

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

# PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

WITH SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

11 DAYS: NOVEMBER 3 - 13, 2025

*Visiting*

FLORENCE \* ASSISI \* LORETO

SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO \* MONTE CASSINO \* ROME

*Hosted by*

## FR. PAUL MACNEIL

### \$4799 PER PERSON FROM MYRTLE BEACH

(Air/land tour price is \$4269 plus \$530 government taxes/airline-imposed surcharges)



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## TOUR FEATURES:

- ◆ Round trip airfare from Myrtle Beach
- ◆ \$530 government taxes & airline surcharges
- ◆ Accommodations in first class/select hotels based on 2 persons sharing in twin-bedded rooms with private bath
- ◆ Most meals
- ◆ Services of a professional English-speaking tour director
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing throughout
- ◆ All admission fees and hotel service charges
- ◆ Transfers to/from airports by private motorcoach including meeting/assistance

## DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

### MYRTLE BEACH/ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Depart today from Myrtle Beach and connect with your overnight transatlantic jet flight to Rome, arriving the following day.

### ARRIVE ROME/FLORENCE

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Your pilgrimage begins as you arrive in the Eternal City of Rome today where you will be met and escorted to your waiting motor coach. Drive along the Autostrada del Sole speedway across the Roman countryside to Florence, the cradle of Renaissance Art and former stronghold of the infamous Medici family. From Botticelli to Da Vinci, the city is unsurpassed in art treasures and the glory of its history. Proceed to your hotel for overnight. (D)

### FLORENCE

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Highlights of this morning's tour include the Piazza della Signoria, where the Neptune Fountain stands, the Church of Santa Croce, the Baptistry with its "Gates of Paradise" doors, and Giotto's Bell Tower. To top it all, visit the Academia which houses Michelangelo's original statue of David. On to Piazzale Michelangelo for a panoramic view of the city and the Arno Valley. The afternoon is free to shop along the famous Ponte Vecchio and explore other Florentine delights. (B,D)



### FLORENCE/ASSISI

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Today's drive takes you through the serene Tuscan countryside and the mystical province of Umbria to Assisi, the famous city of St. Francis. Born in 1182 as Giovanni di Bernardone, the legacy of St. Francis influenced religion and culture of the world. Your afternoon walking tour includes the Basilica of St. Francis, still surrounded today by ancient walls, the Church of St. Clare and Santa Maria degli Angeli with its 'thornless rose bush'. (B,D)

### ASSISI/LORETO/SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

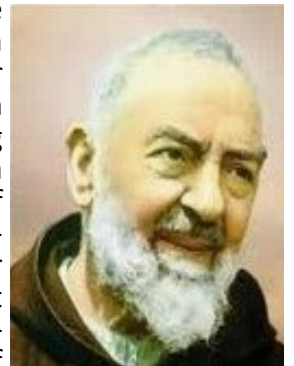
#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Depart Assisi this morning and drive northeast along the "Sun Route" motorway. Cross the regions of Lazio and the Marche, near the Adriatic. At Loreto, visit the basilica (15th-16th century), covered by the octagonal dome built by Giuliano da Sangallo, is the reliquary of the Holy House - the room in which according to Christian tradition, the Archangel Gabriel brought news of the forthcoming birth of Jesus to the Virgin Mary. The legend goes that, miraculously escaping the Muslim invasion of Palestine, the Virgin's house was carried aloft by angels first to Fiume, in Dalmatia, and then in 1294, to the Hill of Loreto, where it became a site of pilgrimage. Travel on to San Giovanni Rotondo the home and burial place of Saint Padre Pio, canonized in Rome on June 16, 2002 by Pope John Paul II. (B,D)

### SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Padre Pio was the first priest in the history of the Roman Catholic Church to bear the wounds of Christ (the stigmata) on his body. He bore the stigmata for 50 years, and lived in the twentieth century in Southern Italy, passing away in 1968. Though basically a cloistered monk, he erected one of the greatest hospitals in all of Europe, which he called the House for the Relief of Suffering. He spent most of his time in the confessional, where he could read the sins of penitents in their hearts, and often reminded them of transgressions that they themselves had forgotten. Enjoy a guided tour of the Shrine of Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, a Capuchin friar, priest and mystic known for his devotion to God, care for the sick, and supernatural gifts. See



the Sanctuary of St. Michael the Archangel, where the Archangel Michael is said to have appeared in 490, 492 and 1656 and consecrated the shrine himself. (B,D)

**SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO/MONTECASSINO/ROME  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

After breakfast, drive to Montecassino and visit the famous Abbey. Then drive along the “Sun Route” motorway, across the regions of Lazio and Campania to Rome. Transfer to your hotel. Located in the center of



the Lazio Region, Rome, the Eternal City, reflects every era and is definitely a feast for the eyes. The wonders of Rome surround you – a world of art, history, and culture that has been attracting visitors since the beginning of Western civilization. (B)

**ROME**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

Your sightseeing tour this morning takes you to Vatican City including visits to the Vatican Museum and Gallery and the Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo’s magnificent frescoes. **End your morning tour at the Basilica of St. Peter and pass through the Holy Doors symbolizing a union with our Lord.** This afternoon, explore "Ancient" Rome. See the legendary Trevi Fountain and the mighty Colosseum where Christians were once thrown to the lions. (B)

**ROME**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

Enjoy a full day at leisure in fascinating Rome. You may venture to some of the city’s 400 churches, shop along the Via Veneto, people watch around the famous Spanish Steps, or relax at a trattoria....the day is entirely yours to explore the city on your own. (B)

**ROME – PAPAL AUDIENCE**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

This morning attend an Audience with Our Holy Father, Pope Francis. This afternoon visit the Basilicas of St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran and St. Paul's outside the Walls, and walk through the open Holy Doors. Next visit the Catacombs, the former underground burial grounds of early Christians. (B,D)

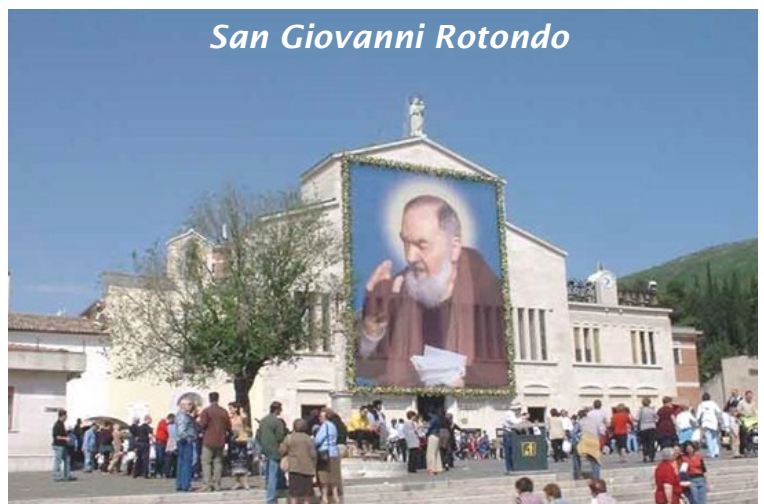
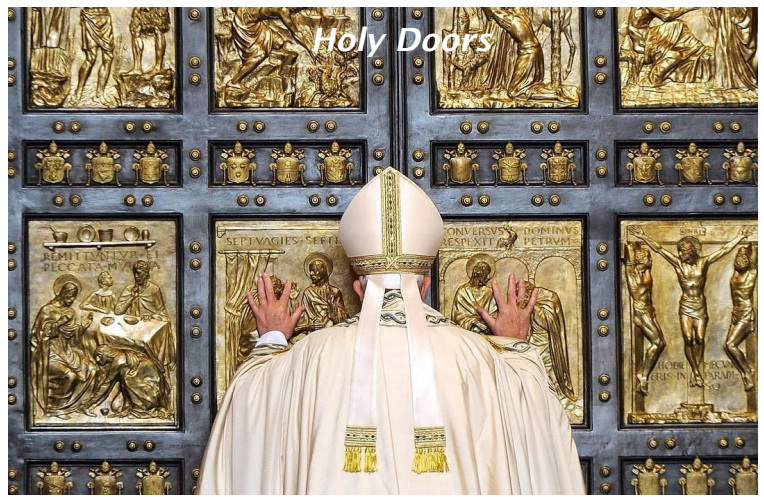


**ROME/MYRTLE BEACH**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

All too soon your pilgrimage is over as you board your flight back to Myrtle Beach, arriving the same day.

(B)~Breakfast (D)~Dinner



### **PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit.

- A \$800 deposit is due with your reservation
- Final payment is due at NAWAS 130 days prior to departure date (June 26, 2025).\*

*\*Gratuities, Mass donation and Hotel City Tourist Taxes will be collected at final payment.*

### **TOUR-SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

For terms and conditions please visit:  
<https://www.nawas.com/terms-and-conditions/italy2025/>

Taxes/Airline Surcharges: In effect on August 1, 2024.

Hotel Service Charges/Taxes: In effect on August 1, 2024 (excluding hotel tourist taxes).

Airfare: In effect on August 1, 2024.

Land Costs: Based on estimated 2025 tariffs, overseas government taxes and rates of exchange in effect on August 1, 2024 and a minimum of 36 or more participants per coach.

### **Customer Reviews:**

"It's been my extreme pleasure to benefit from your invaluable assistance with my tours — 97 so far — for the past 28 years. I wouldn't dream of letting anyone else handle the many details involved in making these difficult, exotic itineraries a success, as evidenced by my many repeat clients and their referrals. Your superb attention to detail, your honesty, and your friendship are greatly appreciated. You can count on Nawas being my 'one and only' for many years to come." --Ms. M.B., California

"As always, the arrangements for our pilgrimage by Nawas were excellent. To a person, those on the tour were filled with praise for the trip. Everything was A+." --Monsignor R.S., Utah

"You people make this easy. Everything was out-standing. Those who have been on other trips have come to expect quality and they get it!" --Father P.T., Ohio

**Family Owned for 76 Years:** Nawas International Travel was founded in 1949 by Mr. Yousef Nawas. He created our faith-based tour company with a vision of offering specially designed programs of spiritual enrichment and superior quality. Mr. Nawas made travel affordable so that the faithful of all walks of life could partake. Though Mr. Nawas has since passed on, Nawas International Travel remains under the guidance of his family and continues to serve thousands of travelers every year. With our global network, affordable prices and expert tour directors combined with years of group travel expertise, we guarantee the highest quality tour and services.



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