

Experience Rome with Dr. Sri

Rome-Assisi Pilgrimage - May 20-28, 2019



Join Dr. Edward Sri's Rome Pilgrimage



- Historical roots of our Catholic Faith
- Learn how to “read” a church
- Be evangelized by beauty
- Walk in the footsteps of apostles, saints, popes & martyrs
- Time for prayer at all the sacred sites
- Mass in the catacombs & basilicas
- Teaching from Dr. Sri at the sites

Dr. Sri lived in Rome & has offered pilgrims a truly Catholic experience of the city for nearly 20 years.

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Crypt of Apostles Philip & James



General Audience with the Pope



Caravaggio's "Call of Matthew"



Pray at the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy

Monday, May 20 DEPART USA FOR ROME

Tuesday, May 21 THE HEART OF THE CHURCH

- St. Peter's Square
- St. Peter's Basilica
- Santo Spirito Church: Sanctuary of Divine Mercy (St. JPII & St. Faustina)

Arrive in Rome and leave bags at our hotel, within two blocks from the Vatican. Enjoy a quick take-away sliced pizza for lunch. Begin our pilgrimage with a tour of the history, theology, art and architecture of St. Peter's Basilica. Inside, pray at the tombs of dozens of saints and Church Fathers. Also, visit Santo Spirito Church with relics of Saints Faustina and John Paul II. Mass at Santo Spirito Church. Group Dinner.

Wednesday, May 22 IN FOOTSTEPS OF MARY, PETER & THE POPE

- General Audience with the Pope
- Basilica of St. Mary Major's
- First Century House Church (St. Praxedes)

Begin the day with the general Wednesday audience in St. Peter's Square with Pope Francis. Receive his papal blessing for you, your family and any religious items.

Travel to the Esquiline Hill area and after lunch on your own, visit St. Mary Major's, the principle church dedicated to Our Lady with relics of the Bethlehem crib and many saints. Visit early Christian "House Church" St. Praxedes, where the remains of literally thousands of early Christian martyrs reside .

Take bus back to hotel for a quiet evening or option to end the day Roman-style with a group dinner at a Pizzeria/Tavern where the locals like to eat (meal and taxi back to hotel on your own).

Thursday, May 23 WALKING WITH THE SAINTS

- Tombs of dozens of saints and martyrs, including:
 - ◊ Saints Monica, Agnes & Catherine of Siena
 - ◊ Saints Ignatius of Loyola, Philip Neri & Camillus
 - ◊ Apostles Philip & James
- The Pantheon
- Piazza Navona
- Trevi Fountain

Walking tour of some of the beautiful churches and saints in the historic district, including: Chiesa Nova with tomb of St. Philip Neri; St. Agnes where St. Agnes was martyred and the relic of her head resides; the famous Piazza Navona; San Agostino with the tomb of St. Monica, Augustine's mother; St. Luigi, which houses a cycle of paintings by Caravaggio on the life of St. Matthew. Mass at S. Maria Magdalena Church, with tomb of St. Camillus.

After lunch on our own, visit the Church of the 12 Apostles with the tombs of the Apostles Philip and James the Less; the Church of the Gesu with the tomb of St. Ignatius of Loyola and the hand of St. Francis Xavier; Santa Maria Sopra Minerva with the tomb of St. Catherine of Siena. We also will visit the Pantheon, the pagan temple that was converted into a church in 608 AD and the famous Trevi Fountain.



Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi



Pray at the Tomb of St. Paul



The Coliseum



Amazing Italian Meals



Vatican Museums

Friday, May 24 "THE BLOOD OF THE MARTYRS"

- Catacombs of St. Calixtus
- Basilicas of St. John Lateran; Santa Croce (Relics of Christ's Passion) and San Clemente (1st Century House Church)
- Views of Coliseum & Ancient Roman Forum

Visit Catacombs of St. Calixtus, the largest of Christian catacombs which features the tombs of the early popes, early depictions of the sacraments, St. Cecilia's original burial place & the site of Pope Sixtus II's martyrdom in 258 AD. Celebrate Mass of the Martyrs there. Then visit the Basilica of Santa Croce which houses relics of Christ's Passion and was built over soil from the Holy Land which St. Helen brought back. Visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the church where the popes resided from the time of Constantine until the papacy moved to Avignon and then to St. Peter's in 1377. The Lateran remains the cathedral of Rome and is the site of the famous baptistry where converts were baptized by the pope in the early Church.

After lunch on your own, visit Basilica of San Clemente. Journey from the 12th century church through the excavations to the fourth-century basilica and then go down one more level to a first century "house church" believed to be where the Pope St. Clement resided. End the day with views of the Roman Forum and the Coliseum, including sights of the hills where Rome started in the 8th century BC and the Forum—the ancient marketplace/plaza that emerged in this area with its buildings for government, trade and pagan worship. Take bus back to hotel.

Saturday, May 25 DAY TRIP TO ASSISI

- Church of St. Clare & Basilica of St. Francis

Travel through the beautiful Italian countryside of Lazio and Umbria to the medieval hill city of Assisi. Visit the Church of St. Clare. Pray at the tomb of St. Clare and before the San Damiano cross — the original cross that spoke to St. Francis telling him "Go rebuild my church!" Walk through the town's central square, which dates back to Roman times, on our way to a group lunch with spectacular views overlooking the Umbrian valley below Assisi. Tour the three levels of the Basilica of St. Francis, including a walk through Giotto's frescos telling the life of St. Francis and praying at Francis' tombs. Mass at the Basilica. Return by bus to Rome.

Sunday, May 26 FREE DAY

Your free day! Plan your own day-trip to a place like Florence, Orvieto or Pompeii. Or stay in Rome to visit sites not on itinerary or just relax in the Eternal City. Mass on your own.

Monday, May 27 THEOLOGY IN THE ART

- Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel
- Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls (Tombs of Paul & Timothy)

Tour the Vatican Museums and the works of Giotto, DaVinci, Raphael, Michelangelo, Caravaggio and others. Discover the rich spirituality and theology in Christian art in the Raphael rooms & Sistine Chapel where the popes are elected. There, the cardinals in the conclave contemplate a cycle of paintings telling the story of salvation history from Adam to Jesus, culminating in the Last Judgment scene by Michelangelo. After lunch on own, visit St. Paul Outside the Walls. Upon entering the welcoming courtyard, we're greeted by the famous statue of St. Paul holding the Scriptures and a sword. Inside, we ponder the frescos of Paul's life and the medallions of all the Popes from Peter to Francis. Our pilgrimage to this Basilica will culminate at the tombs of St. Paul and his disciple Timothy, where we will read from Paul's letter to Timothy and seek their intercession. Mass there. Gather back for final group dinner.

Tuesday, May 28 DEPART ROME FOR USA



ADVANTAGES OF A SMALL GROUP

Dr. Edward Sri offers spiritual reflections at all the sites born from living, studying and filming in Rome and leading dozens of groups for nearly 20 years. Traveling in a smaller group offers more quiet time to take in the spiritual significance of each site and to pray. We don't just rush around to see a lot of things. We go deeper to encounter God through the martyrs, saints and history of Rome.

Daily Mass	Teaching from Dr. Sri at each site
Prayerful Environment	Q&A Time and Meals with Dr. Sri

TOUR DETAILS

Full package includes: roundtrip airfare from Newark, NJ to Rome, 8 days in Italy, 7 nights at hotel; breakfast at hotel; 2 group dinners; 1 group lunch; airport transfers; motor coach for ground transportation, Dr. Sri's teaching at the sites, occasional local guides leading you through the holy sites; personal audio sets to easily hear Dr. Sri; tours & entrance fees to all sites on itinerary; for your convenience, gratuities for group meals, guides, bus drivers, and hotel service also included. Land Only option available (see below). Itinerary subject to change. Pilgrimage will operate with a minimum of 30 pilgrims. Purchasing travel insurance is strongly recommended: contact a local travel agent or visit an online provider such as TravelGuard.com.

PRICES

	Fly with Group from Newark Have ease of starting the trip with Dr. Sri and the group, traveling from Newark to Rome and back.	Land Only—Book Your Own Flight Book your own flight, <u>meet group at the hotel</u> , arrange your own transport between Rome airport & hotel (2x).
Quad Room	\$3,500/Person	\$2,350/Person
Triple Room	\$3,650/Person	\$2,500/Person
Double Room	\$3,800 /Person	\$2,650/Person
Single Room	\$4,300/Person	\$3,150/Person

- Prices reflect a \$175 per person cash/check discount.
- Contact us for Business Class option.
- Travel insurance is strongly recommended to protect against the unexpected. Contact your local travel agent or visit an online provider such as TravelGuard.com

HOW TO REGISTER

Request Reservation Form by emailing Dr. Sri's office at Rome.EdwardSri@gmail.com. Completed Reservation Form and \$500 non-refundable deposit required to confirm your spot. Final payment due February 1, 2019.

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

These pilgrimages usually fill quickly. Reservations are granted in the order in which deposits are received.

QUESTIONS?

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