

Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco 10 Day Pilgrimage to Italy

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Rome
- Mornese
- Turin
- **■** Florence
- Vatican
- Colle Don Bosco

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10 Days: May 21 - 30, 2024

Day by Day Itinerary

May 21st - Day 1: Flight to Milan: Our Pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our flight to Milan. Meals and drinks served aloft.

May 22nd – Day 2: Arrival: Upon arrival in Milan we are welcomed by our HLTC Guide and Driver. We will then make the short journey to Turin where we will enjoy a brief panoramic city tour before arriving at our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Turin (Dinner)

May 23 rdd- Day 3: Turin, Vigil Ceremony: We begin the day with a visit to Valdocco, a neighborhood of Turin that's well known for a complex of buildings related to Don Bosco. The first of these is the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians, the final resting place of our Salesian Saints, where we will celebrate a special Mass to mark the eve of the Feast of Mary Help of Christians. Following Mass, we will disperse for lunch before continuing our exploration of Valdocco with visits to the Casa Don Bosco Museum, the Church of San Francesco di Sales and the Pinardi Chapel. Our discoveries culminate at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist where the Holy Shroud is housed along with the tomb of the Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. We will then enjoy an early dinner at a local restaurant before returning to our hotel. For those who wish to participate, the First Vespers will begin around 7pm and a Vigil will be held from 10pm to Midnight.

Overnight: Turin (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 24th- Day 4: Turin, Feast Day: Today we celebrate the Salesian Feast of Mary Help of Christians alongside thousands of our fellow faithful! After a leisurely breakfast, we will take a few hours to cover any of the sites we missed on our busy schedule from the day before. Plan for an early dinner in advance of an evening Mass followed by a grand procession through the streets of Turin! Late in the evening, we will return to our hotel to rest.

Overnight: Turin (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 25th- Day 5: Colle Don Bosco, Mornese: Today we bid farewell to Turin and set out for Mornese. Along the route to Mornese, we'll have the chance to visit the home of St. Dominic Savio. We then proceed to Colle Don Bosco where we'll explore the birthplace of St. John Bosco along with the many magnificent structures that have been built to commemorate his life, work, and faith. We then head to Mornese, an idyllic village in the Italian countryside and birthplace of St. Mary Mazzarello and the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. Here, we're treated to a comprehensive tour of the village under the direction of the Salesian Sisters who call it home. Afterwards, we will retire to one of the local facilities run by the Salesian Sisters for a delicious dinner and a deserved rest.

Overnight: Mornese (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

May 26th – Day 6: Mornese, Florence: We greet the day with a smile as we bid farewell to Mornese as we depart for Florence. Along the way we will take in the beautiful Italian coastline as we look out across the Ligurian Sea. Once we've arrived in Florence we will enjoy a half-day city tour that will feature visits to Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio, Ponte Vecchio, the Duomo and the Academia to see Michelangelo's "David." Finally, we check in to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Florence (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 27th – Day 7: Florence, Rome: Today we depart Florence for Rome. Along the way we are accompanied by picturesque views of the Italian countryside as we eagerly anticipate our first glimpse of the Eternal City. Upon our arrival in Rome, we will transfer to Saint Paul Outside the Walls, one of the four major basilicas in Rome, where we will visit the tomb of St. Paul before enjoying lunch and some free time to stretch our legs. We then continue our journey with a tour of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, a Salesian Basilica in the center of Rome. We close the day by checking in to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 28th – Day 8: Rome, The Vatican: Our day begins with an exploration of Vatican City. We begin with a tour of the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica. We will then discover the Vatican Museums which house many of the Western world's most important collections of art. Our experience culminates in a visit to The Sistine Chapel, a place where our minds and hearts will surely linger for many years to come. After lunch, we spend the remainder of the day encountering many of the most famous sites of ancient Rome. Sites such as the Pantheon, Forum, Colosseum and Palatine Hill. Later, we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 29th – Day 9: Rome, Papalr Audience: With our final full day of the pilgrimage, we will share in the truly unique experience of attending a Papal Audience. An early morning start ensures the best possible view of the Holy Father as he personally greets and addresses the faithful. In the afternoon, we visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the oldest basilica of the Western World. We then visit the Basilica of St. Mary Major, one the most important shrines in the world dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Time permitting, we will proceed to the Catacombs of St. Callixtus. At the close of the day, we will enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant before returning to our hotel for a peaceful night of rest.

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 30th – Day 10: Rome, Return Home: Today we bid farewell to Italy and begin our journey home. We bring with us memories of fellowship and faith that will last a lifetime.

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BASE PRICE PER PERSON *Double Occupancy Rate

Land Only (no airfare included) \$2499.00*

Airfare From JFK - \$3499.00*

Airfare From LAX - \$3799.00*

Airfare From DEN & SAT - \$3999.00*

Costs from other airports may vary

OPTIONS

• For a single room*: add \$450

*Subject to availability

• Travel Insurance: \$2,000-3,000 add \$187

\$3,000-4,000 add \$248 \$4,000-5,000 add \$313

*Available only for travelers with primary residence in USA or Canada

FIRST PAYMENT \$500.00 DUE: NOW

SECOND PAYMENT \$1249.00 DUE: NOVEMBER 11, 2023
FINAL PAYMENT REMAINING DUE: JANUARY 26, 2024

BASE PRICE INCLUDES:

- All Activities Per Itinerary
- 8 Nights Accommodation
- Meals per Itinerary
 - * Excludes Beverages
- Tour Guides /Escorts
- Spiritual Director
- Gratuities for Guide, Driver and Hotel Staff

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By making any payments (cash, credit card or otherwise) towards any tour constitutes your unconditional acceptance of all the terms and conditions stated in this brochure. Holy Land Travel Center shall be referred to as HLTC within this document.

DOCUMENTS: US citizens require a valid passport. Other nationalities please inquire with the appropriate embassies.

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT: Deposit of \$500 per person is required upon registration along with a signed copy of the registration form on or before. Registrations are processed in the order received by HLTC A second payment of \$1249 is required on or before 150 days prior to departure. A third payment of \$1000 is due 90 days prior to departure. Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure. Late payments are subject to \$50 late fee. HLTC reserves the right to cancel reservations whose payments are 30 days late and to apply applicable cancellation/penalties indicated below. No registrations can be made over the telephone.

INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION FEES & REFUNDS: Upon cancellation of participation of tour by you, the registrant, for any reason, and only after HLTC receives your signed cancellation, HLTC will then refund your payment for services not received by you, minus applicable cancellation fees per person, according to the following schedule:

In addition to any cancellation fees specific to your tour, the following fees apply.

- Minimum cancellation fee is \$350 from time of registration up to 120 days prior to the tour's departure date.
- From 119 to 60 days prior to departure day, the cancellation fee is \$350 + 20% of total price.
- From 59 days to 8 days prior to departure day, cancellation fee is \$350 + 50% of total price.
- 4. From 7 days prior to departure day onward, no refund is possible.

TRAVEL PROTECTION: Travel insurance is recommended to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer travel protection. If you do not wish to purchase now, the plan can be purchased any time before submitting your final payment. If you chose to purchase outside of the time sensitive period outlined in the plan, you will not be eligible for time sensitive benefits. All plan premiums are non-refundable. To view/download the plan, which provides the full coverage terms and details, including limitations and exclusion please visit our website: www.holylandtc.com/travel-protection/

MEDICAL CONDITION: We endeavor to provide the highest level of service to all our passengers. Participants who require special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the participants' well-being. This pilgrimage demands a lot of walking and can be strenuous. HLTC is not responsible for any medical conditions that occur prior to, during, or after the tour.

LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSFERS: By private deluxe motor coach.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Tour prices are per person, based on two persons sharing double or twin-bedded rooms with private bathroom with tub or shower. In the event that one does not sign up with a roommate and is not able to be paired with another traveler, there will be a single supplement charge to the account. Single rooms subject to availability and an additional cost of \$450.

MEALS: Meals in accordance with the itinerary. All beverages are extra.

TIPPING: Unless it is specified in the tour brochure, the price of the tour does not include tips and gratuities. Tipping is recommended to the tour guide and motor coach driver approximately \$6 and \$4 per person, respectively, per day to each: Hotel tips are approximately \$2 per day per person. Tips may be pre-collected before the pilgrimage for your convenience.

AIRLINE TICKETS AND ITINERARY LENGTH: Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class aboard carriers utilizing non-refundable, non-amenable tickets. Preliminary international flight schedules are available 60 days prior to departure and may change before they are finalized. Therefore, if you book

the domestic flight on your own, you will be responsible for changing your domestic flights and incurring any change fees that would be generated by this adjustment. We are not responsible for changes and delays in airline schedules and do not reimburse passengers for expenses resulting from such occurrences. Travelers making their own flight arrangements should not purchase non-refundable, non-changeable tickets. We cannot guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. If flight schedules change, we reserve the right to lengthen or shorten the itinerary accordingly, and if changes or flight schedules necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged at normal hotel rates. Land Only packages do not include airport-hotel transfers.

SEAT ASSIGNMENT: THERE IS NO ADVANCE SEAT SELECTION FOR TOUR DEPARTURES. HLTC cannot guarantee specific seats, which are at the discretion of the airline and are pending availability. When HLTC disperses travel packages, you will receive your record locator. You can use this locator to do online seating arrangements, if permitted by the airline.

BAGGAGE: Transatlantic and transpacific flights to and from the USA allow the passenger to bring one (1) checked bag, which may have a maximum weight of 50 lbs., and maximum combined dimensions of 62 inches. Also, one (1) "carry-on" with maximum dimensions of 22" x 14" x 9" is permitted. Luggage on domestic flights will cost extra. Luggage is the passenger's responsibility and that of the airlines. For lost luggage, the passenger is responsible for notifying the airline directly. Check with your carrier regarding carry-on luggage rules and regulations.

PRICES: All prices are based on exchange rates and fares applicable at time of quotation and based on minimum number of paying passengers stated in the brochure and are therefore subject to change if fares change (including fuel surcharges increase), if group does not reach minimum or if exchange rates fluctuate. Minimum number of paying passengers is 30.

NOT INCLUDED: Passport and Visas, meals not mentioned, beverages with meals, extra beyond standard menu, excess baggage, luggage on domestic flights, telephone calls, fuel surcharges increase.

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Note: While no changes are anticipated, there may be unforeseen occasions when certain alterations become necessary, either due to changes to the airline schedule, government regulations, travel restrictions, or any other reason. Holy Land Travel Center reserves the right to change the itinerary or name alternate dates due to such unforeseen circumstances or emergencies