

St. Augustine Catholic Church
Brighton, Colorado
Pilgrimage to Italy
Led by Rev. José Anibal Chicas-Guevera
October 18 – 29, 2022

Tuesday, October 18 - USA/MILAN (Day 1) - Depart USA for Milan.



Wednesday, October 19 - MILAN/PAVIA/MILAN (Day 2) – Arrive at Malpensa International Airport in Milan. After going through passport control, go to the luggage carousel and pick up your luggage (baggage carts are available). Proceed to the exit where you see “nothing to declare” and look for your escort holding up a sign indicating “St. Augustine Catholic Church.” He will direct you to your motor coach. Departure for Pavia for Mass at the Church of S. Pietro in Ciel D’Oro which houses the tomb of St. Augustine. Return to Milan and check-in at Hotel Tocq. Lunch on own and afternoon free to relax. Dinner at local restaurant (D)

Thursday, October 20 - MILAN (Day 3) – Breakfast at hotel. Departure for Mass at the magnificent Gothic Cathedral, followed by a guided tour to include the Basilica of St. Ambrose, the Victor Emmanuel Gallery, the Sforzesco Castle, and Leonardo’s famous painting of the Last Supper (subject to availability). Lunch on own and afternoon free. Dinner at local restaurant. (B,D)



Friday, October 21 - MILAN/BOLOGNA/FLORENCE (Day 4) – Breakfast at hotel and check-out. Departure for Bologna. Enjoy a guided tour of the main city sites in this lovely historical city with nearly 40 km. of porticoes and in which the first university in the world saw the light in the XI century. Mass will follow at the Basilica of St. Dominic, which houses the tomb of the saint. Lunch at a local restaurant. Afternoon continue on to Florence. Check-in at Hotel Croce di Malta. Dinner on your own. (B,L)



Saturday, October 22 – FLORENCE (Day 5) – Breakfast at hotel. Departure for Mass at the Basilica of S. Maria Novella, followed by a guided tour of the Duomo, Baptistery, Basilica of the Holy Cross, and the Fine Arts Gallery to admire Michelangelo’s splendid statue of David. Lunch on your own and afternoon free (optional guided tour of the Uffizi Gallery which must be booked in advance, or a visit to a leather and gold factory). Dinner at local restaurant. (B,D)





Sunday – October 23 – FLORENCE/SIENA/ASSISI (Day 6) Breakfast at hotel and check-out. Departure for Siena for Mass at the Basilica of St. Dominic, which houses some of the relics of St. Catherine of Siena, followed by a guided tour to also include the Piazza del Campo (where the medieval horse races take place twice a year), and the splendid Cathedral. Lunch on your own. Afternoon continue on to Assisi. Check-in at Hotel Giotto. Dinner at local restaurant. (B,D)

Monday, October 24 – ASSISI (Day 7) – Breakfast at hotel. Departure for Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis, followed by a guided tour to include the Basilica of St. Clare, Chiesa Nuova, the church which was built on the site of the presumed birthplace of St. Francis, and S. Maria Sopra Minerva. Lunch on own. Afternoon departure for a guided tour of the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, which houses the *Porziuncola* and the miraculous rose garden, and the Church of San Damiano. Rest of afternoon free. Dinner at hotel. (B,D)



Tuesday, October 25 -

ASSISI/ORVIETO/ROME (Day 8) - Breakfast at hotel and check-out. Departure for Orvieto where you will have Mass and enjoy a guided tour of the beautiful cathedral which also houses magnificent artworks by famous artists, such as Fra Angelico and Luca Signorelli, in the Chapel of San Brizio. Lunch at Ristorante Maurizio. Afternoon departure for Rome. Check-in at Hotel Atlante Star. Dinner at local restaurant. (B,L,D)



Wednesday, October 26 - ROME
(Day 9) – Breakfast at hotel.

Departure for St. Peter's Square to attend the general Papal Audience with Pope Francis. Lunch on own. Afternoon departure for a guided tour of the Basilicas of St. Paul Outside the Walls, where you will have Mass, St. John Lateran, and St. Mary Major. Dinner at local restaurant. (B,D)



Thursday, October 27 – ROME (Day 10) – Breakfast at hotel. Departure for Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, followed by a guided tour of the Vatican Museum/Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. Lunch on own. Afternoon departure for a guided tour of the Colosseum and Roman Forum. Dinner at local restaurant. (B,D)

Friday – October 28 -
ROME (Day 11) -

Breakfast at hotel. Departure for a guided tour of the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Navona Square and Pantheon. Mass at the Basilica of S. Maria Sopra Minerva. Lunch on own and afternoon free. Dinner at local restaurant. (B,D)

Saturday, October 29 - ROME (Day 12) – Breakfast at hotel and check-out. Departure for Fiumicino Airport and *Arrivederci Roma!!*



PLEASE NOTE: Final cost for this pilgrimage is not yet available as we are not yet able to make airline reservations. All land transportation, taxes, tips, included meals and hotel costs have been secured at 2021 prices. We expect the final cost to be somewhere between \$4,500 and \$4,900 per person based on double occupancy. Single occupancy will be an additional \$750. We hope to have a much closer approximation of cost in December 2021.

This is a small group pilgrimage with a minimum of 25 and a maximum of 50 people. We will start taking deposits and reserving spots in early 2022. However, because of the limited number of spaces available we are encouraging those interested to put your names on a preliminary reservation list as soon as possible. There is no financial commitment for putting your name on the preliminary reservation list. We will keep you updated on cost as it becomes available. If you are interested in learning more about this pilgrimage, please contact:

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Your trip cost will include:

- **Round-trip airfare from Denver to Milan and from Rome to Denver**
- **Airline taxes, security, and fuel surcharge**
- **Hotel accommodations: 2 nights – Milan, 2 nights – Florence, 2 nights – Assisi, 4 nights – Rome**
- **Hotel city taxes**
- **All breakfasts**
- **All dinners and lunches where indicated (glass of wine included with meals)**
- **Licensed local English-speaking tour guides**
- **Tour escort throughout your trip in Italy**
- **Entrance fees to sights where indicated**
- **Deluxe private motor coach throughout your trip**
- **Earphones/headsets during guided tours**
- **Tipping & gratuities to guides, driver and escort**

Not included:

- **Items of personal nature**
- **Travel insurance**

Itinerary subject to change in the best interest of the group

