its Parthenon, and the Mars Hill or "The Areopagus", where St. Paul preached against the idolatry of the Greeks (Acts 17: 16-34). Continue with a pleasant short walk passing by (not visiting) Herodion (The Odeon of Herodes) and Dionysus Theatre, in order to visit the Acropolis Museum. Main attractions such as votives, artefacts of everyday life, statues from archaic period, Caryatids, and of course the Parthenon hall with the metopes, the pediments and the frieze will impress you.
- A stroll through the colorful flea market in Monastiraki, the heart of Athens. Free time this afternoon.
- Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Athens.



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DAY 4: ATHENS | CORINTH

- Following breakfast at the hotel, we travel to Corinth, one of the most historic cities in the world. St. Paul lived and preached here between 51 and 52 AD. Tradition maintains that he loved Corinth more than any other city in the pagan world. Two of his epistles are named in honor of this beloved city. We visit the Corinth Canal for its awe-inspiring and breathtaking views and then on to Ancient Corinth. It is here where St. Paul wrote his letters. We see the Bema of St. Paul, a large, elevated rostrum at the center of the Roman Forum. The Bema is where St. Paul was accused of false teachings and where his trial took place. We visit the Corinth Market before returning to Athens in the afternoon.
- Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Athens.

DAY 5: ATHENS | AEGEAN CRUISE OF GREEK ISLANDS

- After our last breakfast in Athens, we drive to the charming Port of Lavrio to embark on a 4-day, 3-night cruise of Greek islands. We board the Celestyal Olympia, with its relaxing lounges and authentic Greek cuisine, to arrive in Mykonos this afternoon. With its magnificent golden beaches, delightful windmills, winding marble streets and pristine white houses with colorful domes, this picturesque town houses historical treasures and a joyful, vibrant culture! Winding through the narrow, labyrinthine streets of Mykonos Town, we see the iconic Church of Panagia Paraportiani. This whitewashed architectural marvel is one of the numerous churches and chapels to be visited. Each is adorned with religious icons and amazing frescoes. We visit the charming area of Mykonos Little Venice with its colorful, idyllic Venetian houses and remarkable sunsets against the backdrop of the azure Aegean Sea!
- Dinner and overnight onboard.
- Departure to Kusadasi.

DAY 6: AEGEAN SEA | KUSADASI | EPHESUS | PATMOS

- Breakfast onboard as we arrive at the beach resort town of Kusadasi, Turkey. On Turkey's central Aegean Sea coast, Kusadasi serves as the gateway for our next destination, the ancient Greek city of Ephesus. The first Christian community in Ephesus was established by the beloved apostle, John, and was developed by St. Paul. St. Paul stayed in Ephesus for over three years, where he wrote extensively, including his letter to the Corinthians while in captivity. Well known as the final resting place of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Ephesus is also home to the Basilica of St. John, which honors the beloved apostle of Jesus, who was charged with Our Lady's care. We visit the humble home of the mother of God, which is nestled amidst tranquil, green hills of the Bulbul Mountains and have personal time for prayer and reflection. We return onboard to journey to the sacred and serene island of Patmos, where the Apostle John wrote the Book of Revelations. We tour the Grotto of St. John, built around the cave where he wrote and lived in isolation for two years (95-97 AD), and see the stone, which is said to have been used as his pillow. Following this very memorable day, we return to the port.
- Dinner and overnight onboard.
- Departure to Heraklion.

DAY 7: AEGEAN SEA | CRETE | SANTORINI | LAVRIO

- Breakfast onboard and on to Heraklion, on the beautiful and largest of the Greek islands, Crete. We visit the Koules Fortress, built in the early 16th century at the entrance of the old port of Heraklion, and the Venetian Loggia, an eye-catching edifice built in 1620 that still serves as the Town Hall of Heraklion today. A visit to the grand and stunning Cathedral of St. Agios Minas (patron saint of the city), the Basilica of St. Mark, and the medieval monastery of St. Catherine before we visit the city of Knossos, the place known for the very first civilization in Europe, the Minoans. It is presumed to be the oldest city in all of Europe. We conclude our day on the unforgettable island of Crete and reboard the ship to the majestic island of Santorini. Renowned for its breathtaking, dramatic, and rocky landscapes, cliff-side whitewashed houses with blue roofs, and unforgettable sunsets, this caldera offers some of the most enthralling views in the world. A huge volcanic eruption in the 17th century shaped this unique crater (caldera), now known as the island of Santorini, and is well known for its red and black volcanic beaches and enchanting people! We visit the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist and the Church of Panagia Episkopi prior to boarding the ship.
- Dinner and overnight onboard.
- Return to Lavrio.



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As Pope Leo XIV reminds us:

"Pilgrimages are vital for a Christian's life of faith."

DAY 8: AEGEAN SEA | LAVRIO | KALAMBAKA

- Following our last breakfast onboard, we disembark in Lavrio and head to the town of Kalambaka in Thessaly, on the northern side of Greece. The most fascinating characteristic of this modern settlement is the Meteora rocks that form a spectacular precipice on the northern part of the skyline. Kalambaka is renowned for its monasteries which are perched precariously on the cliffs of these towering rock formations. These ancient Monasteries of Meteora create an "otherworldly" atmosphere, to say the least! A visit to the monasteries as time permits prior to check-in at the hotel.
- Dinner and overnight at a hotel in Kalambaka.



DAY 9: KALAMBAKA | THESSALONIKI

- Breakfast at the hotel prior to visiting one or more of the Meteora Monasteries. We then depart to Thessaloniki, the co-capital of Greece. We stop along the way and visit Berea (Veria) in Macedonia (northern Greece), where St. Paul fled from Thessaloniki (Acts 17:10) and taught there in the synagogue. He found here many who were eager to receive the Gospel to compare it with Hebrew scriptures. It is also here that St. Luke notes (Acts 17:12) that many believed and "honorable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few, came to Jesus." St. Paul was made to flee Berea to Athens but left Silas and Timothy to care for the believers here. We visit the "Triptych Monument," which is reputed to be ruins of the ancient synagogue where St. Paul taught. We see a magnificent display made of colorful mosaic tiles, which depicts the teachings of St. Paul. We continue by bus to tour Thessaloniki, including the Basilica of St. Demetrius (patron saint) and the Church of St. Sophia, dating back to the 7th century.
- Check-in, dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

DAY 10: THESSALONIKI | LYDIA SPRINGS, PHILIPPI | KAVALA

- Breakfast at the hotel and a full day ahead! We first travel to Lydia Springs, Philippi. Accompanied by Silas, Timothy and possibly Luke, it is believed that St. Paul first preached on European soil in Philippi in 49 or 50 AD. We visit the site where Lydia (dealer of expensive purple cloth) converted to Christianity and see the ruins of a small church or prayer house known as the Basilica of St. Paul, as it was identified by a mosaic inscription on the pavement dated around 343. We visit a crypt from the Roman Empire, which is believed to have served as a prison for St. Paul. Rich in scriptural history in accordance with the Acts of the Apostles, Philippi is home to an abundant spiritual treasure of our faith. We travel to the beautiful seaport of Kavala. Renamed Christoupolis ("City of Christ") in the Middle Ages, it was the first city in Europe to accept Christianity.
- Dinner and overnight at hotel in Thessaloniki.

DAY 11: DEPARTURE

- Following breakfast and check-out at the hotel, you return to Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport in Athens for your return flight home to the USA. You take with you memories of the unforgettable walk of St. Paul, servant, preacher of the Gospel, ambassador for Christ ... and prisoner for all.



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10 DAYS ITALY

DAY 1: DEPARTURE

- Depart the USA from your local airport. Enjoy a full meal and inflight entertainment (music, movies, etc.) on your overnight flight to Rome, Italy.

DAY 2: ARRIVAL IN ROME | SORRENTO

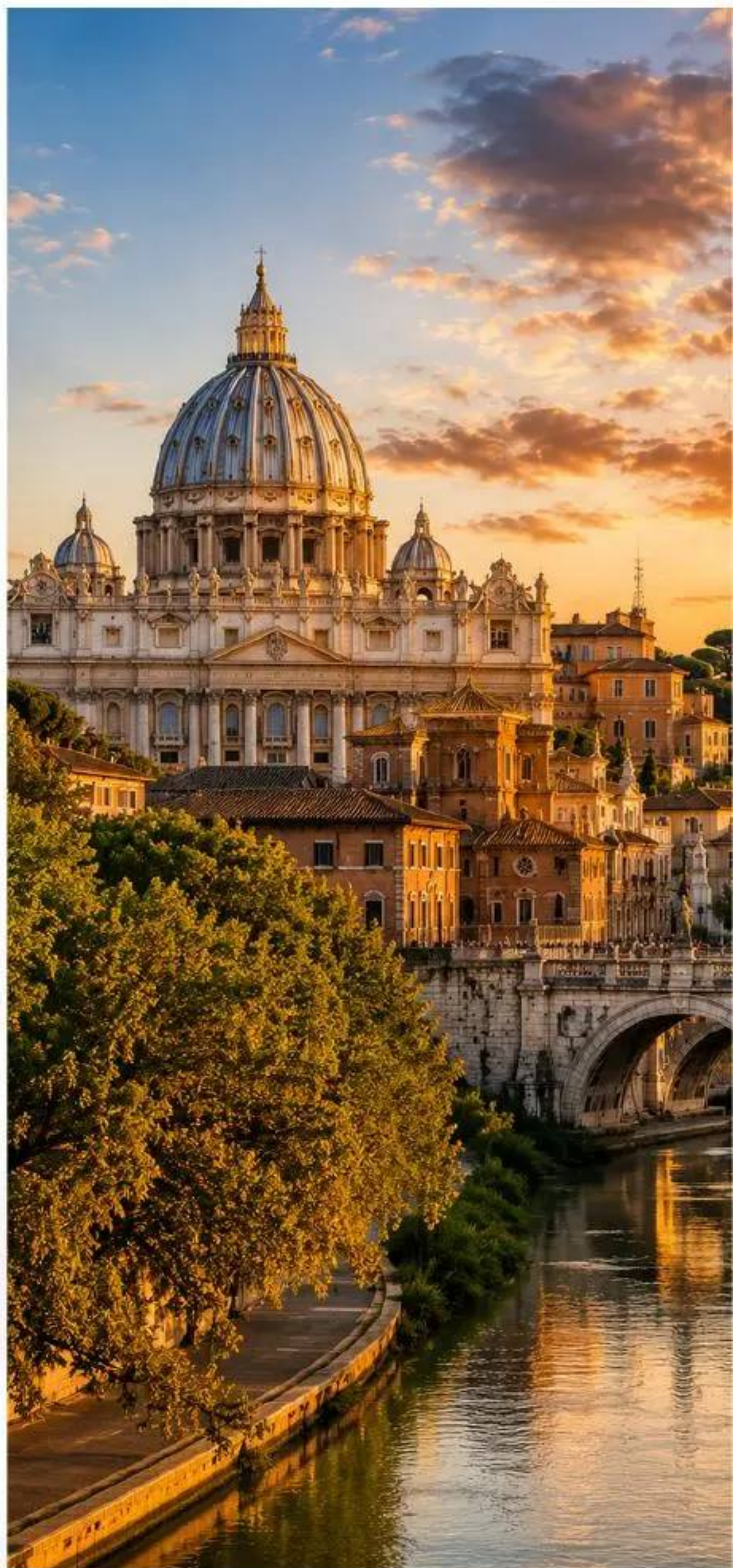
- Arrive at Fiumicino International Airport – Leonardo da Vinci in Rome. Proceed to Baggage Claim and to the Arrivals Hall, where you will be greeted by our local Trinity Tour Travels guide and driver, who will accompany you throughout the pilgrimage. From here, your pilgrimage begins with an enchanting drive along southwest Italy to beautiful Sorrento. Facing the Bay of Naples, Sorrento is perched atop cliffs overlooking magnificent water views and the Piazza Tasso. We celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of Saints Philip and James (the Sorrento Cathedral). Hotel check-in and free time. Dinner and overnight in Sorrento.

DAY 3: AMALFI COAST - POSITANO | AMALFI | SORRENTO

After breakfast at the hotel, we drive along the world-renowned Amalfi coast road. With breathtaking views of the Mediterranean Sea and the mountainous coastline of Western Italy, we stop in Positano. Known for its narrow boutique and café-lined streets, this charming town is the gem of the Amalfi Coast. In the stunning town of Amalfi, we celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, where we visit his relics and crypt. A full day of spectacular sights and awe-inspiring landscapes! Dinner and overnight in Sorrento.

DAY 4: SORRENTO | POMPEII | SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

- Following breakfast at the hotel, we depart for a full-day excursion to Pompeii. Buried under meters of ash, rubble and pumice from the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D., Pompeii remains a preserved site of what once was a thriving, sophisticated Roman city. We walk through the excavated ruins of the streets, houses and even “cafes” of this ancient city. Mass is celebrated at the Shrine of the Virgin of the Rosary of Pompeii this day. We begin our travel across Italy to San Giovanni this afternoon. Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo.



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DAY 5: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO | MONTE SANT'ANGELO

- Breakfast at the hotel followed by a morning dedicated to visiting the holy sites associated with Padre Pio's life. We tour Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza, the hospital founded by this humble Capuchin Priest, which still serves as a hospital today. "Inside those who are sick, Jesus is suffering. Inside those who are sick and poor, Jesus is there twofold." We visit the beloved church of Padre Pio, Santa Maria della Grazie, where Padre Pio committed himself to hours of hearing confession daily. It is said that this great saint was able to "read souls," and his confessional stands mid-church for viewing. We visit Padre Pio's shrine, where we venerate this saint's incorrupt body and tour his living quarters. We board the bus and journey through the Gargano Peninsula to visit the Shrine of St. Michael the Archangel in Monte Sant'Angelo. Mass is celebrated here this day in a grotto where St. Michael is said to have appeared in the years 490, 492 and 493. Free time in this charming area prior to returning to the hotel. Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo.

DAY 6: SAN GIOVANNI | ROME

- Following an early breakfast, we board the bus and, en route to Rome, stop in Manoppello in the charming province of Pescara. We visit the Sanctuary of Volto Santo (Sacred Face), where Mass is celebrated this day. Reputed to be identical to the sacred Veil of Veronica, the Sanctuary of Volto Santo contains a sudarium (a thin sweat veil used by early Romans) known as the Holy Face of Manoppello. We continue to Rome this afternoon with hotel check-in and free time schedule allowing. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

DAY 7: ROME - VATICAN MUSEUMS | SCAVI TOUR*

- Breakfast at the hotel followed by a guided tour of the Vatican Museums. We walk through the Tapestry Gallery, Raphael Rooms and several historic museum rooms which house paintings, sculptures, and varying artworks from the Greek/Roman eras to modern times. We visit the Sistine Chapel to view the site of each Conclave (assembly of cardinals for the election of a pope), as well as the epic frescoed ceiling painted by Michelangelo. We tour St. Peter's Basilica, where we view the tomb of St. Pope John Paul II and the beautiful Pieta carved by a solid piece of marble by Michelangelo, which he began when he was only 23 years old. Mass is celebrated this day at the Tomb of St. Peter.
- *The day ends with the Scavi Tour, the ancient underground cemetery below St. Peter's altar. The Scavi Tour is granted by an official request made to the Excavations Office of the Fabbrica di San Pietro. This tour is subject to confirmation before the pilgrimage. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

DAY 8: ROME - PAPAL AUDIENCE | PAPAL BASILICAS

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11 DAYS TO ITALY AND VENICE

DAY 1: DEPART USA

- Depart the USA from your local airport. Enjoy a full meal and inflight entertainment (movies, music, etc.) on your overnight flight to Rome, Italy.

DAY 2: ARRIVAL IN ROME

- Arrive at Fiumicino International Airport - Leonardo da Vinci in Rome, where you proceed to Baggage Claim and then to the Arrivals Hall. Here, you will be greeted by our local Trinity Tour Travels Tour guide and driver, who will accompany you throughout the pilgrimage.
- Depending on arrival time, our journey begins at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls where a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated, followed by a lovely Italian lunch in the basilica's café.
- The basilica also houses a gift shop perfect for the purchase of affordable religious items to be blessed by the pope the following day. We visit the burial site of St. Paul and visit Chiesa del Domine Quo Vadis, where tradition holds St. Peter met the Risen Christ asking, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus replied, "I am going to Rome to be crucified again." What makes this location particularly amazing is that Jesus is said to have left behind a marble slab with His footprints which have been venerated by pilgrims for centuries. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

DAY 3: ROME - PAPAL AUDIENCE | VATICAN MUSEUMS | ST. PETER'S BASILICA

- After an early breakfast at the hotel, we attend the Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square, celebrated at 9 a.m. each Wednesday by His Holiness, Pope Francis (pending the papal schedule). Pilgrims are encouraged to bring special medals, rosaries and other religious items to be blessed.
- Following the pope's themed speech, prayers and homily, he offers a blessing! Lunch before a tour of the magnificent Vatican Museum (Tapestry Gallery, Raphael Rooms and the Sistine Chapel) and we end the day at St. Peter's Basilica, where we visit Michelangelo's Pieta and the tomb of St. Pope John Paul II prior to a walk through the basilica, which ends underground at the Tomb of St. Peter.
- Mass this day at a church near St. Peter Square.
- Dinner and overnight in Rome.



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DAY 4: ROME - ST. MARY MAJOR | ST. JOHN LATERAN | SANTA CROCE IN GERUSALEMME

- Following breakfast at the hotel, Mass is celebrated at St. Mary Major, one of the four papal basilicas. Under the high altar of this basilica is the Crypt of the Nativity, encased in a crystal reliquary
- Pilgrims can view what is said to be the wood relics of the Holy Crib of the Nativity of Jesus. St. Mary Major also houses the relics of St. Jerome, Doctor of the Church, who translated the Bible into Latin. St. Ignatius of Loyola celebrated his first Mass as a priest in 1538 at St. Mary Major, also known for "The Miracle of the Snow." We visit the Basilica di Santa Croce in Gerusalemme, another papal basilica, which houses several relics of the Passion of Jesus (including a rusted nail from the Crucifixion, pieces of the True Cross, thorns from the crown, and the sign over His Cross) and the doubting finger of St. Thomas in a reliquary.
- We visit the papal Basilica of St. John Lateran, known as the "Mother of all Churches in the World," and the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome. Founded in 324, it is the oldest of the four papal basilicas. Larger than life, magnificent sculptures of the Twelve Apostles (St. Paul takes the place of St. Matthias) are showcased in this basilica. From here, we cross the street to visit the Scala Sancta (the "Holy Stairs"), the marble staircase (encased in wooden ones), which led to the praetorium of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem. It is on these stairs that Jesus climbed to meet Pilate on His way to trial during His Passion. The marble stairs are visible through small openings in the wooden risers and at some spots, pilgrims may touch the marble through these openings as they climb the stairs (traditionally on knees).
- Leisure afternoon in the city center visiting the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain and Navona Square.
- Dinner and overnight in Rome.

DAY 5: ROME | ASSISI

- After breakfast at the hotel, we travel through Tuscany to Assisi. The birthplace of St. Francis, this charming town's atmosphere has not changed much since the humble saint began his ministry in the early 13th century. We start our tour at the Basilica of St. Francis, which contains a series of frescoes depicting his life as well as several of the saint's personal possessions.
- We visit Santuario Della Spogliazione to visit the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first millennial to be declared Blessed. Carlo is best known for his love of the Eucharist and his computer cataloging of Eucharistic Miracles throughout the world. We continue our walk through Assisi to the birthplace of St. Francis and then tour the Basilica di Santa Chiara, where the remains of St. Clare are contained. St. Clare founded the Poor Clare Sisters and closely followed the teachings of St. Francis while also living a life of poverty, humility and great holiness.
- Free time this afternoon for more strolling, private prayer, shopping, and a late lunch. We reboard the bus to go outside the walls of Assisi to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. This is where St. Francis spent most of his life. The basilica is made up of two structures: 1) The Porziuncola, where St. Francis first understood his vocation and renounced the world to live in poverty, and 2) The Capella de Transito, the small room where St. Francis died in 1226. During this time, you will have the opportunity to visit the beautiful Rose Garden, where St. Francis and other friars lived, as well as the cave where the humble saint retired to pray.
- Mass, dinner and overnight in Assisi.



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DAY 6: ASSISI | LA VERNA | ASSISI

- After an early breakfast at the hotel, we ride through the beautiful surrounding areas of Assisi to visit the deeply spiritual town of La Verna. We visit the Sanctuary of La Verna, where St. Francis received the stigmata in 1224. Mass is celebrated here this day. A memorable day trip with charming Italian countryside along the way. Dinner and overnight in Assisi.

DAY 7: ASSISI | SIENA | FLORENCE

- Following breakfast, we board our bus for a scenic drive to the Tuscan city of Siena, the birthplace of St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church. It is also the birthplace of St. Bernardine, the Apostle of Italy. We will visit the Basilica of St. Catherine, known as the Basilica of St. Domenico, where St. Catherine spent much of her life and where the saint's incorrupt head can be venerated. St. Catherine's family home is now the Shrine of St. Catherine, which we will also visit. We stroll through the medieval town of Siena and conclude at one of Italy's best-known and finest squares, the Piazza Del Campo. Following Mass, we have free time for shopping, leisure strolls and lunch on our own. We travel to Florence, home of most of the world-renowned artists: Michelangelo, Raphael, DaVinci, Botticelli, and many, many others. Free time this afternoon to explore the streets of Florence and take in all its charm and beauty.
- Enjoy shopping, outdoor markets and sightseeing.
- Dinner and overnight in Florence.



DAY 8: FLORENCE

- After breakfast, our day tour begins at the Basilica di Santa Croce, the Church of the Holy Cross. This magnificent church houses the tombs of Michelangelo, Galileo, Machiavelli and other well-known figures in history. We walk the charming streets of Florence by Piazza Signorina, Palazzo Vecchio, Uffizi, Ponte Vecchio and the Republic Square to the magnificent Santa Maria del Fiore, the Florence Cathedral. We visit the L'Accademia, the gallery which contains the works of some of the world's most famous artists, such as Botticelli, Ghirlandaio, and Pontormo. It is here that Michelangelo's David is showcased.
- Later this afternoon, there is more leisure time for lunch, exploring, and shopping.
- Dinner and overnight in Florence.

DAY 9: FLORENCE | PADUA

- Following breakfast at the hotel, we board the bus for our journey to Padua. Padua is the northern city in Italy that honors the Patron Saint of Lost Things and Causes, St. Anthony. St. Anthony of Padua is a Doctor of the Church, known for his powerful preaching, excellent knowledge of scripture and his undying devotion to the poor and sick. His teachings are so captivating, it is not surprising that when exhumed in 1263, his tongue was found to be incorrupt. He was canonized less than a year after his death, making him one of the most quickly canonized saints in church history. Our day includes a sightseeing tour of the city. We visit the Basilica of Santa Giustina, known as the patron saint of Padua.
- Our day tour will conclude at the Basilica of St. Anthony to visit the tomb of this beloved saint.
- Mass, dinner and overnight in Padua.

DAY 10: PADUA | VENICE

After an early breakfast, we travel to the spectacular city of Venice. After Mass, we will enjoy a walking tour of the "city paved with water!" We enjoy a walking tour visiting St. Mark's Square, the site of several government buildings: the Golden Basilica of San Marco, which houses the magnificent mosaics which depict the Old and New Testaments; the bridge that will "bring eternal love" to those who drift below it, the Bridge of Sigh; and we will view the Doges' Palace which served as the seat of the Republic of Venice for centuries. We return to Padua for our farewell dinner and overnight.

DAY 11: DEPARTURE - VENICE | USA

After an early breakfast at our hotel, we transfer to Venice Marco Polo Airport for our return flight home. Ciao Italia!



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10 DAYS SOUTHERN ITALY HER MAGNIFICENT SHORES & MAJESTIC SHRINES

DAY 1: DEPARTURE

- Depart the USA from your local airport. Enjoy a full meal and inflight entertainment (music, movies, etc.) on your overnight flight to Rome, Italy.

DAY 2: ARRIVAL IN ROME | SORRENTO

- Arrive at Fiumicino International Airport – Leonardo da Vinci in Rome. Proceed to Baggage Claim and to the Arrivals Hall, where you will be greeted by our local Trinity Tour Travels guide and driver, who will accompany you throughout the pilgrimage. From here, your pilgrimage begins with an enchanting drive along southwest Italy to beautiful Sorrento. Facing the Bay of Naples, Sorrento is perched atop cliffs overlooking magnificent water views and the Piazza Tasso. We celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of Saints Philip and James (the Sorrento Cathedral). Hotel check-in and free time.
- Dinner and overnight in Sorrento.



DAY 3: AMALFI COAST - POSITANO | AMALFI | SORRENTO

- After breakfast at the hotel, we drive along the world-renowned Amalfi coast road. With breathtaking views of the Mediterranean Sea and the mountainous coastline of Western Italy, we stop in Positano. Known for its narrow boutique and café-lined streets, this charming town is the gem of the Amalfi Coast. In the stunning town of Amalfi, we celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, where we visit his relics and crypt. A full day of spectacular sights and awe-inspiring landscapes!
- Dinner and overnight in Sorrento.

DAY 4: SORRENTO | POMPEII | SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

- Following breakfast at the hotel, we depart for a full-day excursion to Pompeii. Buried under meters of ash, rubble and pumice from the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D., Pompeii remains a preserved site of what once was a thriving, sophisticated Roman city. We walk through the excavated ruins of the streets, houses and even “cafes” of this ancient city. Mass is celebrated at the Shrine of the Virgin of the Rosary of Pompeii this day. We begin our travel across Italy to San Giovanni this afternoon.
- Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo.

DAY 5: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO | MONTE SANT'ANGELO

- Breakfast at the hotel followed by a morning dedicated to visiting the holy sites associated with Padre Pio's life. We tour Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza, the hospital founded by this humble Capuchin Priest, which still serves as a hospital today. “Inside those who are sick, Jesus is suffering. Inside those who are sick and poor, Jesus is there twofold.” We visit the beloved church of Padre Pio, Santa Maria della Grazie, where Padre Pio committed himself to hours of hearing confession daily. It is said that this great saint was able to “read souls,” and his confessional stands mid-church for viewing. We visit Padre Pio's shrine, where we venerate this saint's incorrupt body and tour his living quarters. We board the bus and journey through the Gargano Peninsula to visit the Shrine of St. Michael the Archangel in Monte Sant'Angelo. Mass is celebrated here this day in a grotto where St. Michael is said to have appeared in the years 490, 492 and 493. Free time in this charming area prior to returning to the hotel.
- Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo.



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DAY 6: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO | ROME

- Following an early breakfast, we board the bus and, en route to Rome, stop in Manoppello in the charming province of Pescara. We visit the Sanctuary of Volto Santo (Sacred Face), where Mass is celebrated this day. Reputed to be identical to the sacred Veil of Veronica, the Sanctuary of Volto Santo contains a sudarium (a thin sweat veil used by early Romans) known as the Holy Face of Manoppello. We continue to Rome this afternoon with hotel check-in and free time schedule allowing.
- Dinner and overnight in Rome.

DAY 7: ROME - VATICAN MUSEUMS | SCAVI TOUR*

- Breakfast at the hotel followed by a guided tour of the Vatican Museums. We walk through the Tapestry Gallery, Raphael Rooms and several historic museum rooms which house paintings, sculptures, and varying artworks from the Greek/Roman eras to modern times. We visit the Sistine Chapel to view the site of each Conclave (assembly of cardinals for the election of a pope), as well as the epic frescoed ceiling painted by Michelangelo. We tour St. Peter's Basilica, where we view the tomb of St. Pope John Paul II and the beautiful Pieta carved by a solid piece of marble by Michelangelo, which he began when he was only 23 years old. Mass is celebrated this day at the Tomb of St. Peter.
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11 DAYS ROME, NAPLES & THE SHRINES OF SICILY



DAY 1 – DEPARTURE FROM THE UNITED STATES

- Your pilgrimage begins as you depart from your local airport for your overnight flight to Italy. Meet your fellow pilgrims and spiritual director before check-in and prepare for a journey filled with faith, history, and the beauty of Italian culture.
- As you cross the Atlantic, reflect on the saints, shrines, and sacred places you will encounter throughout Rome, Naples, and Sicily. Enjoy in-flight meals and spend time in prayer, reading, or rest.
- Overnight aboard your flight

DAY 2 – ARRIVAL IN ROME

- Welcome to Italy.
- Upon arrival at Rome's airport, you will be greeted by your local guide and driver before transferring to your hotel.
- After time to refresh and settle in, begin your introduction to the Eternal City with a panoramic sightseeing tour.
- Drive past some of Rome's most famous landmarks including the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Circus Maximus, Piazza Venezia, and the Victor Emmanuel Monument. Learn about the rise of Christianity in the heart of the Roman Empire and the sacrifices of the early martyrs who helped establish the Church.
- Celebrate your welcome Mass at a local church and entrust your pilgrimage intentions to the Lord.
- This evening gather for a welcome dinner and enjoy your first taste of authentic Italian cuisine.
- Dinner and overnight in Rome.



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DAY 3 – ROME: THE HEART OF CATHOLICISM

- After breakfast, spend the day exploring the spiritual center of the Catholic Church.
- Begin at St. Peter's Basilica, built over the tomb of St. Peter, the first Pope. Marvel at Michelangelo's Pietà, Bernini's magnificent Baldacchino, and countless artistic treasures that inspire millions of pilgrims each year.
- If available, participate in the Papal Audience or Sunday Angelus blessing in St. Peter's Square.
- Following lunch, continue to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, one of the four major papal basilicas and the oldest church in the West dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Continue to the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome and the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father.
- Nearby, visit the Holy Stairs, believed to be the staircase Jesus ascended during His trial before Pontius Pilate.
- Conclude the day at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, built above the tomb of St. Paul the Apostle.
- Celebrate Holy Mass before returning to your hotel.
- Dinner and overnight in Rome.

DAY 4 – ROME TO NAPLES AND POMPEII

- Following breakfast depart Rome and journey south through the beautiful Italian countryside toward Naples.
- Your first destination is the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, founded by Blessed Bartolo Longo, whose conversion and devotion to the Rosary transformed Pompeii into one of Italy's most important Marian pilgrimage sites.
- Celebrate Holy Mass within the magnificent basilica and learn about the life of Blessed Bartolo Longo and the miracles associated with the shrine.
- Following lunch continue to Naples.
- Visit the Cathedral of St. Januarius (San Gennaro), patron saint of Naples. Learn about the famous miracle of the liquefaction of his blood, which has inspired devotion among the faithful for centuries.
- Walk through parts of the historic center and experience the vibrant culture that makes Naples unique.
- Dinner and overnight in Naples.

DAY 5 – NAPLES TO PALERMO AND MONREALE

- Following an early breakfast transfer to Naples Airport for your short flight to Sicily.
- Upon arrival in Palermo, begin your exploration of Sicily's rich Christian heritage.
- Travel to Monreale and visit the spectacular Cathedral of Monreale, one of the finest examples of Norman architecture in the world. Inside, admire breathtaking golden mosaics depicting scenes from Sacred Scripture and the life of Christ.
- Celebrate Holy Mass and spend time appreciating the beauty of this UNESCO-recognized masterpiece.
- Continue into Palermo and visit the Cathedral, home to the relics of St. Rosalia, patroness of Palermo.
- Visit the Palatine Chapel, renowned for its extraordinary Byzantine mosaics, and the Church of Santa Maria dell'Ammiraglio, commonly known as La Martorana.
- Dinner and overnight in Palermo.

DAY 6 – PALERMO, CEFALÙ AND CATANIA

- After breakfast depart Palermo and travel along Sicily's northern coastline.
- Stop in Santo Stefano di Camastra, famous throughout Sicily for its centuries-old ceramic traditions. Enjoy free time to browse workshops and local artisan stores.
- Continue to the beautiful seaside town of Cefalù.
- Visit its magnificent Norman Cathedral, dedicated to Christ Pantocrator, and admire the impressive mosaics that decorate the sanctuary.
- Spend time walking through the medieval streets, enjoying views of the Mediterranean Sea and the charming atmosphere of this historic town.
- Following lunch continue eastward toward Catania.
- Arrive in the city during the evening and check into your hotel.
- Dinner and overnight in Catania.



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DAY 7 – TAORMINA AND ST. AGATHA OF CATANIA

- After breakfast travel to Taormina, one of Sicily's most beautiful towns.
- Perched high above the Ionian Sea, Taormina offers breathtaking views of Mount Etna and the surrounding coastline.
- Visit the famous Greek Theatre, still used today for concerts and performances. Learn about the history of the ancient Greeks and Romans who once ruled Sicily.
- Spend time walking through the picturesque streets filled with churches, shops, and beautiful piazzas.
- Return to Catania during the afternoon.
- Visit the Cathedral of St. Agatha, patroness of Catania, whose courageous witness to the faith continues to inspire Christians today.
- Pray before her relics and celebrate Holy Mass.
- Dinner and overnight in Catania.

DAY 8 – SIRACUSA AND ORTIGIA

- After breakfast depart for Siracusa, one of the oldest Christian cities in Sicily.
- According to tradition, St. Paul spent time here during his journey to Rome.
- Visit the Basilica of St. Lucy and learn about the life and martyrdom of this beloved Sicilian saint.
- Continue to the Catacombs of San Giovanni and discover the early Christian history of Sicily.
- Visit the Cathedral of Siracusa, built upon the foundations of an ancient Greek temple and transformed into a Christian church after the triumph of Christianity.
- Later explore Ortigia Island, the historic center of Siracusa.
- Walk through charming streets lined with Baroque architecture, fountains, churches, and historic buildings while enjoying views of the Mediterranean.
- Dinner and overnight in the Siracusa area.

DAY 9 – NOTO AND AGRIGENTO

- This morning travel to Noto, widely considered the capital of Sicilian Baroque architecture.
- Walk through elegant streets lined with magnificent churches, monasteries, and palaces rebuilt after the devastating earthquake of 1693.
- Celebrate Holy Mass and enjoy time to admire the city's remarkable beauty.
- Continue to Agrigento and visit the famous Valley of the Temples.
- Explore one of the most important archaeological sites in the Mediterranean world, featuring remarkably preserved Greek temples that testify to Sicily's rich history.
- As the sun sets over the ancient ruins, reflect on the civilizations that prepared the way for Christianity to flourish throughout the region.
- Dinner and overnight in Agrigento.



DAY 10 – SELINUNTE, PALERMO AND ROME

- Following breakfast travel to Selinunte, one of the largest archaeological parks in Europe.
- Explore the extensive remains of this ancient Greek city and admire the impressive temples overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.
- Continue to Palermo Airport for your return flight to Rome.
- Upon arrival in Rome, transfer to your hotel and enjoy some free time before gathering for a farewell Mass.
- This evening enjoy a special farewell dinner as you reflect on the many blessings, friendships, and spiritual experiences shared throughout your pilgrimage.
- Overnight in Rome.

DAY 11 – RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

- After breakfast transfer to Rome Airport for your return flight home.
- As your pilgrimage concludes, carry home the spiritual treasures received while visiting Rome, Naples, Palermo, Monreale, Taormina, Siracusa, Agrigento, and the many sacred shrines of Sicily.
- May the intercession of Our Lady of Pompeii, St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Januarius, St. Rosalia, St. Agatha, and St. Lucy continue to guide and strengthen you long after your return home.
- Arrive in the United States with renewed faith, unforgettable memories, and a deeper appreciation for the rich Catholic heritage of Italy and Sicily.



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09 DAYS SHRINES OF SPAIN PILGRIMAGE

9 Days Following the Footsteps of St. James, St. Ignatius & Our Lady of Montserrat.



DAY 1 – DEPARTURE FROM THE UNITED STATES

- Today your pilgrimage begins as you depart from your local airport for your overnight flight to Spain.
- As you travel across the Atlantic, prepare your heart for a journey through some of Spain's most important Catholic shrines and spiritual treasures. During your flight, reflect on the lives of St. James the Apostle, St. Ignatius of Loyola, and the countless pilgrims who have walked these sacred paths throughout the centuries.
- Enjoy in-flight meals and rest as you begin this unforgettable pilgrimage

DAY 2 – ARRIVAL IN BARCELONA

- Welcome to Spain.
- Upon arrival in Barcelona, meet your local guide and driver before transferring to your hotel.
- After time to rest and refresh, enjoy an orientation tour of this beautiful Mediterranean city. Barcelona is known for its rich Christian heritage, remarkable architecture, and vibrant culture.
- Take in views of the city's famous boulevards, plazas, and waterfront while learning about the history of Catalonia and the role of the Catholic faith in shaping the region.
- This evening gather with your fellow pilgrims for a welcome dinner and an introduction to the spiritual journey ahead.

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DAY 3 – BARCELONA, MANRESA & MONTSERRAT

- After breakfast begin a guided tour of Barcelona.
- Visit the famous Gothic Quarter, where narrow medieval streets reveal centuries of Christian history. Continue to the Cathedral of Barcelona and discover the city's ancient religious heritage.
- The highlight of the morning is a visit to the magnificent Basilica of the Sagrada Família, Antoni Gaudí's masterpiece and one of the most inspiring churches in the world. Its extraordinary design beautifully illustrates the story of salvation through architecture and symbolism.
- Celebrate Holy Mass before departing for Manresa.
- In Manresa, visit the Sanctuary of St. Ignatius of Loyola and the Holy Cave where the founder of the Jesuits spent months in prayer and discernment while composing portions of his Spiritual Exercises.
- Continue to Montserrat, dramatically situated among jagged mountain peaks and one of Spain's most important Marian shrines.

DAY 4 – MONTSERRAT: SHRINE OF THE BLACK MADONNA

- This morning celebrate Holy Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Montserrat.
- Visit the revered statue of the Black Madonna, affectionately known as "La Moreneta," patroness of Catalonia.
- Learn the fascinating history of the miraculous statue and the Benedictine monastery that has welcomed pilgrims for more than one thousand years.
- Spend time in prayer before Our Lady and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere that has drawn saints, kings, and pilgrims for centuries.
- Those wishing may explore portions of the mountain trails or simply enjoy the breathtaking views overlooking the Catalan countryside.
- The remainder of the afternoon is reserved for personal reflection, prayer, and spiritual renewal.



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DAY 5 – ZARAGOZA & MADRID

- After breakfast depart Montserrat and travel west toward Zaragoza.
- Upon arrival visit the magnificent Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar, one of the oldest Marian shrines in Christianity.
- According to tradition, while the Blessed Virgin Mary was still living in Jerusalem, she miraculously appeared to St. James the Apostle in Zaragoza to encourage him in his missionary work.
- Celebrate Holy Mass and venerate the sacred pillar associated with the apparition.
- Continue to La Seo Cathedral, one of Spain's most impressive churches, featuring a unique blend of Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, and Mudéjar architecture.
- Following time to explore Zaragoza's historic center, continue to Madrid.

DAY 6 – MADRID & TOLEDO

- This morning discover Spain's capital city.
- Visit the Royal Palace and admire its magnificent architecture and historical significance.
- Continue through Plaza Mayor and other important landmarks while learning about Madrid's role in Spanish history and Catholic culture.
- Following lunch travel to Toledo, one of Spain's most fascinating cities.
- Known as the "City of Three Cultures," Toledo was home to Christians, Jews, and Muslims who lived together for centuries.
- Visit the Cathedral of Toledo, considered one of the finest Gothic cathedrals in Europe.
- Explore ancient streets lined with churches, monasteries, synagogues, and historic buildings while discovering the city's unique religious heritage.
- Return to Madrid during the evening.

DAY 7 – ASTORGA, O CEBREIRO & SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

- After breakfast depart Madrid and journey north toward Galicia.
- Stop in Astorga and visit the Episcopal Palace designed by Antoni Gaudí, which today houses exhibits dedicated to the Camino de Santiago.
- Continue through the beautiful mountains of northwestern Spain and enter Galicia.
- Arrive in O Cebreiro, a picturesque mountain village famous for its traditional stone houses and an important Eucharistic Miracle dating back to the year 1300.
- Celebrate Holy Mass and spend time reflecting on the importance of the Eucharist in the life of the Church.
- Continue through the green hills of Galicia before arriving in Santiago de Compostela, one of Christianity's greatest pilgrimage destinations.

DAY 8 – SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

- Today is dedicated to the spiritual heart of the pilgrimage.
- Begin the morning by walking a portion of the Camino de Santiago, following in the footsteps of millions of pilgrims who have traveled this ancient route over the centuries.
- As you walk through Galicia's peaceful countryside, take time for prayer, reflection, and thanksgiving.
- Arrive at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela and participate in the Pilgrim Mass.
- Visit the tomb of St. James the Apostle, one of the original Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ and patron saint of Spain.
- Spend time exploring the magnificent cathedral, including the crypt containing the relics of St. James.
- Following lunch enjoy a guided tour of Santiago's historic center, including Obradoiro Square, Fonseca Palace, and the beautiful medieval streets that surround the cathedral.
- This evening gather for a farewell dinner celebrating the spiritual blessings and friendships formed throughout the pilgrimage.

DAY 9 – RETURN HOME

- Early this morning transfer to Santiago de Compostela Airport for your return flight home.
- As your pilgrimage comes to an end, reflect on the sacred places visited throughout Spain: Barcelona, Manresa, Montserrat, Zaragoza, Toledo, Madrid, Astorga, O Cebreiro, and Santiago de Compostela.
- May the intercession of Our Lady of Montserrat, St. Ignatius of Loyola, and St. James the Apostle continue to guide your faith journey and inspire you to live the Gospel with renewed zeal.
- Return home enriched by the beauty, history, and spiritual treasures of Catholic Spain.



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09 DAYS CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, LISIEUX & PARIS

Following the Footsteps of St. Bernadette, St. Thérèse of Lisieux & Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal



DAY 1 – DEPARTURE FROM THE UNITED STATES

- Today your pilgrimage begins as you depart from your local airport for your overnight flight to France.
- As you travel across the Atlantic, prepare your heart for a grace-filled journey to some of France's most beloved Catholic pilgrimage sites. During your flight, reflect on the lives of St. Bernadette, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Catherine Labouré, and the countless pilgrims who have journeyed to Lourdes seeking healing, peace, and conversion.
- Enjoy in-flight meals and rest as you begin this spiritual adventure.

DAY 2 – ARRIVAL IN LOURDES

- Welcome to France.
- Upon arrival at Pau or Toulouse Airport, meet your tour guide and driver before traveling through the beautiful countryside of southwestern France toward Lourdes, nestled in the foothills of the Pyrenees Mountains.
- After arriving in Lourdes and checking into your hotel, enjoy some free time to become acquainted with this world-famous pilgrimage town.
- This evening visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes and the Grotto of Massabielle where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous in 1858.
- Spend time in prayer before joining pilgrims from around the world in the beautiful Candlelight Rosary Procession, a moving tradition that has inspired millions of faithful visitors.

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As Pope Leo XIV reminds us:

"Pilgrimages are vital for a Christian's life of faith."

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DAY 3 – LOURDES: THE GROTTO & THE MESSAGE OF OUR LADY

- This morning celebrate Holy Mass at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes.
- Following Mass, visit the Grotto where Our Lady appeared eighteen times to St. Bernadette. Learn about the apparitions and the message of prayer, penance, and conversion entrusted to her.
- Visit the miraculous spring discovered by St. Bernadette and participate in the Water Gesture, allowing pilgrims to wash their hands and face with the water that has become a symbol of healing and grace.
- Continue to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary, and the Underground Basilica of St. Pius X.
- The afternoon is reserved for personal prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, confessions, and quiet reflection within the sanctuary.
- This evening pilgrims may once again participate in the Rosary and Candlelight Procession.

DAY 4 – LOURDES & ST. BERNADETTE

- After breakfast continue exploring the life of St. Bernadette.
- Visit the Boly Mill, the birthplace of the saint, and the Cachot, the former prison where her family lived during the time of the apparitions.
- Walk in the footsteps of Bernadette as you visit places associated with her childhood and spiritual journey.
- Celebrate Holy Mass and spend time praying the life-size Stations of the Cross overlooking the sanctuary and the Grotto.
- These beautiful stations invite pilgrims to meditate deeply on Christ's Passion while surrounded by the natural beauty of Lourdes.
- The remainder of the day is available for personal prayer, shopping, or additional visits to the sanctuary.



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DAY 5 – LOURDES, LISIEUX & ST. THÉRÈSE

- After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight to Paris and continue north to Lisieux.
- Upon arrival begin exploring the life of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, affectionately known as "The Little Flower."
- Visit the magnificent Basilica of St. Thérèse, one of the largest pilgrimage churches built in the twentieth century.
- Celebrate Holy Mass and spend time before the relics of the beloved saint.
- Continue to Les Buissonnets, the family home where Thérèse spent much of her childhood and where her vocation first blossomed.
- Visit the Carmelite Convent where she entered religious life at the age of fifteen and where she spent the remainder of her life dedicated to prayer and sacrifice.
- Learn about her "Little Way" of spiritual childhood, which continues to inspire millions around the world.



DAY 6 – NORMANDY LANDING BEACHES & AMERICAN CEMETERY

- Following breakfast celebrate Holy Mass before departing for Normandy.
- Travel to the historic D-Day Landing Beaches where Allied forces began the liberation of Europe during World War II.
- Visit several important sites connected with the events of June 6, 1944, and reflect on the courage and sacrifice of those who fought for freedom.
- Continue to the Normandy American Cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach.
- Walk among the rows of white crosses and Stars of David honoring the thousands of American servicemen who gave their lives during the war.
- Spend time in prayer and thanksgiving for those who sacrificed so much for future generations.
- Return to Lisieux during the evening.

DAY 7 – CHARTRES & PARIS

- After breakfast depart Lisieux and travel toward Chartres.
- Visit the magnificent Cathedral of Notre-Dame de Chartres, one of the finest examples of Gothic architecture in the world.
- Admire its famous stained-glass windows and remarkable sculptures that have inspired pilgrims for centuries.
- Celebrate Holy Mass and spend time venerating the revered relic known as the Veil of Our Lady.
- Enjoy free time to stroll through the charming town before continuing to Paris.
- Upon arrival in the French capital, check into your hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure.

DAY 8 – PARIS: MIRACULOUS MEDAL, NOTRE DAME & SACRED HEART

- Today begins with Holy Mass in Paris.
- Visit the Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Catherine Labouré in 1830.
- Pray before the incorrupt body of St. Catherine and learn about the history and promises associated with the Miraculous Medal.
- Continue to St. Vincent de Paul Church and other important religious sites of Paris.
- Visit the recently restored Notre Dame Cathedral, one of the world's most famous churches and a masterpiece of Christian architecture.
- Later travel to Montmartre and visit the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, beautifully situated atop the highest point in Paris.
- Admire the magnificent mosaic of Christ and enjoy breathtaking panoramic views over the city.
- Conclude the day with a panoramic sightseeing tour featuring the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Les Invalides, Place de la Concorde, and the Champs-Élysées.
- Gather this evening for a farewell dinner as you reflect on the blessings and spiritual experiences of your pilgrimage.

DAY 9 – RETURN HOME

- After breakfast transfer to Paris Airport for your return flight home.
- As your pilgrimage comes to an end, reflect on the many graces received while visiting Lourdes, Lisieux, Chartres, and Paris.
- May the example of St. Bernadette, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Catherine Labouré, and Our Lady of Lourdes continue to inspire and strengthen your faith.
- Return home renewed in spirit, enriched by prayer, and filled with memories that will remain with you for a lifetime.



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09 DAYS PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

A Journey of Prayer, Peace & Spiritual Renewal

DAY 1 – DEPARTURE FROM THE UNITED STATES

- Today your pilgrimage begins as you depart from your local airport for your overnight flight to Europe.
- As you travel across the Atlantic, prepare your heart for a profound spiritual experience in Medjugorje, a place that has drawn millions of pilgrims seeking peace, conversion, healing, and a deeper relationship with Christ through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Enjoy in-flight meals and rest as you begin this special pilgrimage.

DAY 2 – ARRIVAL IN MEDJUGORJE

- Upon arrival in Europe, continue on your connecting flight to Dubrovnik, Split, or Sarajevo.
- After collecting your luggage and meeting your local guide, begin the scenic drive through the beautiful countryside of Croatia or Bosnia and Herzegovina toward Medjugorje.
- Nestled among vineyards, mountains, and peaceful villages, Medjugorje has become one of the world's most visited pilgrimage destinations.
- Upon arrival, check into your hotel and enjoy time to rest and become familiar with the village.
- This evening gather with your fellow pilgrims for a welcome dinner and an introduction to the spiritual program of Medjugorje.

DAY 3 – DISCOVERING MEDJUGORJE

- This morning begin your first full day in Medjugorje with Holy Mass at St. James Church, the spiritual heart of the parish and gathering place for pilgrims from around the world.
- Following Mass, enjoy an orientation walk through the village and visit the grounds surrounding St. James Church.
- Spend time in personal prayer at the Statue of the Risen Christ, a beautiful bronze sculpture from which droplets of water have been reported to seep from Christ's knee. Pilgrims from around the world gather here seeking healing, peace, and spiritual renewal.
- In the afternoon there will be time for prayer, reflection, and the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- This evening participate in the international prayer program at St. James Church, including the Rosary, evening prayers, and time of devotion with pilgrims from every corner of the world.



DAY 4 – APPARITION HILL

- After breakfast, begin the pilgrimage climb to Apparition Hill.
- This sacred hillside is where the visionaries first reported seeing the Blessed Virgin Mary in June of 1981.
- As you ascend the rocky path, pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary while stopping at the bronze reliefs marking each mystery.
- Upon reaching the summit, spend time before the statue of Our Lady located at the site of the first apparitions.
- Enjoy private time for prayer, meditation, and reflection while taking in panoramic views of Medjugorje and the surrounding countryside.
- Following lunch, return to the village and enjoy free time for prayer, shopping, or personal reflection.
- This evening join pilgrims for the Rosary and evening prayer program at St. James Church.



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DAY 5 – COMMUNITY OF CENACOLO & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

- This morning visit the Community of Cenacolo, founded by Sister Elvira Petrozzi.
- Here you will meet members of the community who have overcome addiction, brokenness, and personal struggles through prayer, work, and faith in Jesus Christ.
- Listen to moving testimonies that reveal the transforming power of God's grace and mercy.
- Following lunch return to Medjugorje and spend time in personal prayer.
- When scheduled, participate in Eucharistic Adoration at St. James Church. Thousands of pilgrims gather in silence before the Blessed Sacrament, making this one of the most powerful spiritual experiences in Medjugorje.
- The remainder of the day is available for prayer, confessions, or personal reflection.



DAY 6 – MOUNT KRIZEVAC (CROSS MOUNTAIN)

- After breakfast begin the ascent of Mount Krizevac, also known as Cross Mountain.
- Built in 1933 by the villagers of Medjugorje, the large concrete cross at the summit commemorates the 1900th anniversary of Christ's Passion and Death.
- As you climb, pray the Stations of the Cross while stopping at the bronze reliefs that mark each station.
- At the summit spend time before the cross reflecting upon Christ's sacrifice and offering personal intentions in prayer.
- The afternoon provides time for rest, spiritual direction, personal prayer, and opportunities for confession.
- This evening return to St. James Church for the Rosary, Holy Mass, and the evening prayer program.

DAY 7 – TIHALJINA & ŠIROKI BRIJEG

- Today travel through the beautiful countryside of Herzegovina to Tiheljina.
- Visit the Church of the Immaculate Conception, home of the famous statue of Our Lady of Grace, which many pilgrims associate with the image of Our Lady of Medjugorje.
- Celebrate Holy Mass and enjoy quiet time for prayer.
- Continue to Široki Brijeg, one of the most important Franciscan centers in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Visit the Franciscan Monastery and Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Learn about the heroic witness of the Franciscan friars who were martyred in 1945 after refusing to abandon their faith.
- Hear the story of Fr. Jozo Zovko, the parish priest of Medjugorje at the beginning of the apparitions, who courageously defended the visionaries and suffered imprisonment for his faith.
- Return to Medjugorje.

DAY 8 – DAY OF PRAYER & REFLECTION

- Today offers a final opportunity to experience Medjugorje at your own pace.
- Attend Holy Mass at St. James Church and enjoy free time for personal prayer, confession, spiritual reflection, and visits to favorite places within the village.
- Many pilgrims choose to revisit Apparition Hill, spend additional time in Eucharistic Adoration, pray before the Statue of the Risen Christ, or simply enjoy the peaceful atmosphere that makes Medjugorje unique.
- This evening gather for a farewell dinner with fellow pilgrims and reflect on the spiritual graces received throughout the pilgrimage.

DAY 9 – RETURN HOME

- Early this morning depart Medjugorje and transfer to Dubrovnik, Split, or Sarajevo Airport for your return journey home.
- As your pilgrimage comes to an end, carry with you the peace, prayer, and spiritual renewal experienced in Medjugorje.
- May the lessons learned, friendships formed, and graces received continue to strengthen your faith and deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother.
- Return home renewed in spirit and inspired to live the Gospel more fully each day.



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10 DAYS GERMANY & AUSTRIA

DAY 1: DEPARTURE

Depart the USA to Munich, Germany from your local airport. Enjoy a full meal and inflight entertainment (movies, music, etc.) on your overnight flight.

DAY 2: ARRIVE IN MUNICH

Upon arrival at Munich International Airport (Franz Josef Strauss International Airport), you will collect your luggage at Baggage Claim and will be greeted by our local tour guide. Directly from the airport, our ground transportation (motor coach) will transfer you to Bamberg (2.5 hours), where after lunch, our first full day of this memorable pilgrimage begins! This historic city is in southern Germany, in the North of Bavaria. It extends over seven hills, each crowned by a church! Founded in 1004 by King Heinrich II (St. Henry), this charming city is perched on the River Regnitz. It is world-renowned for its abundant baroque architecture, charming landscapes, culture, cafés and of course, its lively beer gardens! Our first stop is the Bamberg Cathedral (Bamberger Dom St. Peter and St. Georg), which contains the tombs of Henry II and his wife, the only imperial couple to be canonized. Initially begun in 1002, this magnificent cathedral has undergone construction and renovation through 1974. We visit the nearby Diözesanmuseum (Diocesan Museum), which contains a prominent collection of art, books, liturgical items, relics and Pope Clement II's completely preserved and unique papal regalia. Among the treasures to be viewed are also King Henry's gold embroidered majestic cloak and that of his wife, Kunigunde. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated this day. Overnight and dinner in Bamberg.



DAY 3: REGENSBURG | ALÖTTING | MUNICH

Following breakfast at the hotel, we travel to Regensburg (2 hours), one of Bavaria's most beautiful places. Steeped in history, this city lies along the beautiful Danube River and remains one of the best-preserved cities in Europe. Surviving WWII, Regensburg was built in stone and has been able to preserve its original medieval outline since the 14th century. We visit the historic Old Stone Bridge, the Old Town Hall: Altes Rathaus, and the 13th-century Cathedral of Regensburg: St. Peter's Cathedral, considered to be the finest gothic church in south Germany. We see the University of Regensburg, where Pope Benedict XVI was a professor of theology and served as vice-president of the university. A very quick "to go" lunch and we continue our travel driving through many small and charming Bavarian villages to visit one of Germany's most celebrated shrines, Our Lady of Alötting (1.5 hours). Known as the "Lourdes of Germany," this special place with its Shrine of the Black Madonna of Altötting (dating to 1330) has sparked a profound devotion to Our Lady throughout the area as well as for the multitude of pilgrims who have visited from all over the world. Numerous miraculous cures and countless conversions have been documented after visitation to this shrine. Visited in 1980 by St. Pope John Paul II while accompanied by then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, we see the "Miraculous Statue of Our Lady" in the Chapel of Mercy. In 2006, as newly elected Pope Benedict the XVI, Cardinal Ratzinger returned to this shrine to donate the ring he wore as Archbishop of Munich. The ring is now part of the scepter, which Our Lady holds in the statue. Mass is celebrated here this day with free time following (schedule permitting) prior to our visit to Marktl, birthplace of Pope Benedict XVI. We finish our schedule-filled day by traveling to Munich, capital of Bavaria. Check-in, dinner and overnight in Munich.



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DAY 4: MUNICH

Breakfast at the hotel followed by Mass at the Baroque Church of Asamkirche. With its magnificent interior, this church was built by two brothers as a private chapel “for the greater glory of God” and, for the salvation of its builders! We make our way just west of Munich to visit the Nymphenburg Palace, summer home of the Bavarian monarchs. Extensive and meticulous gardens, lavishly decorated interior, and romantic quaint castles are a delight to visit. We return to Munich for a city tour, including the historic Rathaus Glockenspiel, a large mechanical clock in Marienplatz. It rings daily at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. (depending on time of the year) and every night at 9 p.m., the night watchman blows his horn while the guardian angel blesses the Mùchner Kindl (the child monk) and puts him to bed in the right lateral bay window of the Glockenspiel to Brahms’ lullaby. We also visit the Frauenkirche Cathedral, the most familiar landmark of old Munich, built in the 1400s. Mass and free afternoon for leisure and exploring this fascinating and historic Bavarian city! A festive German “Welcome Dinner” at the famous Hofbräuhaus this evening! Dinner and overnight in Munich.

DAY 5: MUNICH

Breakfast at the hotel followed by Mass as a group prior to a free day in Munich for sightseeing and exploring on your own! Dinner and overnight in Munich.

DAY 6: OBERAMMERGAU | ETTAL | WIES

After breakfast at the hotel, we drive (1 hour) to the beautiful village of Oberammergau, nestled in the Bavarian Alps. Known for its talented woodcarvers and their woodcarvings, this town is particularly famous for its 380-year-old tradition of the enactment of “The Passion Play.” First performed in 1634, the play continues every ten years as a vow made by the inhabitants of the village. Tradition maintains that as the Black Plague swept through Europe, the people of Oberammergau prayed to be spared and vowed to present a play depicting the life and passion of Jesus. The play continues to be performed in years ending with zero and for centuries, has only been interrupted twice by two world wars and a worldwide pandemic in 2020. Actors, singers, technicians and musicians are all residents of the village ... they number 2,000, roughly half the population. We continue to Ettal to visit the Kloster Ettal (Ettal Abbey), founded in 1330. One of the largest Benedictine houses in the world, the abbey is widely known for its liqueur, beer and amazing baroque design! Our last stop this day is Wies. We visit the masterpiece of Bavarian Rococo, the Pilgrimage Church of Wies. Extraordinarily well-preserved and intentionally set in the Alpine Valley, this sanctuary is described as a result of creative genius. Colorful ceilings painted in trompe-l’oeil, an abundance of whimsical motifs, the details of sculptures and stuccos, as well as the design of clever natural lighting throughout, make this place an exquisite sight to behold. Mass as a group and lunch on your own this day. Dinner and overnight in Munich.



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DAY 7: SALZBURG | LINZ

Following breakfast at the hotel, we begin our journey toward Salzburg, Austria (2.5 hours). We start our day tour visiting the birthplace of the world-renowned composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Now a museum, it is one of the most visited places in Austria. We see the Glockenspiel Tower, whose bells play at 7 a.m., 11 a.m., and 6 p.m., and the Royal Palace. Our day includes visiting the Abbey of St. Peter and Nonnberg Abbey, a Benedictine monastery that is the oldest continuously existing convent in the German-speaking world. It was founded by St. Rupert of Salzburg in 712. Mass as a group and lunch on your own this day. This evening we travel to Linz, Austria (2.5 hours). Check-in, dinner and overnight in Linz.



DAY 8: LINZ | MELK ABBEY | VIENNA

Breakfast at the hotel before we tour Melk Abbey. Located on a rock formation overlooking the Danube River, this Baroque-style structure is situated in a breathtaking town speckled with Renaissance-style homes and charming winding streets reminiscent of the Middle Ages! The abbey is the setting for many treasures, including paintings, sculptures and decorative art from the 9th to 15th centuries. A Benedictine Abbey, it is famous for its library, which houses a vast and large collection of manuscripts. Although it is visited by many pilgrims yearly, it continues to serve as home to hundreds of students training to become Benedictine monks. Mass is celebrated this day at the abbey. Lunch on your own and free afternoon this day. This evening, we travel through the Austrian countryside to Vienna (1.5 hours). Check-in, dinner and overnight in Vienna.

DAY 9: VIENNA

After breakfast at the hotel, we celebrate Mass at St. Stephen's Cathedral, an iconic symbol of Vienna and a significant Gothic structure. It houses the miraculous image of Our Lady of Mariapoch, a simple icon formerly venerated in Hungary, where tears flowed from it in 1696. A sightseeing tour of the imperial city of Vienna follows, beginning at the Hofburg Chapel (founded in the 13th century) where the Vienna Boys' Choir and other musical talents sing during Sunday Masses at 9:15 a.m. (September-June). We continue to the Ringstrasse, a grand boulevard built to replace city walls of the 13th century. Here we see magnificent buildings, including the State Opera House, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Museum of Natural History, City Hall, the Parliament, the university, and the stately Votive Catholic Church. We see the Giant Wheel at the Prater Amusement Park, the pristine Belvedere Palace gardens and drive by the impressive Schonbrunn Palace. We enjoy lunch at Restaurant Stift Heiligenkreuz and have a free afternoon this day for leisure and exploring the splendid city of Vienna on our own. This evening we enjoy a "Farewell Dinner" at a local restaurant in the wine-growing village of Grinzing, famous now for its Heurigen wine. Overnight in Vienna.

DAY 10: DEPARTURE FROM VIENNA

Following our final breakfast at the hotel in Vienna, we check out and bid farewell to Germany and Austria and all its treasures of our faith. We transfer to Vienna International Airport for our return flight to the U.S. Auf Wiedersehen!



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12 DAYS SHRINES OF FRANCE PILGRIMAGE

12 Days Following the Footsteps of St. Bernadette, St. Thérèse, St. John Vianney & the Sacred Heart of Jesus

DAY 1 – DEPARTURE FROM THE UNITED STATES

- Today your pilgrimage begins as you depart from your local airport for your overnight flight to France.
- As you travel across the Atlantic, prepare your heart for a journey through some of the most beloved Catholic shrines in the world. Reflect on the lives of St. Bernadette, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Catherine Labouré, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, and St. John Vianney.
- Enjoy in-flight meals and rest as you begin this grace-filled pilgrimage.

DAY 2 – ARRIVAL IN LOURDES

- Welcome to France.
- Upon arrival at Pau or Toulouse Airport, meet your guide and transfer to Lourdes, nestled in the foothills of the Pyrenees Mountains.
- After checking into your hotel, enjoy time to relax before your first visit to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes.
- This evening pray at the Grotto of Massabielle where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858.
- Join pilgrims from around the world in the beautiful Candlelight Rosary Procession and experience the peace that has drawn millions of pilgrims to Lourdes.

DAY 3 – LOURDES: THE SANCTUARY & HEALING WATERS

- After breakfast celebrate Holy Mass at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes.
- Visit the Grotto, the miraculous spring, and the Basilicas built above the apparition site.
- Participate in the Water Gesture and spend time praying before the Grotto where Our Lady appeared eighteen times.
- Visit the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, the Rosary Basilica, and the Underground Basilica of St. Pius X.
- The afternoon is reserved for personal prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, confessions, and reflection.
- This evening pilgrims may again participate in the Candlelight Procession.



DAY 4 – LOURDES & ST. BERNADETTE

- Today continue following in the footsteps of St. Bernadette.
- Visit the Boly Mill, her birthplace, and the Cachot, where her family lived during the time of the apparitions.
- Pray the beautiful Stations of the Cross overlooking the sanctuary and learn more about the remarkable life of the humble saint chosen by Our Lady.
- Celebrate Holy Mass and enjoy free time for prayer, shopping, or additional visits to the sanctuary.

DAY 5 – LOURDES, PARIS & LISIEUX

- After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight to Paris and continue to Lisieux.
- Visit the Basilica of St. Thérèse, dedicated to one of the most beloved saints of modern times.
- Celebrate Holy Mass and learn about the life and spirituality of “The Little Flower.”
- Visit Les Buissonnets, her family home, and the Carmelite Convent where she spent her religious life.
- Spend time praying before the relics of St. Thérèse and reflecting upon her Little Way of holiness.

DAY 6 – NORMANDY LANDING BEACHES & AMERICAN CEMETERY

- Following breakfast depart for Normandy.
- Visit the historic D-Day Landing Beaches where Allied troops landed on June 6, 1944.
- Reflect on the courage and sacrifice of those who fought for freedom during World War II.
- Continue to the Normandy American Cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach.
- Pray for all who gave their lives in service to peace and liberty.
- Celebrate Holy Mass before returning to Lisieux.



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DAY 7 – CHARTRES & PARIS

- After breakfast travel to Chartres.
- Visit the magnificent Cathedral of Notre-Dame de Chartres, one of the greatest masterpieces of Gothic architecture in Europe.
- Celebrate Holy Mass and venerate the treasured relic known as the Veil of Our Lady.
- Admire the cathedral's world-famous stained-glass windows and rich spiritual history.
- Continue to Paris and enjoy a panoramic introduction to the City of Light.

DAY 8 – PARIS: MIRACULOUS MEDAL, SACRED HEART & NOTRE DAME

- Today begins with Holy Mass in Paris.
- Visit the Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Catherine Labouré.
- Pray before the incorrupt body of St. Catherine and learn about the message of the Miraculous Medal.
- Continue to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart atop Montmartre Hill and enjoy breathtaking views over Paris.
- Visit Notre Dame Cathedral and admire one of the world's most famous churches.
- A panoramic tour of Paris includes views of the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, Les Invalides, and other famous landmarks.

DAY 9 – NEVERS & PARAY-LE-MONIAL

- After breakfast depart Paris for Nevers.
- Visit the Convent of St. Gildard and pray before the incorrupt body of St. Bernadette.
- Celebrate Holy Mass and reflect on her hidden life of prayer and humility after the apparitions.
- Continue to Paray-le-Monial, where Jesus revealed His Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque.
- Visit the Chapel of the Apparitions, the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, and sites connected to the Sacred Heart devotion.
- Continue to Lyon.

DAY 10 – LA SALETTE

- After breakfast depart for the French Alps and the Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette.
- Visit the site where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in 1846 to two shepherd children, calling the world to prayer, repentance, and conversion.
- Celebrate Holy Mass and spend time at the apparition site and miraculous spring.
- Surrounded by breathtaking mountain scenery, enjoy a day of prayer and reflection before returning to Lyon.



DAY 11 – ARS & LYON

- This morning visit the Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourvière overlooking the city of Lyon.
- Celebrate Holy Mass and enjoy panoramic views of one of France's oldest Christian cities.
- Continue to Ars-sur-Formans, home of St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests.
- Visit the parish church where he spent over forty years serving souls through preaching and confession.
- Pray before his incorrupt body and visit the rectory where he lived.
- This evening gather for a farewell dinner as you reflect on the blessings and spiritual experiences of your pilgrimage.

DAY 12 – RETURN HOME

- After breakfast transfer to Lyon Airport for your return flight home.
- As your pilgrimage comes to an end, reflect upon the sacred places visited throughout France: Lourdes, Lisieux, Normandy, Chartres, Paris, Nevers, Paray-le-Monial, La Salette, Lyon, and Ars.
- May the example of St. Bernadette, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Catherine Labouré, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, and St. John Vianney continue to inspire and strengthen your faith.
- Return home renewed in spirit, enriched by prayer, and filled with memories that will remain with you for years to come.



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10 DAYS PILGRIMAGE TO TURKEY

Following the Footsteps of St. Paul & the Seven Churches of Revelation

DAY 1 – DEPARTURE FROM THE UNITED STATES

- Your pilgrimage begins as you depart from your local airport for your overnight flight to Istanbul, Turkey. Meet your fellow pilgrims and spiritual director before check-in and prepare for a remarkable journey through lands that played a vital role in the growth of early Christianity.
- As you travel across the Atlantic, reflect on the missionary journeys of St. Paul, the messages to the Seven Churches of Revelation, and the Christian communities that flourished throughout Asia Minor during the first centuries of the Church.
- Enjoy in-flight meals and rest as you prepare for the spiritual adventure ahead.
- Overnight aboard your flight.

DAY 2 – ARRIVAL IN ISTANBUL

- Welcome to Turkey.
- Upon arrival in Istanbul, you will be greeted by your local guide and driver before transferring to your hotel.
- Formerly known as Constantinople, Istanbul served as the capital of the Byzantine Empire and was one of the most important centers of Christianity for over a thousand years.
- After check-in and time to rest, enjoy an orientation tour of the city and learn about its rich religious and cultural heritage.
- Celebrate your welcome Mass and entrust your pilgrimage intentions to the Lord.
- This evening gather with your fellow pilgrims for a welcome dinner featuring traditional Turkish cuisine.
- Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

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DAY 3 – ISTANBUL: CHRISTIAN CONSTANTINOPLE

- After breakfast begin a full day exploring the Christian treasures of ancient Constantinople.
- Visit the magnificent Hagia Sophia, originally built in the sixth century by Emperor Justinian. For nearly one thousand years it served as the largest Christian church in the world and remains one of the greatest architectural achievements in history.
- Continue to the nearby Blue Mosque and admire its impressive domes and interior decoration while learning about the city's transition from Christian capital to Ottoman center.
- Visit the Roman Hippodrome, once the social and political heart of Constantinople, where chariot races and imperial ceremonies were held.
- Continue to the Basilica Cistern, an underground reservoir built during the Byzantine period that demonstrates the engineering genius of the ancient city.
- Celebrate Holy Mass before enjoying free time in the Grand Bazaar, one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world.
- Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.



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DAY 4 – ISTANBUL TO CAPPADOCIA

- Following breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight to Cappadocia.
- Upon arrival begin exploring one of the most fascinating regions in the Christian world.
- Visit the Göreme Open-Air Museum, a UNESCO World Heritage Site containing monasteries, chapels, and cave churches carved directly into volcanic rock.
- Admire centuries-old frescoes depicting scenes from the life of Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints.
- Learn about the monks and early Christian communities who sought refuge here during periods of persecution.
- Continue to the famous Fairy Chimneys, unique rock formations that have become symbols of Cappadocia.
- Celebrate Holy Mass and enjoy time to appreciate the spectacular landscape.
- Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia



DAY 5 – CAPPADOCIA

- Very early this morning, pilgrims may choose to participate in an optional hot air balloon flight over Cappadocia. As the sun rises over the valleys and rock formations, enjoy one of the world's most breathtaking panoramas.
- After breakfast continue exploring the region.
- Visit one of Cappadocia's underground cities, built by early Christians as a place of refuge during times of persecution. Walk through tunnels, chapels, living quarters, and communal spaces that reveal how entire communities survived underground.
- Visit additional cave churches and monasteries where generations of Christians gathered for prayer and worship.
- When permitted, celebrate Holy Mass in a historic cave church, creating one of the most memorable spiritual moments of the pilgrimage.
- Spend the afternoon exploring Cappadocia's beautiful valleys and learning about the region's deep Christian heritage.
- Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.

DAY 6 – CAPPADOCIA, KONYA AND PAMUKKALE

- After breakfast depart Cappadocia and begin the journey toward Konya.
- Known in biblical times as Iconium, Konya was one of the cities evangelized by St. Paul during his missionary journeys.
- Visit sites associated with the early Christian community and reflect on the courage of the first believers who spread the Gospel throughout Asia Minor.
- Celebrate Holy Mass and continue through the Turkish countryside toward Pamukkale.
- Upon arrival admire the famous white travertine terraces created by mineral-rich thermal waters flowing down the mountainside.
- Check into your hotel.
- Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale.

DAY 7 – THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

- Today is dedicated to several of the Seven Churches mentioned in the Book of Revelation.
- Begin in Hierapolis, where St. Philip is believed to have been martyred. Explore the ancient city and learn about its important Christian history.
- Continue to Laodicea, one of the Seven Churches addressed by Christ in the Book of Revelation. Reflect on the message calling believers to renewed faith and commitment.
- Travel to Philadelphia, another of the Seven Churches, praised in Revelation for remaining faithful during difficult times.
- Continue to Sardis, once a wealthy and powerful city that received a warning in Revelation to remain spiritually vigilant.
- Throughout the day, reflect on the messages Christ delivered to these ancient Christian communities and consider their relevance for believers today.
- Dinner and overnight in Izmir.

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DAY 8 – EPHEBUS AND THE HOUSE OF THE VIRGIN MARY

- After breakfast depart for Ephesus, one of the most important biblical sites in the world.
- Walk along the marble streets of this magnificent ancient city where St. Paul preached, taught, and established one of the earliest Christian communities.
- Visit the Great Theater where St. Paul confronted opposition to the Gospel and admire the remarkable Library of Celsus.
- Continue to the House of the Virgin Mary, believed by many Christians to be the place where Mary spent the final years of her earthly life under the care of St. John the Apostle.
- Celebrate Holy Mass at this sacred shrine and spend time in prayer and reflection.
- Continue to the Basilica of St. John, built over the traditional burial place of St. John the Apostle.
- Return to your hotel.
- Dinner and overnight.

DAY 9 – PERGAMON, THYATIRA AND ISTANBUL

- After breakfast travel to Pergamon, another of the Seven Churches of Revelation.
- Visit the ancient Acropolis and the famous Asclepion, one of the most important healing centers of the ancient world.
- Reflect on Christ's message to the Christians of Pergamon, encouraging them to remain faithful despite persecution and challenges.
- Continue to Thyatira, known for its Christian community and as the hometown of Lydia, the first recorded European convert of St. Paul.
- Spend time reflecting on the growth of Christianity throughout the Roman Empire before returning to Istanbul.
- Upon arrival celebrate a farewell Mass and enjoy a special farewell dinner with your fellow pilgrims.
- Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.



DAY 10 – RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

- After breakfast transfer to Istanbul Airport for your return flight home.
- As your pilgrimage comes to an end, reflect upon the sacred places visited throughout Turkey, the lands where St. Paul preached, where the Blessed Virgin Mary lived, and where the Seven Churches of Revelation received Christ's message.
- Return home strengthened in faith and inspired by the witness of the early Christians who carried the Gospel throughout the world.
- May the lessons learned from the Seven Churches, the missionary zeal of St. Paul, and the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary continue to guide your spiritual journey for years to come.



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11 DAYS MARIAN SHRINE



DAY 1 - DEPART

- We depart from Louisville airport for our overnight flight.
- We enjoy in-flight movies, dinner, and breakfast while aloft arriving the next day.

DAY 2 - LISBON/ FATIMA

- We arrive in Lisbon, where we are met by our Tour Manager and given a short orientation tour of Lisbon before the drive to Fatima. If time permits, we celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Stephen, where the famous Eucharistic Miracle at Santarem occurred. We break for lunch on our own along the way before arriving in Fatima.
- The balance of the day at leisure before we enjoy our "welcome" dinner and overnight at our hotel.
- In the evening, we join the nightly International Rosary Procession.

DAY 3 - FATIMA

- This full day is devoted to visiting the Basilica and Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima and nearby hamlets of Aljustrel and Valinhos. We join the English language concelebrated Mass at the Chapel of Apparitions.
- Following a break for lunch on our own, we visit the birthplaces of Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia, the Loca de Anjo and the Holy Way.
- Dinner and overnight at our hotel. In the evening, we join the nightly International Rosary Procession.

DAY 4 - FATIMA/SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

- Today we depart Fatima, passing by the ancient capital and university city of Coimbra, where Lucia, the last Fatima visionary lived as a cloistered nun. We continue northwards into Spain and on to Santiago de Compostela, one of the most famous shrines in the western world. This is the site of the ancient pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. James. Tradition holds that the Apostle James was cast ashore here preaching for seven years and being responsible for the conversion of Spain before returning to the Holy Land. The Cathedral of the 11th to 13th century with its splendor, and the portico are masterworks of Romanesque art. We enjoy a stop for lunch on our own.
- On arrival this afternoon, we enjoy a visit to the Cathedral and the Old City here. While dinner is included at our hotel, the adventurous might consider enjoying the varied delights of the Galatian restaurants in the nearby Old City on their own.
- Overnight at our hotel

DAY 5 - SANTANDER

- Following our walk to Mass at the Cathedral of Santiago we return to our hotel for breakfast and then head east to Santander along one of the many "Routes of St. James." While this is our longest coach bus day, the wonderful scenery of mountains and sea awe us as our roads hug the northern Spanish seacoast.
- Lunch on our own is taken along our route.
- Dinner and overnight in Santander.



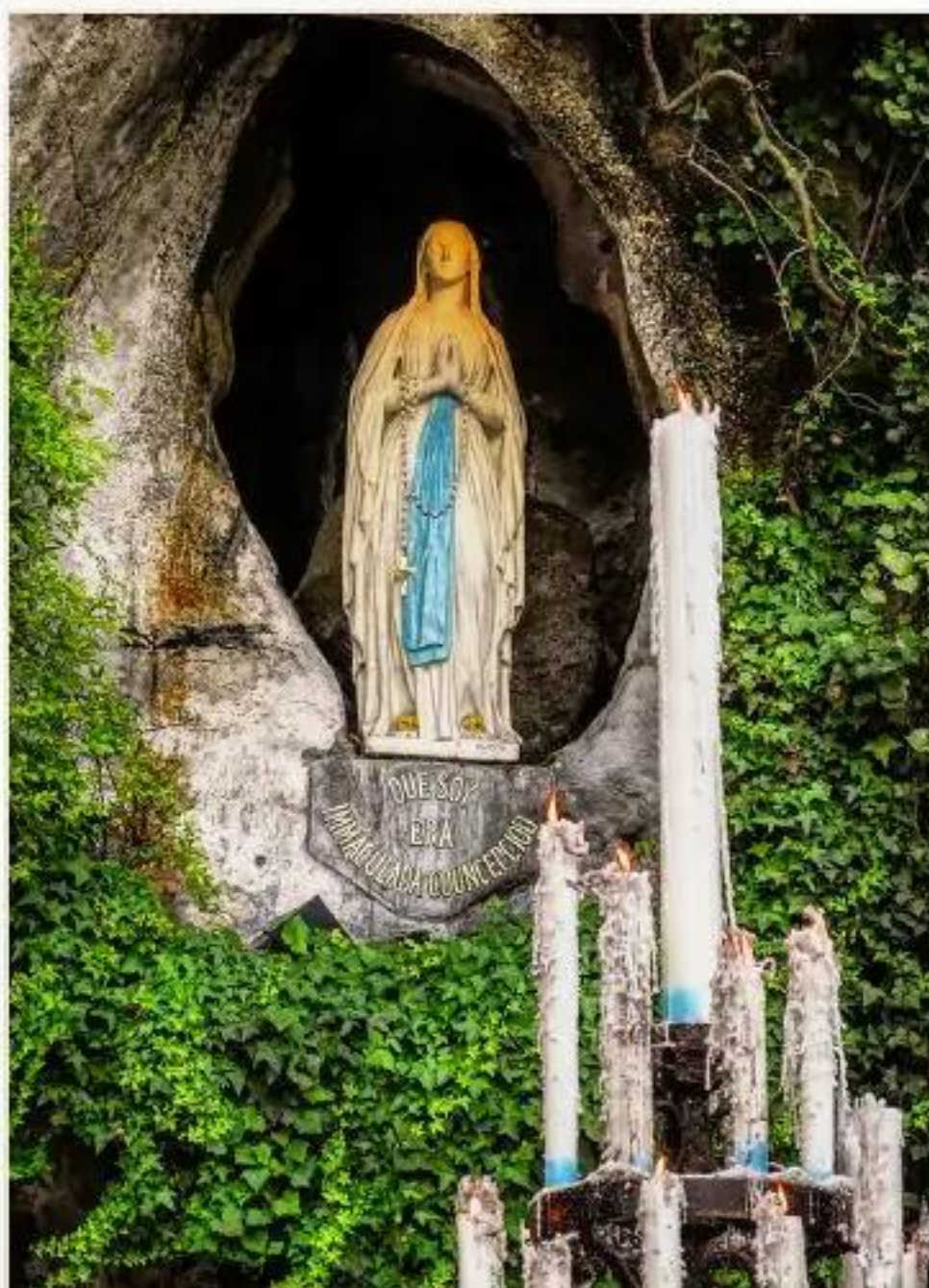
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DAY 6 - SANTANDER/LOURDES

- This morning following Mass in a local parish church, we continue eastward along the Basque coast via San Sebastian and cross the border into France, taking our lunch on our own along the way. In the late afternoon, we arrive in Lourdes for dinner and overnight at our hotel.
- In the evening, we join the nightly Torchlight Rosary Procession.

DAY 7 - LOURDES

- This day is spent in devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes. We celebrate Mass at the Grotto, with a morning orientation visit to the Shrine and a walking tour of Lourdes, visiting Boly Mill, where St. Bernadette was born, the Cachot, formerly used as a jail, where she lived during the apparitions, and the parish church.
- This afternoon, following a break for lunch on our own, we enjoy free time for private devotions, Eucharistic Procession, the Blessing of the Sick or the legendary, healing waters of the miraculous Lourdes healing spring.
- Dinner and overnight at our hotel. In the evening, we can once again join the nightly Torchlight Marian Procession.



DAY 8 - LOURDES/ZARAGOZA

- This morning we depart Lourdes and traverse the Pyrenees southward entering northern Spain. We travel eastward to Zaragoza, the capital of Aragon. On arrival, we visit the city which was founded by the Romans. Its luxuriant vegetation, with its many cascades and grottos, make it a miniature Switzerland in the middle of arid upper Aragon. We break for lunch on our own before continuing our tour. This city was also the birthplace of Goya, whose works grace many of the sites we visit. The number one Marian shrine of Spain, the Pilar Basilica commemorates the apparitions of Our Lady the Pillar to St. James in the year 40AD, and if possible, we celebrate Mass there.
- Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

DAY 9 - ZARAGOZA/MONTSERRAT

- This morning we drive to Montserrat, on the outskirts of Barcelona. We stop for lunch on our own along the way.
- Upon arrival, we celebrate Mass at the Monastery housing the famed Black Madonna. If possible, we enjoy the midday music of the famous boys' choir while here.
- Dinner and overnight at our Monastery hotel.

DAY 10 - MONTSERRAT/BARCELONA

- This morning we drive to Barcelona to celebrate Mass at the Cathedral. Afterwards, we drive through the Gothic quarter, bisected by the famous Ramblas, and see the important new developments at the pleasure port where many of the Olympic events were held in 1992. We enjoy a spectacular view from the top of the Montjuic hill, pass by the Exchange and visit the Church of the Holy Family or Sagrada Familia, the still uncompleted masterpiece of Antoni Gaudi.
- After a break for lunch on our own, we visit the UNESCO World Heritage "Park Guell" one of Gaudi's Masterpieces of "landscape architecture".
- We return to Montserrat for our "farewell" dinner and overnight at our hotel.

DAY 11 - BARCELONA/USA

- We transfer to the airport for our flight home with unforgettable memories to cherish always.



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12 DAYS MARIAN SHRINES PILGRIMAGE

PORTUGAL • SPAIN • FRANCE

DAY 1 – DEPARTURE FROM THE UNITED STATES

- Your pilgrimage begins as you depart from your local airport for your overnight flight to Portugal. Meet your fellow pilgrims and spiritual director before check-in and spend time preparing spiritually for the sacred journey ahead.
- During the flight, enjoy the airline's meal service and reflect on the many holy places you will visit throughout Portugal, Spain, and France. Pray the Rosary, read Scripture, or simply rest as you travel across the Atlantic.
- Overnight aboard your flight.

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DAY 2 – ARRIVAL IN LISBON, ÓBIDOS AND FÁTIMA

- Upon arrival at Lisbon International Airport, meet your local guide and driver.
- Depending on your arrival time, travel north to the beautiful medieval town of Óbidos. Surrounded by ancient walls, Óbidos is one of Portugal's most charming historic villages. Walk through its cobblestone streets lined with whitewashed houses decorated with flowers and discover its rich Christian heritage.
- Continue to Fátima, one of the world's most important Marian pilgrimage sites.
- After checking into your hotel, visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fátima. Walk through the vast prayer plaza and visit the Chapel of the Apparitions, built at the site where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children in 1917.
- Visit the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary and pray at the tombs of Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto and Sister Lucia.
- Following dinner, join pilgrims from around the world in the Rosary and Candlelight Procession.
- Dinner and overnight in Fátima.



DAY 3 – FÁTIMA AND NAZARÉ

- After breakfast, return to the Sanctuary for Holy Mass.
- Spend the morning exploring the sacred sites associated with the apparitions. Visit Aljustrel, the village where the shepherd children lived, and see their family homes preserved much as they were during the apparitions.
- Continue to Valinhos, where Our Lady appeared during August 1917, and pray the Stations of the Cross along the Via Sacra.
- Following lunch, travel to Nazaré, one of Portugal's most picturesque coastal towns.
- Visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Nazaré and learn about the centuries-old devotion associated with this Marian shrine.
- Enjoy free time overlooking the Atlantic Ocean before returning to Fátima.
- Dinner and overnight in Fátima.

DAY 4 – PORTO, BRAGA AND O GROVE

- After breakfast depart for Porto.
- Celebrate Holy Mass at the Church of St. Francis and enjoy a walking tour through Porto's historic center.
- Continue north to Braga, known as Portugal's religious capital.
- Visit the Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte. Take time to walk the famous staircase representing the Christian journey toward salvation and enjoy time for prayer within the sanctuary.
- Following lunch continue across the Spanish border into Galicia.
- Arrive in O Grove, a charming coastal town in northwestern Spain.
- Dinner and overnight in O Grove.



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DAY 5 – SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

- Following breakfast travel to Santiago de Compostela.
- Upon arrival at Obradoiro Square, gather for prayer before entering the magnificent Cathedral of Santiago.
- Visit the tomb of St. James the Apostle and learn about the history of the Camino de Santiago, one of Christianity's most famous pilgrimages.
- Celebrate Pilgrim Mass within the Cathedral and spend time in personal prayer.
- Enjoy free time exploring the old city, its churches, squares, and religious shops.
- Dinner and overnight.

DAY 6 – LUGO, OVIEDO AND COVADONGA

- After breakfast depart for Lugo.
- Visit Lugo Cathedral, one of the few churches in the world where perpetual exposition of the Blessed Sacrament has been maintained for centuries.
- Spend time in Eucharistic Adoration and celebrate Holy Mass.
- Continue to Oviedo and visit the Cathedral of San Salvador.
- Learn about the cathedral's sacred relics, including treasures preserved since the earliest centuries of Christianity in Spain.
- Pray before the Holy Ark and enjoy time for reflection.
- Later continue through the beautiful mountains of Asturias to Covadonga.
- Dinner and overnight in Covadonga.

DAY 7 – COVADONGA, GARABANDAL AND LOURDES

- Begin the day with Mass at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Covadonga.
- Visit the Holy Cave where a statue of the Blessed Virgin is venerated and learn about the important role Covadonga played in Spain's Christian history.
- Continue to the small mountain village of Garabandal.
- Spend time walking through the village where reports of Marian apparitions occurred during the 1960s. Reflect on the themes of prayer, penance, conversion, and devotion to the Eucharist.
- After lunch begin the scenic journey across the Pyrenees Mountains into France.
- Arrive in Lourdes during the evening.
- Following dinner, participate in the famous Candlelight Procession at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes.
- Overnight in Lourdes.

DAY 8 – LOURDES

- Today is dedicated entirely to Lourdes.
- Celebrate Holy Mass at the Sanctuary before visiting the Grotto of Massabielle, where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous in 1858.
- Spend time praying at the Grotto and drinking water from the miraculous spring discovered by St. Bernadette.
- Visit the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary, and the Basilica of St. Pius X.
- Walk in the footsteps of St. Bernadette by visiting her family home and other significant sites associated with her life.
- Pilgrims may participate in the healing baths or water gesture experience as available.
- Following dinner, join the evening Rosary and Candlelight Procession.
- Overnight in Lourdes.

DAY 9 – LOURDES, AÍNSA AND MONTSERRAT

- After breakfast depart Lourdes and travel into Spain.
- Stop in the medieval town of Aínsa, beautifully situated in the foothills of the Pyrenees Mountains.
- Visit its historic church and enjoy time for prayer and reflection.
- Continue through the countryside of Aragón and Catalonia before arriving at Montserrat.
- Visit the famous Benedictine Monastery of Montserrat and venerate the revered statue of Our Lady of Montserrat, affectionately known as "La Moreneta."
- Spend time exploring the sanctuary and enjoying magnificent views of the surrounding mountains.
- Join the monks for evening prayers.
- Dinner and overnight in Montserrat.



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DAY 10 – MONTSERRAT AND BARCELONA

- After breakfast celebrate Holy Mass at Montserrat before departing for Barcelona.
- Upon arrival visit Barcelona Cathedral, dedicated to St. Eulalia.
- Explore the Gothic Quarter, one of the oldest sections of the city, where narrow streets and ancient churches reflect centuries of Christian history.
- Visit historic squares, chapels, and monuments while learning about Barcelona's Catholic heritage.
- The afternoon offers free time for personal prayer, shopping, or independent exploration.
- Dinner and overnight in Barcelona.

DAY 11 – SAGRADA FAMILIA AND BARCELONA

- After breakfast visit the Basilica of the Sagrada Familia, the masterpiece of Antoni Gaudí and one of the most extraordinary churches in the world.
- During your guided tour, discover how every aspect of the basilica reflects the life of Christ, Sacred Scripture, and the beauty of God's creation.
- Celebrate Holy Mass and spend time in silent prayer within the basilica.
- Continue with a panoramic tour of Barcelona including views of the Mediterranean coastline, Passeig de Gràcia, and other important landmarks.
- The afternoon is free for relaxation, shopping, or personal exploration.
- Gather this evening for a farewell dinner as you reflect on the many blessings received throughout your pilgrimage.
- Overnight in Barcelona.



DAY 12 – RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

- Following breakfast, transfer to Barcelona International Airport.
- Before departure, gather as a pilgrimage family for a final prayer of thanksgiving for the graces received during your journey through Portugal, Spain, and France.
- As you return home, carry with you the spiritual blessings of Fátima, Santiago de Compostela, Covadonga, Garabandal, Lourdes, Montserrat, and Barcelona.
- Depart for your return flight to the United States with hearts renewed in faith and devotion to Our Blessed Mother.



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11 DAYS CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND & SCOTLAND

DAY 1 – DEPARTURE FROM THE UNITED STATES

- Today your pilgrimage begins as you depart from your local airport for your overnight flight to Ireland.
- Gather with your fellow pilgrims and spiritual director as you prepare for a faith-filled journey through the lands of St. Patrick, St. Brigid, St. Columba, and the many saints who helped spread Christianity throughout Ireland and Scotland.
- Enjoy in-flight meals and rest as you travel across the Atlantic.

DAY 2 – ARRIVAL IN DUBLIN

- Welcome to Ireland.
- Upon arrival in Dublin, meet your tour director and board your private motor coach.
- Begin your pilgrimage with a panoramic tour of Ireland's vibrant capital city. See the historic Christ Church Cathedral, founded by the Danes in 1030, and learn about Dublin's rich Christian heritage.
- Celebrate Holy Mass at Whitefriar Street Carmelite Church and visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Dublin.
- This afternoon visit Trinity College, Ireland's oldest university, where you will view the world-famous Book of Kells, one of Christianity's greatest treasures, and explore the magnificent Long Room Library.
- Enjoy a welcome dinner and an opportunity to become acquainted with your fellow pilgrims.

DAY 3 – DUBLIN

- After breakfast, celebrate Holy Mass at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, the principal Catholic church of Dublin.
- Continue to the headquarters of the Legion of Mary, where you will learn about the life and mission of Frank Duff, founder of one of the most successful lay apostolates in the Catholic Church.
- This afternoon visit Kilmainham Gaol, one of Ireland's most historic sites, where many leaders of Ireland's struggle for independence were imprisoned.
- Later visit the famous Guinness Storehouse, where you will discover the history of Ireland's most iconic brewery and enjoy panoramic views across Dublin.
- This evening enjoy an unforgettable Irish Night featuring traditional music, dancing, entertainment, and local hospitality.



DAY 4 – DUBLIN, GLENDALOUGH & KILKENNY

- This morning visit St. Patrick's Cathedral, one of Ireland's most important religious landmarks.
- Following your visit, depart Dublin and travel through the beautiful Irish countryside to Glendalough, founded by St. Kevin in the sixth century.
- Celebrate Holy Mass and explore the remains of the ancient monastic settlement nestled among peaceful lakes and valleys.
- Learn about the lives of the monks who preserved Christianity and learning during difficult centuries of Irish history.
- Continue to Kilkenny, one of Ireland's most charming medieval cities.
- Enjoy time for photographs at Kilkenny Castle before visiting the famous Smithwick's Experience to learn about centuries of Irish brewing traditions.

DAY 5 – CASHEL, COBH, BLARNEY & KILLARNEY

- After breakfast depart for Killarney.
- Your first stop is the magnificent Rock of Cashel, one of Ireland's most important ecclesiastical sites and former seat of the Kings of Munster.
- Continue to the harbor town of Cobh and celebrate Holy Mass at St. Colman's Cathedral, one of Ireland's most impressive churches.
- Visit the Cobh Heritage Centre and learn about Irish emigration, including the town's connection to the Titanic.
- Continue to Blarney Castle, where you may climb to kiss the famous Blarney Stone and explore the beautiful grounds.
- Enjoy time at the renowned Blarney Woollen Mills before continuing to Killarney.
- Spend the evening enjoying the beauty and charm of one of Ireland's most beloved towns.



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DAY 6 – RING OF KERRY

- This morning celebrate Holy Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Killarney.
- After Mass, embark on one of the most scenic drives in all of Europe as you journey around the Ring of Kerry.
- Travel through breathtaking landscapes featuring mountains, lakes, coastal villages, and rugged Atlantic shorelines.
- Highlights include Ladies View, Moll's Gap, and spectacular views of the Lakes of Killarney.
- Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before returning to Killarney.
- The remainder of the afternoon is free for shopping, prayer, or personal exploration.

DAY 7 – CLIFFS OF MOHER, GALWAY & WESTPORT

- Following Holy Mass this morning, depart Killarney and travel north toward the spectacular Cliffs of Moher.
- Rising dramatically above the Atlantic Ocean, these cliffs provide some of the most breathtaking scenery in Ireland.
- Continue through the unique landscape of the Burren, famous for its unusual limestone formations and rare plant life.
- Arrive in Galway and enjoy a guided walking tour of this lively coastal city.
- Visit Galway Cathedral, renowned for its beautiful stained-glass windows and impressive architecture.
- Continue to the charming town of Westport, where you will enjoy free time to stroll along its picturesque streets and riverside promenade before continuing onward.

DAY 8 – KNOCK & BELFAST

- This morning travel to Knock, Ireland's National Marian Shrine.
- Visit the Apparition Chapel where, in 1879, fifteen witnesses saw an apparition of Our Lady, St. Joseph, and St. John the Evangelist.
- Celebrate Holy Mass and spend time in prayer before exploring the shrine grounds, basilica, and museum.
- Following lunch, continue north into Northern Ireland and travel to Belfast.
- During your orientation tour, view the historic Harland & Wolff shipyards where the Titanic was constructed and learn about Belfast's fascinating history.

DAY 9 – BELFAST, SCOTLAND & EDINBURGH

- This morning travel to the port and board a ferry crossing to Scotland.
- Upon arrival, continue to Glasgow for an orientation tour and celebration of Holy Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral.
- Learn about Scotland's Catholic heritage and the perseverance of the faith throughout centuries of history.
- Continue to Edinburgh, Scotland's elegant capital city, often called the "Athens of the North."
- Enjoy a panoramic tour featuring the Royal Mile, historic buildings, and the city's famous skyline.

DAY 10 – EDINBURGH & STIRLING

- After breakfast, celebrate Holy Mass at Sacred Heart Church before departing for Stirling.
- Visit Stirling Castle, one of Scotland's most important historic landmarks and former residence of Mary Queen of Scots.
- Enjoy time to explore the castle grounds and charming town center.
- Return to Edinburgh and experience a traditional Scottish whisky tour, where you will learn about one of Scotland's most famous cultural traditions.
- This evening enjoy a farewell dinner celebrating the blessings, friendships, and memories made throughout your pilgrimage.

DAY 11 – EDINBURGH

- Celebrate your final Holy Mass at St. Patrick's Church and visit the Shrine of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair as well as the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.
- Enjoy time for shopping and exploration in Edinburgh's historic Old Town.
- Visit the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official royal residence in Scotland, before touring the magnificent Edinburgh Castle overlooking the city.
- As your pilgrimage draws to a close, reflect on the spiritual blessings received while following in the footsteps of Ireland and Scotland's saints.
- Transfer to the airport for your return flight home.
- May the faith of St. Patrick, the prayers of Our Lady of Knock, and the witness of the saints continue to guide and inspire you long after your return home.



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12 DAYS TO IRELAND: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PATRICK

DAY 1: DEPART USA

- Depart the USA to Dublin, Ireland from your local airport. Enjoy a full meal and in-flight entertainment (movies, music, etc.) on your overnight flight.

DAY 2: ARRIVAL | DUBLIN

- Céad Mile Fáilte! "A hundred thousand welcomes!" Upon arrival at Dublin Airport, you will proceed through Passport and Customs Control to the Arrivals Hall. You will be greeted by our local Trinity Tours Travel guide and driver and begin an Irish journey of a lifetime! Depending on arrival time, hotel check-in may be possible, or the pilgrimage begins directly from the airport with a panoramic tour of both sides of the River Liffey. We pass by the General Post Office, O'Connell Street, Custom House, and Phoenix Park, the largest city park in Europe. We see the Georgian Squares with their charming colorful doors, Grafton Street, and Trinity College. Mass location to be determined.
- Dinner & overnight in Dublin.

DAY 3: DUBLIN

- Following breakfast at the hotel, we visit Trinity College, the oldest university in Ireland, founded in 1592 by Elizabeth I. We visit the ancient library containing over 20,000 manuscripts, among which is the Book of Kells. Considered to be Ireland's most precious medieval artifact, the Book of Kells is one of the oldest surviving texts in the form of a book. It is lavishly embellished with biblical scenes and letters handwritten on parchment. The book is an "illuminated" manuscript of the Bible. Mass location to be determined.
- Dinner & overnight in Dublin.

DAY 4: WICKLOW | GLENDALOUGH | TIPPERARY

- Breakfast at the hotel followed by a beautiful and memorable journey through the mountains of Wicklow (known as the "Garden of Ireland") en route to Glendalough. Founded in the 6th century by St. Kevin, this ancient monastic city is hidden among the luscious greenery of the Wicklow Mountains and provides breathtaking natural beauty with utmost serenity. A guided tour of the site to see the Round Tower, the ruins of the Cathedral, and "St. Kevin's Kitchen" (St. Kevin's Church from the 12th century). Mass location to be determined.
- Check-in, dinner & overnight in Tipperary.



DAY 5: ROCK OF CASHEL | KERRY

- Following breakfast at the hotel, we visit the Rock of Cashel in Tipperary. Standing high in the middle of the "Golden Vale" and rising above the lush green fields of the Irish countryside, the Rock dates to the 12th century and houses the most impressive cluster of medieval buildings in Ireland. Legend maintains that St. Patrick came here to convert King Aenghus to Christianity. We see The Cathedral, the Round Tower, and Cormac's Chapel (containing the only surviving Romanesque frescoes in Ireland). Mass location to be determined.
- Check-in, dinner & overnight in Killarney.

DAY 6: RING OF KERRY

- After breakfast at the hotel, we enjoy a full-day tour of the Ring of Kerry. An awe-inspiring scenic drive around the Ivernagh Peninsula leads us through rolling hills and sparkling lakes. Jaw-dropping cliffs and brilliant, pristine beaches provide a treasure of mountainous views in the area known as the Ring of Kerry. We'll see lakes, rivers, waterfalls, and even enjoy a sheepdog herding demonstration in Kenmare prior to heading to Ladies View and Moll's Gap! More of Ireland's stunning landscape awaits with the surrounding lakes leading to Macgillycuddy's Reeks Mountain Range, the highest peak in Ireland. Named during Queen Victoria's visit to Muckross House in 1861, Ladies View provided such a stunning view when the queen invited her "ladies in waiting" to admire the remarkable view, that the name was coined and has been used ever since. We visit Muckross Gardens to view the façade of Muckross House, an old Irish Manor House dating back to the 19th century. Magnificently maintained gardens filled with an overwhelming variety of flowers, trees, and shrubs line the backdrop of the mountains, making for an unforgettable sight. Mass location to be determined.
- Dinner & overnight in Killarney.



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DAY 7: KERRY | DINGLE PENINSULA

- Following breakfast at the hotel, we travel to the Dingle Peninsula, the most northern of the Kerry peninsulas and one of the parts of Ireland where the Gaelic language is commonly spoken. We continue along the Eagle Mount and the cliffs of Sleah Head. We visit Gallarus Oratory, the excellently preserved 9th-century chapel used as a sacred place of prayer by monks searching for an isolated and remote area in which to immerse themselves in prayer. We visit Kilmalkedar Church, built in the 12th century and traditionally associated with St. Brendan. It is considered the assembly site for pilgrims following the Saints' Road to reach the summit of the mountain on the feast of St. Brendan (May 16). Mass location to be determined.
- Dinner & overnight in Killarney.

DAY 8: SHANNON | CLIFFS OF MOHER

- Breakfast at the hotel before traveling north through Listowel to embark on the ferry at Killimer. From here, we cross the Shannon estuary where the River Shannon flows into the Atlantic Ocean. We see County Clare, renowned for its legacy in traditional Irish music and for its spectacular scenery. It is from here that we visit the world-famous Cliffs of Moher. With its spectacular towering heights, splendid crashing waves, and endless flurrying of birds, the Cliffs of Moher are truly a masterpiece of nature. From the cliffs, we see the intensely blue Galway Bay on one side and the sublime natural rocky landscape on the other. An unforgettable day at one of the most visited sites in all of Ireland. Mass location to be determined.
- Check-in, dinner & overnight in Knock.

DAY 9: KNOCK

- Following breakfast at the hotel, we visit Knock in the plains of East Mayo. Here we visit one of the world's leading Marian Shrines, The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Knock (Knock Shrine). In 1879, locals claimed to have witnessed an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. John the Evangelist, angels, and Jesus. They stood in pouring rain for two hours reciting the Rosary, noting that at no time did the Holy Family, angels, or St. John get wet. The testimony of the witnesses was deemed trustworthy, and the Knock Shrine is officially recognized by the Church as a Eucharistic and Marian Shrine. The Basilica (shrine) is the largest church in Ireland. Mass will be celebrated here this day followed by free time for lunch, shopping, and exploring. Depending on weather conditions, we have an option to climb Mt. Croagh Patrick this afternoon! We travel south this evening to Galway.
- Check-in, dinner & overnight in Galway.

DAY 10: GALWAY | CORRIB LAKE

- Breakfast at the hotel and then a fun-filled day in Galway! This city is well-known for having maintained its medieval charm with its colorful and charming streets and authentic pubs. We enjoy a day cruise on Corrib Lake, the largest lake in the Republic of Ireland and the very best way to see Galway and its beautiful surroundings! Mass location to be determined.
- Dinner & overnight in Galway.

DAY 11: GALWAY | CLONMACNOISE | DUBLIN

- After breakfast at the hotel, we make our way back to Dublin. We visit Clonmacnoise, Ireland's most important monastic site overlooking the River Shannon. Established in 544 by St. Ciarán, Clonmacnoise consists of a walled field containing numerous early churches, a castle, two round towers, a large number of carved stone high crosses, and graves. It was once a major center of religion, learning, craftsmanship, and trade. We visit the National Museum in Dublin, situated in the heart of the city. The museum houses a collection of golden prehistoric jewelry considered to be the most beautiful in Europe, as well as much Celtic finery, early Christian ornaments, and other treasured relics. Free time this afternoon for lunch and shopping. Mass location to be determined.
- Check-in, overnight, and Farewell Dinner in Dublin.

DAY 12: DEPARTURE

- Our final breakfast at the hotel and we depart for our return home! We depart from Dublin Airport treasuring the memories of this spectacular country steeped in the beautiful history of our faith! Sláinte! To our unforgettable pilgrimage!

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10 DAYS POLAND

*In the Footsteps of St. John Paul II,
St. Faustina & St. Maximilian Kolbe*



DAY 1 – DEPARTURE FROM THE UNITED STATES

- Your pilgrimage begins as you depart from your local airport on an overnight flight to Krakow, Poland. During the flight, enjoy in-flight meals and take time to prepare spiritually for the days ahead. Reflect on the lives of St. John Paul II, St. Faustina Kowalska, and St. Maximilian Kolbe as you journey to one of Europe's most Catholic nations.
- Overnight aboard your flight.

DAY 2 – ARRIVAL IN KRAKOW

- Upon arrival in Krakow, you will be greeted by your local guide and driver before transferring to your hotel. After check-in, begin an introductory tour of Krakow, one of Europe's oldest and most beautiful cities.
- Walk through the historic Market Square, admire St. Mary's Basilica, and explore the charming streets that were once walked by Karol Wojtyła before he became Pope St. John Paul II. Visit the Archbishop's Palace and learn about Krakow's important role in Polish religious and cultural life.
- If schedules permit, celebrate Holy Mass before enjoying a welcome dinner and overnight stay in Krakow.

DAY 3 – KRAKOW: THE ROYAL CITY

- After breakfast, spend the day exploring the spiritual and historical treasures of Krakow. Visit Wawel Cathedral, where Polish kings were crowned and buried, and pray at the tomb of St. Stanislaus, the patron saint of Poland.
- Continue through the historic center, visiting St. Mary's Basilica and the medieval Market Square. Learn about the city's role in preserving the Catholic faith throughout centuries of war and occupation.
- Celebrate Holy Mass and enjoy free time to explore the city before returning to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4 – KAZIMIERZ AND TYNIEC ABBEY

- This morning visit Kazimierz, Krakow's historic Jewish Quarter. Walk through the old streets and learn about the centuries-long coexistence of Jewish and Christian communities in Poland.
- Visit Oskar Schindler's Factory Museum and gain a deeper understanding of the tragic events of World War II and the courage shown by those who protected innocent lives.
- In the afternoon continue to the Benedictine Abbey of Tyniec, beautifully located above the Vistula River. Founded in the eleventh century, the monastery remains an active center of prayer and monastic life. Spend time in reflection before returning to Krakow.
- Dinner and overnight in Krakow.



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DAY 5 – CZESTOCHOWA AND WADOWICE

- Depart early for Czestochowa, home of the Jasna Góra Monastery and the miraculous icon of the Black Madonna. Pilgrims from around the world come here to seek the intercession of Our Lady.
- Tour the monastery complex, visit the chapel housing the sacred icon, and celebrate Holy Mass.
- Continue to Wadowice, the birthplace of Pope St. John Paul II. Visit his family home, now a museum, and the parish church where he was baptized. Learn about the early years that shaped one of the most beloved popes in Church history.
- Return to Krakow for dinner and overnight.

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DAY 6 – ZAKOPANE AND THE TATRA MOUNTAINS

- Today travel south to Zakopane, nestled in the beautiful Tatra Mountains. This area was especially dear to St. John Paul II, who frequently visited during his years as a priest and bishop.
- Visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, built in thanksgiving for the pope's survival after the assassination attempt of 1981. Continue to the charming wooden Jaszczurówka Chapel and enjoy time to experience the unique culture and traditions of the Polish highlands.
- After a day surrounded by the beauty of God's creation, return to Krakow for dinner and overnight.

DAY 7 – AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU AND DIVINE MERCY SHRINE

- This morning travel to Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial. Walk through the preserved camp and reflect on the suffering endured by millions during World War II.
- Visit the cell where St. Maximilian Kolbe sacrificed his life for another prisoner, offering a profound witness of Christian charity and self-sacrifice.
- In the afternoon return to Krakow and visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Łagiewniki. Pray before the tomb of St. Faustina Kowalska and learn about the message of Divine Mercy that has spread throughout the world.
- Dinner and overnight in Krakow.

DAY 8 – ST. JOHN PAUL II CENTER AND WIELICZKA SALT MINE

- After breakfast visit the St. John Paul II Center, one of Poland's most important modern pilgrimage sites. The sanctuary preserves relics of the saintly pope and tells the story of his remarkable life and pontificate.
- Celebrate Holy Mass before continuing to the famous Wieliczka Salt Mine. Descend underground to discover magnificent chapels, sculptures, and altars carved entirely from salt by generations of miners.
- Particularly impressive is the Chapel of St. Kinga, considered one of the most beautiful underground churches in the world.
- Return to Krakow for dinner and overnight.

DAY 9 – KALWARIA ZEBRZYDOWSKA AND WARSAW

- After breakfast depart for Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, one of Poland's most important pilgrimage shrines and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The sanctuary includes a basilica, monastery, and a series of chapels representing the Passion of Christ.
- St. John Paul II often prayed here and credited the shrine with having a deep influence on his spiritual life.
- Celebrate Holy Mass before continuing to Warsaw, Poland's capital city. Upon arrival, enjoy a tour of the restored Old Town, Cathedral of St. John, and other important landmarks.
- Gather this evening for a farewell dinner celebrating the conclusion of your pilgrimage.
- Overnight in Warsaw.

DAY 10 – RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

- After breakfast, transfer to Warsaw International Airport for your return flight home.
- As you depart Poland, carry with you the memories and blessings received while following in the footsteps of St. John Paul II, St. Faustina Kowalska, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and countless faithful pilgrims who have journeyed to these sacred places throughout the centuries.
- Return home renewed in faith and inspired to share the message of Divine Mercy and the Gospel with others.

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11 DAYS POLAND AND PRAGUE DIVINE MERCY



DAY 1: DEPARTURE

- Depart USA to Warsaw, Poland, from your local airport.
- Enjoy a full meal and inflight entertainment (movies, music, etc.) on your overnight flight.

DAY 2: ARRIVAL IN WARSAW, POLAND

- Upon your arrival in Warsaw, you will be greeted by our local tour guide and escorted to the hotel for check-in. Depending on arrival time, enjoy free time sightseeing prior to Mass of Thanksgiving and dinner at the hotel.
- Overnight at the hotel in Warsaw

DAY 3: WARSAW

- Breakfast at the hotel, followed by Mass at a local church. Starting at the Old Town, we begin a walking tour of Warsaw. Numerous historic sites will be seen, including the Barbican, Market Square, Castle Square, St. Anne's Church, and the Holy Cross Church, where Chopin's heart is kept in an urn. The walking tour ends at the famous Nowy Swiat Pedestrian Street. Free time the rest of the day for shopping and exploring.
- Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Warsaw.

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DAY 4: WARSAW | CZESTOCHOWA | KRAKOW

- Breakfast at the hotel and an early check-out. We drive to Krakow with a stop in Czestochowa. We visit the Jasna Gora Monastery to see the famous icon of the Black Madonna. We celebrate Mass this day in one of the chapels of the monastery.
- A quick stop in Lodz to visit Venice Park, where St. Faustina had an encounter with Jesus and the Cathedral of St. Stanislaus, where she heard her calling. Free time for lunch before continuing to our check-in at the hotel.
- Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Krakow.

DAY 5: KRAKOW | WIELICZKA | KRAKOW

- Breakfast at the hotel. Our day begins with a visit to the Wawel Cathedral and a walk along Kanonicza Street. Here, we pause at Building #21 Deanery, where Pope St. John Paul II resided while living in Krakow. We then visit St. Mary's Basilica adjacent to the Market Square, where Mass will be celebrated (subject to confirmation). Built in the 13th century, this basilica is renowned for its magnificent carved wooden altar. Prior to free time and lunch, we view the Collegium Maius, where Pope St. John Paul II was a student.
- We then drive to Wieliczka to see Europe's oldest salt mines. The mines are listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and house a world of underground chambers and decorated chapels carved out of salt (including the famous Chapel of St. Kinga).
- Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Krakow.



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DAY 6: KRAKOW | AUSCHWITZ | WADOWICE | KRAKOW

- Breakfast at the hotel. We then drive to Oswiecim to visit the Auschwitz Concentration Camp, where both St. Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein) and St. Maximilian faced martyrdom. Following this unforgettable experience, we drive to Wadowice to tour the birthplace of Pope St. John Paul II. We visit the Wadowice Basilica, where Pope St. John Paul II was baptized, as well as his childhood home, which is now a museum. Mass this day will be celebrated at the basilica (subject to confirmation). Free time following lunch and exploring.
- We return to Krakow, where dinner is on your own and overnight is at the hotel in Krakow.

DAY 7: KRAKOW | LAGIEWNIKI | ZAKOPANE | KRAKOW

- Breakfast at the hotel. We then drive to Lagiewniki, where through the mediation of St. Faustina, Jesus passed on the message of Divine Mercy. We will visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy, which contains images of The Merciful Jesus, the relics of St. Faustina, and houses the saint's convent chapel and her tomb. Mass this day is at the Shrine of Divinity (subject to confirmation).
- We continue on to a day trip to the village of Zakopane, nestled in the Tatra Mountains. Subject to weather conditions, we take a cable car ride to a nearby mountaintop for a breathtaking panoramic view! From here, we head to visit the Jaszczerowka Chapel (subject to confirmation). As a young boy, Karol Wojtyla (Pope St. John Paul II) often used the walking paths here for prayer and reflection. The architecturally distinct chapel was visited often throughout his youth. We see the Have No Fear Center, where the saint's blood-stain cassock from his assassination attempt and his blood relic are housed.
- Free time for lunch and exploring on your own before we finish the day touring the colorful Krupowki Street. Shopping opportunities at the local bazaar. We then return to Krakow.
- Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Krakow.

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DAY 8: KRAKOW | PRAGUE

- Breakfast at the hotel and check-out. We board the bus and travel to Czech Republic, making a stop in Olomouc. Here, we celebrate Mass at a local church and enjoy some free time before our continued travels to Krakow.
- Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Prague

DAY 9: PRAGUE

- Breakfast at the hotel, followed by a full day of sightseeing in one of the most beautiful cities in the world! We see Hradcany Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, the Royal Castle and the Basilica of St. George. Mass this day is celebrated at the Church of Our Lady Victorious (subject to confirmation), where we see the Statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague!
- Following lunch, we stroll across the St. Charles Bridge, visiting The Old Town, the Market Square "Astronomical Clock," and Wenceslas Square. We end our day with a visit to the Church of St. Nicholas.
- Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Prague.

DAY 10: PRAGUE

- Breakfast at the hotel, followed by Mass at a nearby church. You are then free to explore this majestic city on your own the rest of the day for shopping and more sightseeing!
- Dinner on your own. Overnight at the hotel in Prague.

DAY 11: WARSAW | USA

- Breakfast at the hotel and check-out. With many holy, happy and vivid memories of Prague and Poland, we transfer to the airport for your departure to the USA.



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8 DAYS CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO

*Following the Footsteps of Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Blessed Miguel Pro & Christ the King*

DAY 1 – ARRIVAL IN MEXICO CITY

Welcome to Mexico.

- Upon arrival at Mexico City International Airport, you will be greeted by your tour coordinator and driver before transferring to your hotel.
- After check-in, enjoy time to relax and recover from your journey before beginning your pilgrimage experience.
- This evening gather with your fellow pilgrims for a welcome dinner featuring traditional Mexican cuisine. During dinner, your guide will provide an introduction to the sacred sites and spiritual experiences awaiting you throughout the pilgrimage.
- Dinner included.

DAY 2 – TEOTIHUACAN & BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

- After breakfast, we depart for Teotihuacan, one of the most important archaeological sites in the Americas.
- Walk along the Avenue of the Dead and admire the impressive Pyramid of the Sun and Pyramid of the Moon while learning about the ancient civilizations that flourished in Mexico before the arrival of Christianity.
- Following lunch, we continue to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the most visited Marian shrine in the world.
- Here we celebrate Holy Mass and spend time before the miraculous tilma of St. Juan Diego, which bears the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary as she appeared in 1531.
- Visit both the Old Basilica and the New Basilica while learning about the apparitions that transformed the history of Mexico and brought millions to the Catholic faith.
- Enjoy time for personal prayer and devotion before returning to the hotel.
- Dinner included.

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DAY 3 – BLESSED MIGUEL PRO & HISTORIC MEXICO CITY

- This morning we visit the museum dedicated to Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, the Jesuit priest who courageously defended the Catholic faith during the persecution of the Church in Mexico.
- Celebrate Holy Mass and learn about his inspiring life, ministry, and martyrdom.
- Continue into the heart of Mexico City for a guided tour of the historic center.
- Visit the famous Zócalo, one of the largest public squares in the world, and admire the Metropolitan Cathedral, the largest cathedral in Latin America.
- See the National Palace and walk through the historic streets that preserve centuries of Mexican Catholic heritage.
- Following lunch, enjoy free time for shopping, personal prayer, or exploration before returning to the hotel.
- Dinner included.



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DAY 4 – SAN MIGUEL DEL MILAGRO, TLAXCALA & PUEBLA

- After breakfast depart Mexico City and begin your journey toward Puebla.
- Our first stop is San Miguel del Milagro, the site where St. Michael the Archangel is believed to have appeared in the seventeenth century.
- Spend time in prayer at the sanctuary and learn about the history of this important pilgrimage destination.
- Continue to the beautiful colonial city of Puebla, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its rich Catholic traditions and magnificent churches.
- Celebrate Holy Mass at the famous Rosary Chapel, often described as one of the most beautiful chapels in the world because of its extraordinary gold-covered interior.
- Enjoy a guided tour through Puebla's historic center, visiting its charming plazas, colonial architecture, and religious landmarks.
- Dinner included.

DAY 5 – CHRIST THE KING AT CERRO DEL CUBILETE & GUANAJUATO

- This morning travel to Cerro del Cubilete, one of Mexico's most important Catholic pilgrimage sites.
- Perched atop a mountain, the shrine is crowned by the monumental statue of Christ the King, a powerful symbol of faith and religious freedom.
- Celebrate Holy Mass while enjoying breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside.
- Following lunch continue to Guanajuato, one of Mexico's most colorful and historic cities.
- Explore its beautiful plazas, colonial streets, churches, and historic landmarks while learning about its cultural and religious significance.
- Enjoy time to stroll through the charming city center before dinner.



DAY 6 – SAN JUAN DE LOS LAGOS & GUADALAJARA

- After breakfast depart for San Juan de los Lagos, home to one of Mexico's most beloved Marian shrines.
- Visit the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan de los Lagos and celebrate Holy Mass before the miraculous image of Our Lady, which has inspired countless pilgrimages and testimonies of faith for centuries.
- Spend time in prayer and reflection before continuing to the nearby Santa Ana Sanctuary.
- Following lunch, travel to Guadalajara, the capital of Jalisco and one of Mexico's most important cultural centers.
- Upon arrival, check into your hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure.
- Dinner included.

DAY 7 – GUADALAJARA & TLAQUEPAQUE

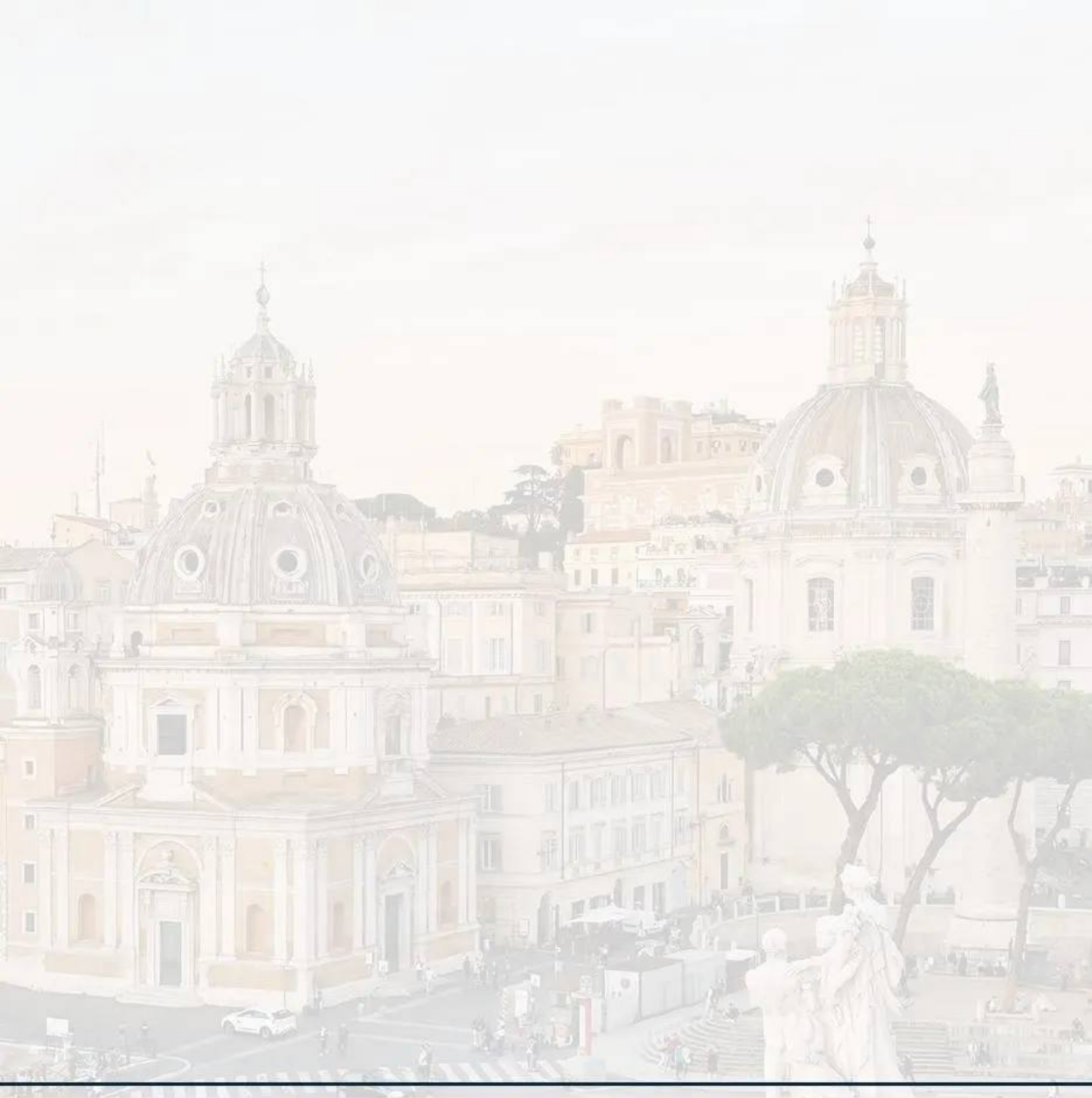
- This morning enjoy a guided tour of Guadalajara.
- Visit Guadalajara Cathedral and learn about the city's important role in the history of the Catholic faith in Mexico.
- Explore the city's elegant plazas, historic buildings, and religious monuments while learning about its rich cultural heritage.
- Following lunch, travel to the charming town of Tlaquepaque, famous for its artisans, handicrafts, galleries, and traditional Mexican atmosphere.
- Enjoy a guided walk through its colorful streets and browse local shops featuring handcrafted artwork and souvenirs.
- This evening gather for a farewell dinner celebrating the friendships formed and spiritual blessings received throughout your pilgrimage.
- Dinner included.

DAY 8 – RETURN HOME

- After breakfast, transfer to Guadalajara International Airport for your return flight home.
- As your pilgrimage comes to an end, reflect on the many graces received while visiting the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the shrine of Blessed Miguel Pro, San Miguel del Milagro, Christ the King at Cerro del Cubilete, and Our Lady of San Juan de los Lagos.
- Return home strengthened in faith, inspired by the witness of the Mexican saints, and renewed in your devotion to Our Blessed Mother.
- May the blessings of Our Lady of Guadalupe accompany you always.



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