

Catholic Answers Rome Pilgrimage
November 9-18, 2023

Day 1: Thursday, November 9

Depart on group flight from New York, JFK Airport.

Day 2: Friday, November 10

Benvenuti a Roma! Meet your professional Italian Tour Manager, then board your private motor coach to the hotel. Meet in hotel lobby to begin afternoon walk to explore the Velabro. ***Celebrate a Welcome Mass at the Church of San Giorgio Velabro.*** Afterwards, visit San Giorgio in Velabro and Santa Maria in Cosmedin. If time allows, see the best-preserved buildings of Rome during the Republic- the Forum Boarium, the ruins of the Largo Argentina, the Portico of Octavia, the Jewish Ghetto, and the theater of Marcellus. Welcome reception at hotel with presentation. Overnight in Rome. (D)

Day 3: Saturday, November 11

After breakfast, visit the Church of St. Agnes Outside the Walls and St. Lawrence Outside the Walls, which is home of the relics of Justin Martyr, St. Lawrence, and Pius IX. Enjoy a group lunch before walking along the way of The Via Pellegrini and see Castel Sant'Angelo, Ponte Sant'Angelo, and Chiesa Nuova. ***Celebrate Mass at Chiesa Nuova.*** Enjoy free time the remainder of the evening before dinner on your own. Overnight in Rome. (B, L)

Day 4: Sunday, November 12

After breakfast, begin a full-day walking tour of the Centro Storico, the Historic Center of Rome. ***Celebrate Mass at San Luigi dei Francesi,*** then visit St. Agostino and the Jesu. Following lunch on your own, visit the Pantheon and Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, along with three of Rome's most famous piazzas: The Piazza Navona, the Piazza Farnese, and the Campo de Fiori. Return to the hotel for a group dinner. Overnight in Rome. (B, D)

Day 5: Monday, November 13

After breakfast, pending availability, the group will have the opportunity to partake in a Scavi Tour of excavations below the Vatican. Then, take a guided tour of the magnificent Basilica and St. Peter's Square. Enjoy a group lunch near the Vatican then transfer to Santa Croce in Gerusalemme for a tour. ***Celebrate Mass at St. John Lateran,*** and visit to Scala Sancta afterwards. Dinner on your own and overnight in Rome. (B, L)

Day 6: Tuesday, November 14

After breakfast, visit Santi Quattro Corinati, the Capella San Silvestro, and the Cloister. Walk to Caelian Hill, pass the Circus Maximus and Palatine Hill. ***Celebrate Mass at Santi Giovanni e Paolo*** with visit to Roman houses beneath. Enjoy a group lunch. Then, visit San Stefano Rotunda and San Clemente. The remainder of the day is free to visit Flavian Amphitheater (Colosseum), the Roman Forum or the Palatine Hill. Enjoy dinner on your own and overnight in Rome. (B, L)

Day 7: Wednesday, November 15

Take a boxed breakfast to St. Peter's Square for the Wednesday Morning Papal Audience. Then, transfer to Aventine Hill to ***celebrate Mass at Santa Sabina***. Then, transfer to the Trastevere neighborhood for lunch on your own. Visit Santa Maria del Priorato, San Francesco a Ripa, and Santa Cecilia's Basilica. Lastly, visit San Chrysogono and Santa Maria in Trastevere. Enjoy free time for shopping and a group dinner. Overnight in Rome. (B, D)

Day 8: Thursday, November 16

After breakfast, ***celebrate Mass at Cosmas and Damien*** and stroll up the Esquiline hill. Visit the Church of Santa Prassede and the Basilica Santa Maria Maggiore. The afternoon is free to visit the Vatican Museums or Villa Borghese. Dinner on your own and overnight in Rome. (B)

Day 9: Friday, November 17

After breakfast, ***celebrate Mass at Santa Maria Della Vittoria***. Then, walk to the Piazza Barberini to see the Spanish steps and Trevi Fountain. Enjoy a free afternoon to shop and eat at the neighboring restaurants. This evening, celebrate the end of the pilgrimage with a Farewell Dinner. Overnight in Rome. (B, D)

Day 10: Saturday, November 18

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight home. (B)

B = Breakfast | L = Lunch | D = Dinner