

Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi & San Giovanni Rotondo



11 Day Tour from Rome to Rome October 3-13, 2021 Depart/Return U.S.

I am excited to invite you on a pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and San Giovanni Rotondo! I have had the opportunity to visit Rome, the Eternal City, several times and I always look forward to the next visit. We will have the opportunity to visit St. Peter's Basilica, the most visited church in the world. When I first saw it, my jaw dropped from the beauty and immensity of the church. It seems there is a beautiful church on every block of Rome, plus the city is full of the rich history of our church. We hope to be able to see Pope Francis at one of the papal audiences while in Rome.

We will then travel to Assisi, home of St. Francis and St. Clare. This is one of my favorite places on earth. As we walk the streets of Assisi, you can imagine Francis and Clare and their companions still walking these same streets. We will visit the tomb of St. Francis, which is a very powerful, prayerful experience.

We will also visit the tomb of St. Padre Pio in San Giovanni Rotondo. Padre Pio was a Franciscan Friar, mystic and stigmatist. He had such an intimate relationship with our Lord that he bore the wounds of Christ. Padre Pio always inspires me to be holy. We will also visit special places like Loreto, which is home to the childhood house of Mary, and Lanciano, the place of one of the most famous Eucharistic miracles.

Come with me on this journey to deepen your faith. This promises to be a trip of a lifetime!

God bless,
Fr. Burke



Fr. Burke Masters

Fr. Burke was born and raised in Joliet, IL. He converted to Catholicism in 1985 and was ordained a priest in 2002. He served at St. Mary's Parish in West Chicago from 2002-2006, as vocation director for the Diocese of Joliet from 2006-2018, and Director of Adult Formation from 2018-present. Currently, Fr. Burke is also the Administrator of Notre Dame Parish in Clarendon Hills. On the side, Fr. Burke has served as the Catholic chaplain for the Chicago Cubs since 2013.

Space is limited to one coach – reserve early!

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\$4399.00 Single

Tour Includes:

- **Airfare from Chicago**
*Premium & Business upon request at additional cost.
Subject to availability.*
- **9 Night's Accommodations -1st Class Hotels**
- **16 Meals-Breakfast Daily & 7 Dinners**
- **Sightseeing as outlined in itinerary**
- **Headsets throughout the tour.**
- **Touring by private, first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach with free Wi-Fi and English-Speaking Guide**
- **Baggage handling, taxes and fuel surcharge**
- **Gratuities to guides and drivers**
- **Hosted by Fr. Burke**
- **Escorted by Marge Santo with a minimum of 20 passengers**



1-night pre hotel in Rome was added to above map

Day by Day Itinerary

Inside visits and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description, including admission charges where applicable.

DAY 1 – OCT 3, 2021 DEPART USA FOR OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

DAY 2 – OCT 4, 2021 ARRIVE IN ROME, ITALY

Welcome to Italy! Sit back and relax as we enjoy a CITY TOUR OF MAGNIFICENT ROME. This afternoon, check into your hotel and freshen up. Meet your Tour Director and fellow Pilgrims and prepare for your upcoming Spiritual Journey. Tonight, we have dinner at a local restaurant. (Dinner)

DAY 3 – OCT 5, 2021 ROME

Morning visit to the CATACOMBS. The early Christians created the Catacombs, a network of underground corridors. We will show you the best of them! Free time this afternoon to explore on your own! Later this evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 4- OCT 6, 2021 ROME

This morning, attend the PAPAL AUDIENCE (subject to availability) for the chance to see the Pope and receive the Papal Blessing. Later, with a Local Guide visit ST. PAUL OUTSIDE THE WALLS, burial place of St. Paul the Apostle and one of Rome's four major Papal basilicas, along with ST. JOHN LATERAN BASILICA. Next, visit the SCALA SANCTA (Holy Stairs), transported from Jerusalem to Rome around 326 AD by St. Helena, Emperor Constantine's mother. These 28 marble steps are traditionally ascended in a kneeling position with a prayer recital dedicated to Jesus Christ. Then, visit the impressive ST. MARY MAJOR BASILICA and attend Mass. (Breakfast)



DAY 5- OCT 7, 2021 ROME. VATICAN MUSEUMS & SISTINE CHAPEL. EXCURSION TO CASTEL GANDOLFO

A different, unique experience is offered today. We explore Castel Gandolfo, a quaint village in the hills outside Rome, to visit the PAPAL SUMMER RESIDENCE and GARDENS with a Local Guide. Visit the rooms that have been occupied by many Popes over the centuries and enjoy the opportunity to reflect and meditate in quiet and relaxing surroundings. This afternoon explore the VATICAN MUSEUMS to admire the beautiful tapestry gallery and the SISTINE CHAPEL with masterpieces by Botticelli and Signorelli. See the "Genesis" and Michelangelo's Last Judgment. This evening enjoy a tour of Rome and relax over a 3-course dinner with dessert, local wine, and authentic Roman atmosphere! Today's Distance: 50 mi / 80 km (Breakfast, Dinner)



DAY 6- OCT 8, 2021 ROME-PIETRELCINA-SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

Before leaving the capital city of Italy, step back in time with the help of a Local Guide and experience the power and beauty of Imperial Rome on the included orientation. On your way south, stop in quaint Pietrelcina, to visit the HOUSE where the beloved St. Pio was born, before heading towards San Giovanni Rotondo on the east coast, the Saint's home from 1916 until his death in 1968. Today's Distance: 258 mi / 415 km (Breakfast, Dinner)



DAY 7- OCT 9, 2021 SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO. EXCURSION TO MONTE SANT'ANGELO

Attend Mass this morning at SANTA MARIA DELLE GRAZIE (Old Church), then visit the FRIARY of Padre Pio, including his tomb, cell, confessional, and the PADRE PIO PILGRIMAGE CHURCH (New Church). Afterwards, take a short drive to the nearby SHRINE OF MONTE SANT'ANGELO, one of Christendom's most celebrated shrines, where St. Michael the Archangel appeared in 490, 492, and 1656. Today's Distance: 43 mi / 70 km (Breakfast, Dinner)



DAY 8- OCT 10, 2021 SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO-LANCIANO-LORETO-ASSISI AREA

Visit ST. FRANCIS' church in Lancia, home of the Sanctuary of the Eucharistic Miracle, and attend morning Mass. Continue to the SANCTUARY OF LORETO, including the HOLY HOUSE, where, according to tradition, angels transported the home of the blessed Virgin Mary. Arrive at the hilltop village of Assisi, home of St. Francis and St. Clare. Today's Distance: 298 mi / 480 km (Breakfast, Dinner)



DAY 9- OCT 11, 2021 ASSISI

Today, learn more about St. Francis, patron saint of animals and the environment. Attend early morning Mass at ST. FRANCIS BASILICA, famous for its 14th-century Giotto paintings depicting the life of St. Francis. Meet your Local Guide and visit the UPPER and LOWER BASILICAS of St. Francis and the BASILICA OF ST. CLARE, founder of the Order of Poor Clares. Next, visit the BASILICA of Santa Maria degli Angeli, situated at the foot of Assisi's hills and protecting the Porziuncola, where St. Francis is said to have founded the Order of Friars Minor in 1209, and the Cappella del Transito, where the saint died in 1226. (Breakfast)

DAY 10- OCT 12, 2021 ASSISI AREA-CASCIA-ROME

Travel to Cascia this morning, situated in Umbria and home of St. Rita, the "Patron Saint of Impossible Causes." Visit the SANCTUARY and see the Major Basilica, the chapel that houses the tomb of St. Rita. Also, see the Minor Basilica, home of the Eucharistic Miracle that is commemorated each year with the Feast of Corpus Christi. Return to Rome and relax before your Farewell Dinner and final overnight stay. Today's Distance: 149 mi / 240 km (Breakfast, Farewell Dinner)

DAY 11- OCT 13, 2021 ROME

Your pilgrimage ends with breakfast this morning. Transfer to the airport for return flight home. (Breakfast)

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

DEPOSITS: \$800.00 (check only), insurance premium, if chosen (non-refundable) along with completed Reservation Form and copy of passport valid for six months from return date. Also send along a picture (selfie is ok) of yourself that can be used for a directory that Father Burke requests on each of his Pilgrimages, this helps for us to get to know each other and pray for each other.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due June 1, 2021

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE & MAIL TO: Viking Travel Service, 700 Pasquinelli Drive, Suite C, Westmont, IL 60559.

FORM OF PAYMENT: For insurance and final payment, checks or credit card. Note: Credit cards will be assessed a 3% processing fee.

NOT INCLUDED: Cancellation/travel insurance, airline baggage fees, expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to: passport fees, and entrance fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, beverages not included in meals, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED: Valid Passport – must be valid for 6 months from return date. Names on reservations must match passports. Copy of passport required. Citizens of countries other than U.S. - MUST contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Air is estimated at the time of printing and subject to change once rates are available. Premium Seating and Business Class are available but limited. All changes are subject to \$50 pp non-refundable fee and new rate. Seat requests cannot be guaranteed however every effort will be made to accommodate seat requests. Subject to baggage rules and restrictions. Note: Rate & taxes subject to change until trip is paid in full and air is ticketed.

DOMESTIC AIRFARE: For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, we strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always subject to change.

TOUR MINIMUM: Minimum 20 passengers for tour to operate.

CANCELLATION/TRAVEL INSURANCE: We strongly recommend travel insurance. The optional travel insurance coverage covers trip cancellation for covered medical reason, interruption, accident, baggage and medical and covered unforeseen circumstances. As with all insurance policies, cost is non-refundable and subject to change at any time. Travel insurance will protect you from the penalties listed below. Insurance is based on a minimum of 10 passengers.

CANCELLATION POLICY: If you must cancel, the following per person penalties apply. Without exception, all cancellations must be in writing (letter, fax or email) to Viking Travel Service and are effective the date of receipt. Any unused portions of the package are non-refundable. No shows or no written notice will result in 100% penalty. All cancellations after June 1st are subject to \$250.00 per person planning/administrative fee. Date of Deposit to: February 1st no trip penalties except non-refundable insurance premium
February 2nd to June 1, 2021: \$800 + non-refundable insurance premium
June 2nd to date of departure: 100% of total charges.

Travel Guard Deluxe Group Plan Insurance Coverage

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Maximum Benefits</u>	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Maximum Benefits</u>
Trip Cancellation	Trip Cost	Medical Expenses	\$20,000
Trip Interruption	125% Trip Cost	Emergency Medical Transportation	\$50,000
Travel Delay	\$500 (Maximum of \$150 per day)	Baggage Delay	\$500
Missed Connection	\$500	Baggage & Personal Effects Loss	\$1,000

Group Insurance Coverage Amount/Per Person

\$3999 Double Occupancy Rate: \$288 pp \$4399 Single Occupancy Rate: \$317 pp

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RESERVATION FORM

Please indicate: _____ \$3999.00 pp., Double Occupancy _____ \$288.00 Insurance per person, double
_____ \$4399.00 Single Occupancy _____ \$317.00 Insurance per person, single

Please use legal names as they appear on your passport.

Passenger 1: _____
First Middle Last

Home Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Date of Birth: _____ E-mail address: _____

Any physical limitations / Dietary or Special Requests? _____

➤ **Roommate name if not traveling with spouse: _____ (please fill out separate form)**

Passenger 2: _____
First Middle Last

Work: _____ Cell: _____

Date of Birth: _____ E-mail address: _____

Any physical limitations / Dietary or Special Requests? _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

DEPOSIT

Enclosed is deposit for _____ people (person) @ **\$800 per person:** Deposit amount: \$ _____
Note: Credit cards will be assessed a 3% processing fee.

INSURANCE

_____ I (we) have chosen to purchase the offered insurance.

_____ I (we) are aware of the cancellation penalties but choose **not** to purchase the offered cancellation/travel insurance.

Insurance amount for passenger 1. \$ _____

Insurance amount for passenger 2. \$ _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

CHARGE CARD PAYMENTS: _____ Visa _____ MasterCard _____ American Express *Note: Credit cards will be assessed a 3% processing fee.*

Card Number: _____ Expires: _____ Security # _____

Print Name as it appears on the credit card

Viking Travel Service Terms and Conditions

Reservation is not confirmed until this form is signed and received by Viking Travel Service.

Participation agreement: The purchase/payment of any travel services offered constitutes a contractual arrangement between the Traveler ("you") and Viking Travel Service and its suppliers. As the lead traveler, you accept, and confirm you have authority and consent to accept, all Terms & Conditions for yourself and all members of your traveling party.

Deposit: The required deposit is due at time of booking along with signed Reservation Form and Terms and Conditions Form.

Final payment: Reservations are subject to cancellation and late fee if final payment is not received by the due date. Rebooking's are subject to availability and new pricing. Subject to currency fluctuations until paid in full.

Payments: All credit card charges are subject to 3% non-refundable fee.

Required Documentation: All bookings are subject to the proper documentation required for travel. I.e.: driver's license, valid passport, visa, tourist card. It is the responsibility of the traveler to provide such documentation for booking and for travel. Passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from return date. All travelers must provide emergency contact details prior to travel.

Airline Reservations: Viking Travel Service is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules, or delays a flight for any reason. Routings are not guaranteed and are subject to change at any time. Seat assignments and upgrades may or may not be available and subject to additional fees. All airline terms and conditions, including baggage, departure taxes and fees and increases beyond our control are applicable. Frequent flyer miles may or may not be earned. Clients must retain boarding passes for any disputes.

Change/Deviations: In addition to any airline or tour/cruise-imposed change fees, an administrative fee of \$50 per person will be charged. Deviations are subject to availability. May not be applicable on group bookings. **Note:** Prices quoted during an inquiry cannot be guaranteed.

Insurance Protection: Optional insurance protection will be offered. Insurance is non-refundable and rates and features, are subject to change at any time.

Cancellation Policy: All cancellations must be received in writing and subject to penalties outlined and a \$250.00 administrative fee regardless of reason for cancellation.

Documents: Printed documents are subject to a \$35 shipping cost.

Notice: While every effort will be made to adhere to the specifics shown in this or any other publication, certain circumstances may necessitate alterations, therefore; all fares, taxes, fuel surcharges, schedules, hours of arrival and departure and all other information contained herein are subject to change. During local or national holidays or special events, peak seasons, on Sundays, and during religious occasions, certain facilities such as museums, churches, restaurants, sightseeing tours, hotels, and shopping may be limited or not available. Alternatives will be offered whenever possible. Viking Travel cannot be held responsible for any closures, necessary itinerary changes, or curtails for any reason. Accommodations outside the United States of America may not accommodate wheelchairs or be wheelchair accessible. The Americans with Disabilities Act is not applicable outside the United States of America. Room and bed preferences are not guaranteed. 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In the event that any of these conditions apply, Viking Travel Service shall be excused, discharged, and released from performance to the extent such performance is so limited or prevented, without liability of any kind. 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It is understood that I have requested Viking Travel Service to arrange bookings on my behalf. As the worldwide COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic remains ongoing at this time, I acknowledge that for this reason, and other reasons not reasonably foreseeable at this time, these travel plans may be interrupted or cancelled by the supplier that is providing them, a government entity or other third party over which Agency has no control. I further acknowledge that the supplier's own cancellation, rebooking and refund policies, subject to any applicable law that is now or may later be in effect, will govern my rights and remedies, including my right to receive a refund, in such an event. Moreover, I understand that should I elect to purchase travel insurance, the terms of the policy will dictate whether, and to what extent, coverage for any financial loss may exist under the circumstances. By signing below, I hereby agree to hold Agency harmless and release it from any and all liability for any damages, including but not limited to monetary losses, I may incur as a result of such interruption or cancellation of these travel plans.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

I (we) have read, understand and do accept all the terms and conditions of this tour.

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