



The Padre Pio Foundation of America
presents an
11 Day Eucharistic Pilgrimage to Italy
visiting Rome, the Vatican, Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotondo, Pietrelcina,
Piano Romana, Assisi, Florence, Padua, Venice and Stresa
April 18th – 28th, 2008

TOUR #PIO0418

Fri, Apr 18th: Newark/Rome - Depart Newark Airport on your overnight flight to Italy.

Sat, Apr 19th: Rome - Upon arrival in Rome we are transferred to our hotel. Remainder of the day is free. This evening we have a "Rome by Night Tour." (B,D)

Sun, Apr 20th: Papal Blessing - This morning we go to St. Peter's Square to attend the Sunday Papal Blessing (provided the Holy Father is in residence). Remainder of the day is free. This evening we have dinner at "Da Meo Patacca." (B,D)

Mon, Apr 21st Rome/Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano/San Giovanni Rotondo - Morning departure to San Giovanni Rotondo. En route we stop at Lanciano. The most popular of the Eucharistic Miracles is the Miracle of Lanciano. A monk was having doubts and his doubts were growing stronger. One morning during Mass at the Consecration, he began to shake and tremble and faced the people to show them what had happened. The Host had turned to Flesh and the wine into Blood! After our visit, we continue to San Giovanni Rotondo to visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Grace where we see Padre Pio's Tomb and cell. (B,D)

Tue, Apr 22nd: San Giovanni Rotondo/Pietrelcina/San Giovanni Rotondo - Morning departure to Pietrelcina, birthplace of Padre Pio. We visit his home, the Church of Santa Ana, where he was Baptized and then we have Mass at Santa Maria degli Angeli. Next we stop at Piana Romana to visit the place where Padre Pio received the invisible stigmata. After our visit and Mass we return to San Giovanni Rotondo. (B,D)

Wed, Apr 23rd: San Giovanni Rotondo/Assisi - Morning departure to Assisi. Upon arrival, we visit the the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli where we see the Porziuncola (the little church St. Francis built). After our visit we go to the upper city to visit the Basilicas of St. Francis and St. Clare, where we see the Tombs of the two Saints. (B,D)

Thu, Apr 24th: Assisi /Florence - Morning departure to FLORENCE. for our tour of the city's priceless treasures including the Piazza del Duomo, center of religious life in medieval Florence. We visit the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. Next we see the Baptistery with its' masterfully crafted bronze doors – Michaelangelo declared them the "Gate of Paradise." We also, visit the Church of Santa Croce, burial place of Michaelangelo, Galileo and Machiavelli, for Mass. (B,D)

Fri, Apr 25th: Florence/Eucharistic Miracle of Padua -. Morning departure to PADUA.. Upon arrival, we visit the Basilica of St. Anthony of Padua where we have Mass near the Tomb of St. Anthony. After Mass, we have free time to visit the Basilica and see the Fresco of the Eucharistic Miracle of Padua. Remainder of the day is free. (B,D)

Sat, Apr 26th: Venice - This morning we are transferred to Venice for our short cruise along the Grand Canal to the Church of St. Geremena and St. Lucy for Mass and to view the body of St. Lucy. After Mass we are transferred by motor launch to St. Marks Square for our tour of Venice including St. Marks Square where we view the Clock Tower with its famous Moors, then we visit St. Marks Basilica with its Byzantine and European architectural styles and dazzling mosaics. We stop to pray at the tomb of St. Mark before continuing our walking tour of Venice. We will have free time for lunch (on our own) and shopping before our late afternoon return to Padua. (B,D)

Sun, Apr 27th: Padua/Stresa - Morning departure to Stresa. Upon arrival we have a walking tour of the city. The remainder of the day is free to enjoy this lovely resort town. (B,D)

Mon, Apr 28th: Stresa/Milan - Morning Mass followed by departure to Milan airport for our return flight to the USA. (B)

Pilgrimage Price: \$ 2,999.00 per person Double & Triple \$ 3,699.00 Single

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Pilgrimage Includes: Air Fare from New York, Three & Four Star Hotels, Deluxe Motorcoach, Sightseeing as per itinerary, Continental Breakfast & Dinner Daily, Daily Mass and Rosary, Porterage (one piece of luggage) at hotels, Taxes and Service Charges. **Due to the recent increase in Fuel it may become necessary to increase our rate by the Fuel Surcharge.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Julie at the Padre Pio Foundation, 860.635.4996, or Susan DeBartoli at Little Flower Pilgrimages, 888.843.7373.

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