

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PILGRIMAGE

Led by Fr. Dennis Zehren

BASILICA OF
ST. JOHN LATERAN
BASILICA OF
ST. PETER
BASILICA OF
ST. MARY MAJOR
BASILICA OF
ST. PAUL
ST. PAUL
THREE FOUNTAINS

Rome - Italy

May 29 - June 8, 2024

FLIGHT DEPARTS
Minneapolis - Rome

MSP FCO

FLIGHT RETURNS
Rome - Minneapolis

FCO MSP

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

We meet at Minneapolis MSP and check-in for our flight that will transport us to the Rome Leonardo daVinci Fiumicino (FCO) Airport. Our flight is TBD. We will arrive Rome tomorrow. Meals are served on your flight.

THURSDAY, MAY 30

Our tour host will greet us in Rome, and a state of the art coach will transport us from the airport to the Passpartout Boutique Hotel, which is our hotel for the duration of our pilgrimage in Rome. We meet on the rooftop for a welcome drink and brief orientation. Our hotel is conveniently located by the Vatican, and is just a short walk from the Basilica of St. Peter's, and its many museums, and gardens. Try to stay awake until your 'regular' bedtime to minimize effects of jet lag. [WD]

FRIDAY, MAY 31

We begin at 9 AM, with a walking tour of Colosseum and ancient Roman Forum, which takes us to the Arch of Titus commemorated the sack of Jerusalem by Titus in AD 70; the Mamertine Prison, where tradition says the Apostle Paul was imprisoned; and of course the Colosseum, where thousands of people and animals perished during gladiatorial games. The afternoon and evening is designated as free-time.

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Basilica of St. Peter, Vatican City



Colosseum, Rome



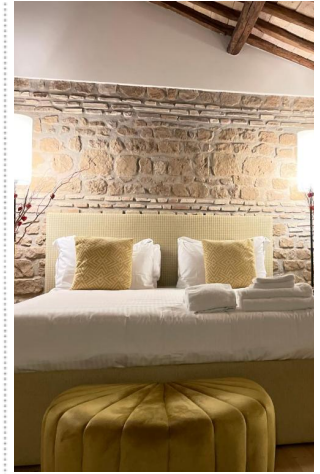
Santa Maria degli Angeli

B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

WD=Welcome Drink/Snacks



St. Ignatius, Rome



Passpartou Boutique Palace Hotel

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

After an early breakfast, we walk together to the Vatican for VIP access and a guided tour of the Sistine Chapel, and the Vatican Museum. The Sistine Chapel is a chapel in the Apostolic Palace, the pope's official residence in Vatican City. Today, it is the site of the papal conclave. The fame of the Sistine Chapel lies mainly in the frescoes that decorate the interior, most particularly the Sistine Chapel ceiling and *The Last Judgment*, both by Michelangelo.

The Afternoon will be free-time for you to explore Rome at your leisure. [B]

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

After breakfast, at 8:30 AM we will walk together from the hotel to attend the Papal Mass at the Basilica of St. Peter. After Mass, we will linger on St. Peter's Square to pray the Angelus, which is led by the Holy Father. The afternoon is free time. At 7 PM our group will gather at our hotel restaurant for a group dinner. [B,D]

MONDAY, JUNE 3

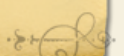
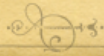
After breakfast, we are transported to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, where St. Paul is buried. Fr. Zehren will celebrate Mass. at 10 AM, and we venerate St. Paul's resting place before we continue to St. Paul's at the Three Fountains, where St. Paul was martyred. We learn of Paul's place of imprisonment, and see the sacred edifices built on this holy ground. The afternoon and evening is at your leisure. [B]

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

This day is dedicated to Mary. Santa Maria Maggiore is the largest church dedicated to Mary in Rome. After we learn of the space's history, Fr. Zehren will celebrate Mass. We also visit Santa Maria degli Angeli e Martiri. This church was constructed (according to plans drawn up by Michelangelo) inside the ruins of the Baths of Diocletian. The layout is unique, in that the transept, which runs crosswise to the nave, is longer. The rest afternoon and evening is at your leisure. [B]



Sistine Chapel, Vatican



Pantheon



Local Cuisine



St. Peter's Basilica



Forum

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

St. John Lateran: whose official title is, Papal Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior and Saints John the Baptist and the Evangelist in the Lateran. Notable are the beautiful Cosmatesque floor, the high altar that contains the skulls of Saints Peter and Paul in twin reliquaries, and the connected Baptistry—the first in the world—and the Holy Stairs, imported by Helena from Pilate's palace in Jerusalem to Rome in the fourth century. The rest of the day is at your leisure. [B]

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

We start our day at the Planetarium, which is located in a large hall inside the Museo della Civiltà Romana. We continue to the heart of Rome, and visit an ancient Temple that has been converted to a Basilica, the historic Pantheon. We celebrate Mass, and enjoy a celebratory lunch in a local restaurant afterwards. The rest of the day is at your leisure. [B,L]

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

Enjoy a full day in Rome at your leisure. [B]

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Our Pilgrimage must unfortunately come to an end. We wish everyone safe travels whether you are flying home to Minneapolis, or continuing to a different destination. [B]

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(Based on double occupancy.)

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(Based on double occupancy.)

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