SPIRITUAL & CULTURAL JOURNEY TO ITALY

Itinerary: 09 Days/ 08 Nights

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Itinerary day by day

Day 01: Arrival in Milan: Turin – Welcome Dinner

Arrival at Milan Malpensa Airport, you'll be greeted by your tour escort and transferred comfortably to the elegant city of Turin, nestled at the foot of the Alps. After check-in at your hotel, the rest of the afternoon is yours to relax after the journey or begin discovering the charm of this refined northern Italian city.

Take a leisurely stroll through historic squares, admire the baroque architecture, or enjoy a coffee in one of Turin's famous cafés. If available, you may also attend Mass at a local church — a peaceful way to end your first day in Italy. Celebrate your first day with a special welcome dinner at Hotel or local restaurant walking distance. **Mass possible on request in Turin**

Accommodation	Torino Hotel	Meal Plan: Dinner & Overnight

Day 02: Turin Walking Tour - Dinner

After breakfast, meet the guide and get ready for a walking tour of the city celebrated for its refined architecture, rich heritage, and vibrant cultural scene. Perhaps most famously, it is home to the world-renowned Shroud of Turin, a relic that continues to inspire awe and curiosity.

Explore Turin's most iconic landmarks. Wander through grand piazzas like Piazza San Carlo and Piazza Castello, and admire the soaring Mole Antonelliana, one of Turin's most recognizable

symbols. A special stop is the Church of the Holy Shroud, a site of quiet reverence and deep significance. Please note: the actual Shroud is not on permanent display and can only be seen during rare public exhibitions, usually authorized by the Pope. **Mass possible on request in Turin**
Tonight let's taste a dinner to local restaurant walking distance or at Hotel with drinks included.

Accommodation	Torino Hotel	Meal Plan: Dinner & Overnight

DAY 3: Turin to Padua with stopover in Sirmione

After a nourishing breakfast, depart for the sacred city of Padua, a place deeply connected to the life and ministry of Saint Anthony. On the way, pause in the picturesque town of Sirmione, beautifully set on the shores of Lake Garda. This tranquil stop offers time for rest, reflection, and gentle exploration. Enjoy a peaceful walk with the tour manager through the charming old town, take in the serene lake views, or simply be present in the quiet beauty of the surroundings.

Lunch is on your own (the tour manager will provide suggestions) In the afternoon, continue the journey toward Padua, and settle into your hotel. **Mass possible on request in Padua**
This evening you'll have a dinner at Hotel or local restaurant walking distance.

Accommodation	Padua Hotel	Meal Plan: Dinner & Overnight

Day 04: : Half Day tour of Padua — Padua to Siena with Dinner

In the morning embark on a spiritually half day walking tour journey through Padua, a city that has long been a destination for pilgrims and seekers of faith. As you explore the Basilica of Saint Anthony, learn about the life of the saint and the significance of this holy site for pilgrims from around the world. Proceed to Prato della Valle, one of the largest squares in Europe, known for its peaceful atmosphere, perfect for moments of quiet reflection. You'll also visit Piazza delle Erbe, where the rich history and spiritual legacy of the city come alive in the bustling streets.

After the walking tour, you will have one hour of free time for lunch, where your Tour Manager will be happy to recommend local restaurants and eateries, ensuring you enjoy a meal in this charming city. In the early afternoon, the journey continues as we make our way to Siena, a city renowned for its medieval charm and deep spiritual roots. Upon arrival, check-in at the hotel followed by a delightful dinner at Hotel or restaurant walking distance, offering a perfect end to a day of both physical and spiritual discovery. **Mass on request possible in Siena**

Accommodation	Siena Hotel	Meal Plan: Dinner & Overnight

Day 05: Walking tour of Siena, In the Footsteps of Saint Catherine - Dinner

After breakfast, we start tep into the sacred past of Siena as you follow the spiritual journey of its most beloved saint, Saint Catherine of Siena. Begin in Piazza del Campo, Siena's stunning medieval square, where civic life once unfolded beneath the gaze of Saint Catherine. From there, walk to the ancient Santa Maria della Scala, once a hospital and place of charity where Catherine herself cared for the sick and poor with profound compassion.

Continue to the majestic Siena Cathedral (Duomo), a masterpiece of Gothic architecture and a beacon of the city's deep religious devotion.

The journey culminates at the Basilica of San Domenico, where Saint Catherine spent countless hours in prayer and contemplation. Here, you'll visit the Chapel of Saint Catherine and see treasured relics that keep her spirit alive. This evening enjoy a dinner at local restaurant or at Hotel for this evening. **Mass on request possible in Siena **

Accommodation	Siena Hotel	Meal Plan: Dinner & Overnight

Day 06: Siena to Rome with stopover in Assisi – Dinner

Begin your day checking out of your Hotel in Siena towards Rome. On the way enjoy a special stop in one of Christianity's most treasured destination: Assisi. Meet your guide and start a full day guided walking tour of Assisi. As the founder of the Franciscan Order, St. Francis is one of the most revered figures in Catholic history. Here, we'll visit the stunning Basilica of St. Francis, taking in its profound beauty and the breathtaking views of the rolling hills and surrounding villages. Continue your walk up to the Church of St. Clare. where you can pray at the tomb of Saint Clare and admire the San Damiano Cross, the sacred image that called Saint Francis to rebuild the Church.

Next, you'll make your way to the Sanctuary of the Spogliazione, where Blessed Carlo Acutis, the modern "Cyber Apostle of the Eucharist," is buried. His life and devotion offer a powerful testimony of the relevance of faith in today's world, particularly his deep love for the Eucharist.
Finally, your tour in Assisi will bring you to at Santa Maria degli Angeli, located at the foot of the hill beneath the town of Assisi. Inside this magnificent basilica, you'll visit the Porziuncola, the humble chapel where Saint Francis founded the Franciscan order and passed away.

Mass on request possible in Assisi Lunch will be on your own. In the afternoon proceed to Rome to check-in in the evening and relax with a welcome dinner at Hotel or local restaurant walking distance.

Accommodation	Rome Hotel	Meal Plan: Dinner & Overnight

Day 07: ROME: Rome's Majestic Basilicas Tour- Dinner

After breakfast at the hotel, discover four of Rome's most important and awe-inspiring basilicas on this full day guided tour, seeking a deeper connection to the city's sacred heritage.

The tour begins at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, the largest church in the world and the spiritual heart of the Catholic Church. As you stand beneath the magnificent dome, marvel at the grandeur of this holy place and reflect on the life of Saint Peter, the first pope, whose tomb lies beneath the basilica. Next, you'll visit St. John Lateran, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome and the official residence of the pope. This basilica is the oldest and one of the most significant of the four, known as the "Mother of All Churches." Within its walls, you'll find awe-inspiring sacred art and the relics of saints, including the Holy Stairs, believed to be the staircase that Jesus ascended during his trial

before Pilate. Your pilgrimage continues at St. Mary Major, the largest church dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Here, you'll encounter the famous Sistine Chapel of Santa Maria Maggiore and the Holy Crib, a relic that has been a focal point of devotion to the nativity of Christ. The beauty of this basilica inspires awe and reverence, offering a peaceful space to reflect on the love and mercy of the Blessed Virgin.

Finally, you will visit St. Paul Outside the Walls, a Basilica built over the tomb of Saint Paul, the great apostle to the Gentiles. With its serene and expansive atmosphere, this basilica is a place of quiet contemplation and prayer. **Mass on one of the four Basilicas upon request**

Enjoy a dinner with drinks included at Hotel or local restaurant.

Accommodation	Rome Hotel	Meal Plan: Dinner & Overnight

Day 08: Guided tour of The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Divine Love - Dinner

This morning, you depart from your hotel in Rome for a peaceful and reflective visit to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Divine Love. Located just about an hour by bus from the city, this holy site offers a serene and tranquil setting for prayer and contemplation.

Upon arrival at the Sanctuary, you will have the option to attend the *Holy Mass subject to availability* at the Chapel, a beautiful and intimate experience to connect spiritually in the presence of the Virgin Mary. The Mass is celebrated in the sanctuary's Chapel of the Madonna, where pilgrims come to seek comfort, peace, and divine intercession.

After the Mass, a one-hour guided tour will lead you through the sanctuary's sacred grounds, where you'll discover its history, spiritual significance, and the beautiful traditions associated with the veneration of Our Lady of Divine Love. The guide will share insights into the sanctuary's role as a place of pilgrimage and its deep ties to the faith of the Roman people.

Following your visit, you will board the bus and return to Rome in time for lunch, allowing you the rest of the afternoon free to explore the Eternal City at your own pace. Tonight, taste a typical roman dinner at Hotel or local restaurant.

Accommodation	Rome Hotel	Meal Plan: Dinner & Overnight

Day 09: Fly Home – Arrivederci Italia!

Breakfast Hotel. Today at the designated time, check out of your hotel and meet your driver who will drive you to FCO Airport. Check-in to your flights home.

End of Program

Services & Hotels

Price Included:

- One group transfer on arrival from airport to hotel
- Tour Manger throughout trip
- Guides & transfers where needed
- 8 dinners (1/2 water, ¼ wine per person),
- All admissions to tours/attractions where specified in itinerary
- Breakfast daily
- 4-star hotels listed as or similar
- Hotel Taxes
- One group transfer on return from hotel to airport

Price excluded:

- Flight to and from Italy
- Gratuities to the local guides and driver

Accommodation at hotels mentioned hereunder or similar (upon availability)		
City	**4-Stars Hotels**	**Nights**
Torino	NH Torino Centro Hotel **** or similar	2
Padua	Crown Plaza Hotel Padova**** or similar	1
Siena	NH Siena Hotel**** or similar	2
Rome	Ergife Palace Hotel ****or similar	3