

An Autumn Pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni Rotunda and Assisi -
17th - 24th October 2026
Led by Canon John Diver



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Experience the wonderous sites of Rome, followed by a delightful countryside visit to Subiaco.

Travel South to the Region of Puglia to visit San Giovanni, which is intimately associated with the works of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina.

Travel North again on the East Coast to stop off at Lanciano site of the Eucharistic Miracle.

Finally follow in the footsteps of St Francis with an unforgettable visit to this magnificent hilltop Town.

Dear Pilgrim,

Please find below the proposed itinerary for our pilgrimage. This could be subject to change over the next few months. The final itinerary will be enclosed with your 'Travel Wallet'.

17th October- The first day of the pilgrimage. Your flight will depart from London Heathrow to Rome Fiumicino airport with Ita Airways - Flight details:
08.30- Check-in.
10.30 - Depart.
14.10 - Arrive.

Following arrival at the airport you will be met by your Courier and then transferred by coach to your hotel in Rome for 3 nights' half-board accommodation. The coach transfer time from the airport is about 60 minutes.

The group will celebrate Mass at one of the local churches on this afternoon. The evening meals whilst in Rome will be at a local Restaurant.

18th October

Breakfast at the hotel.

Free time

We will then meet at the hotel to make our way to St Peter's Square for the Sunday Angelus at midday. The Pope will appear from the window of the Apostolic Palace to give brief reflection, pray the Angelus and bless the crowd.

Following your chance to marvel at St Peter's Basilica, you will leave the area to take in a quick lunch before starting a walking tour of Rome - walk through the Medieval Quarter to the magnificent Piazza Navona and the ornate Trevi Fountain. Continue on to see sites such as the Spanish Steps, Colosseum and Roman Forum.

Return to the Hotel and evening meal locally.

19th October

Early Mass at St Peter's Basilica – subject to availability.

Return to the hotel for Breakfast. After Breakfast we will meet the coach and local guide for our half day guided tour. We shall commence with a visit to the Catacombs St Callixtus, one of the largest and most important cemeteries in Rome. Visit the stunning basilicas of Saint Mary Major (Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore), a Major papal basilica as well as one of the Seven Pilgrim Churches of Rome and the largest Catholic Marian church in Italy. Also, visit the Basilica of Saint John in Lateran (San Giovanni in Laterano) defined as



“the mother of all churches in the world.” Every corner of Rome has wonders of architecture, steeped in history.

Return to the Hotel and evening meal locally.

20th October - SUBIACO/SAN GIOVANNI DI ROTUNDO

After Breakfast check out of hotel and meet with Coach.

Transfer to Subiaco to visit the Monastery of St Benedict and the cave (Sacro Speco) where he lived.

The Abbey of Saint Scholastica, also known as Subiaco Abbey is located just outside the town of Subiaco, and is still an active Benedictine abbey, territorial abbey, first founded in the 6th century AD by Saint Benedict of Nursia. It was in one of the Subiaco caves (or grotto) that Benedict made his first hermitage.

The group will celebrate Mass here today.

Lunch will be taken before transferring on to San Giovanni for 2 nights stay on half board basis.

21st October – SAN GIOVANNI DI ROTUNDO

After Breakfast we will meet with our Guide for a guided tour of the Shrine of St Padre Pio. The group will also visit the English Office to view a video on the life of the Saint.

Group will celebrate Mass

Lunch Locally

In the afternoon the group will have the opportunity to follow the Stations of the Cross carved into the hillside.

San Giovanni: Located in the City of San Giovanni Rotondo, originally built in 1538, the Capuchin Monastery is the site where the Saint Pio lived from September, 1916, until his death in September, 1968. Next to the Monastery rises the Old Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie (Our Lady of Grace), originally dedicated to Santa Maria degli Angeli, consecrated in 1629.

In this small church with a capacity for about eighty people, Padre Pio celebrated Mass and heard confessions. It was here that Padre Pio received the stigmata in 1918.

22nd October –LANCIANO / ASSISI

After Breakfast check out of the hotel and transfer to Lanciano, the site of a Eucharistic Miracle.

Chiesa di San Francesco (1258), is built over a pre-existing 7th-century church.

The high altar houses the relics of the Eucharistic Miracle.

Lanciano: The Miracle of Lanciano is a Eucharistic miracle to have occurred in the eighth century in the city of Lanciano, Italy. According to tradition, a monk who had doubts about the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist found, when he said the words of consecration at Mass, that the bread and wine changed into flesh and blood. The Catholic Church officially recognizes this miracle as authentic.

The Group will celebrate Mass here before transferring on to Assisi for 2 nights stay on half board basis.

23rd October - ASSISI

After Breakfast, group will commence their guided tour of the Town, including visits to the Basilicas of St Francis and St Clare. There will also be a visit to the Basilica di Santa Degli Angeli. Group will celebrate Mass at one of the Basilicas.

Assisi: It is the birthplace of St. Francis, who founded the Franciscan religious order in the town in 1208, and St. Clare (*Chiara d'Offreducci*), who with St. Francis founded the Poor Sisters, which later became the Order of Poor Clares after her death. The 19th-century Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows was also born in Assisi.

Group will have lunch locally before transferring by Coach to Santa Maria degli Angeli, situated a short drive from the Town centre.

The group will visit the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels. Which houses the famous Portiuncula (Porziuncola) is a small Catholic Chapel within the Basilica.

The name Portiuncola (meaning "small portion of land") was first mentioned in a document from 1045, now in the archives of the Assisi Cathedral.

24th October - Last day of the pilgrimage.
After breakfast check out of hotel, early Mass if time allows before the coach journey back to Rome airport.
return flight to the UK with Ita Airways to London Heathrow.
Flight details:
11.50 - Check-in
13.50 - Depart.
15.40 - Arrive.

PRICES & SUPPLEMENTS:

£1395 per person based on 2 people
sharing inc flights:
Ita Airways from London Heathrow
Single Room Supplement: £350 for the
duration

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- *Flights
- * All airport/hotel coach transfers.
- * Transportation in Italy according to the programme
- * Half-board accommodation
- * Spiritual Leader and local English-speaking guide throughout
- * Full spiritual programme, with daily Mass
- * Tangney Tours badge
- * Comprehensive travel insurance

HOTELS:

Rome - Hotel Emmaus, Via delle Fornaci 23/25, 00165 Roma, Italy.
Phone: 0039 06 635658

Hotel Parco delle Rose, Viale Aldo Moro 71, 71013 San Giovanni Rotonda, Italy.
Phone: 00 39 0882 456161

Hotel Frate Sole, Via S Bernardino da Siena, Assisi, Italy
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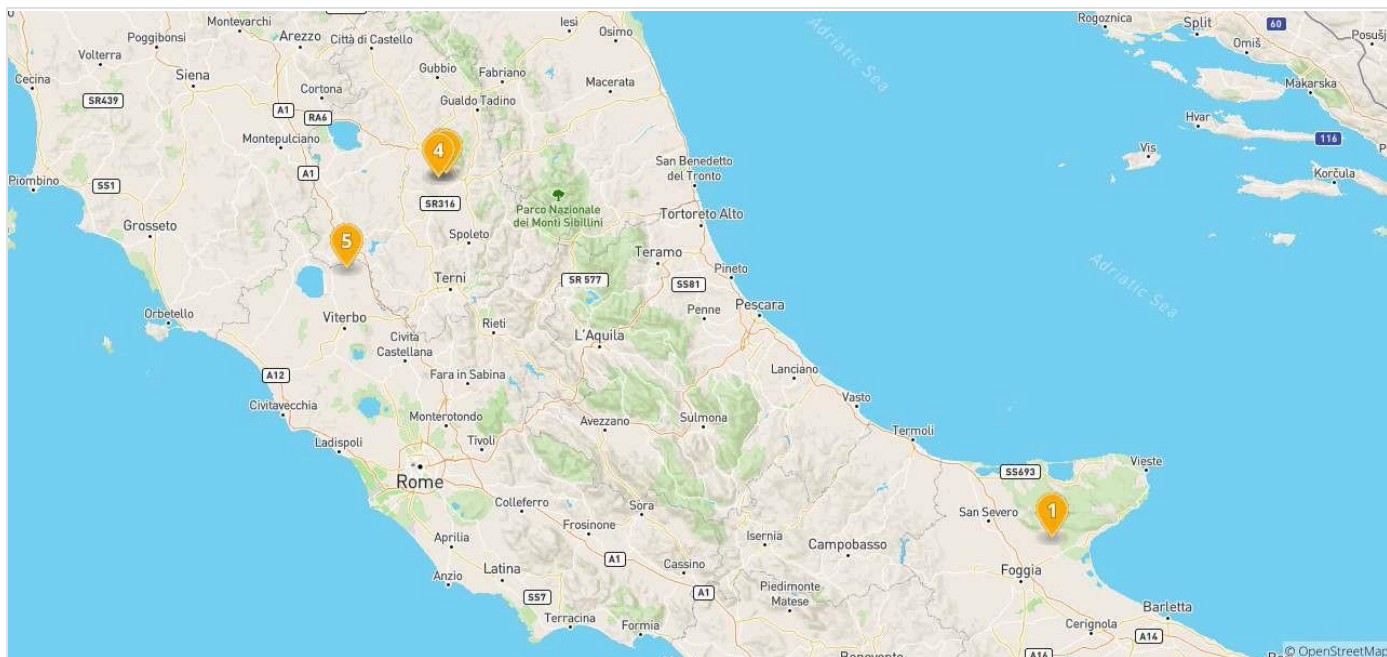
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1 Church of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

2 Basilica of San Francesco d'Assisi

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