

Experience Rome with Dr. Sri

Rome-Assisi Pilgrimage - September 18-26, 2021



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 Footsteps of Apostles, Saints, Popes & Martyrs
- Time for Prayer at Sacred Sites
- Mass in Catacombs & Basilicas
- Teaching from Dr. Sri at Holy Sites

Dr. Sri lived in Rome and has been offering pilgrims a truly Catholic experience of the Eternal City for more than 20 years.



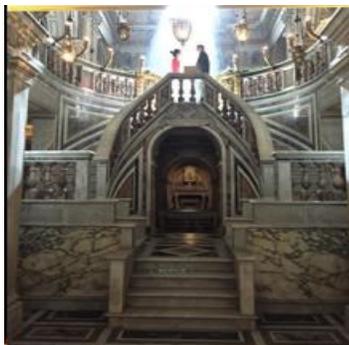
St. Peter's Basilica



Sanctuary of Divine Mercy



See the Pope, the Successor of St. Peter!



Crypt Tomb of Apostles Philip & James

ITINERARY*

Saturday, September 18 Depart Newark late afternoon on flight to Rome.

Sunday, September 19 THE HEART OF THE CHURCH

- St. Peter's Square, St. Peter's Basilica
- Sanctuary of Divine Mercy

After overnight flight, arrive morning into Rome and leave bags at our hotel, within two blocks from the Vatican. Enjoy a quick take-away 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.

Monday, September 20 WALKING WITH THE SAINTS

Tombs of Dozens of Saints, Including:

- St. Catherine of Siena, St. Monica, St. Agnes
- St. Philip Neri, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Francis Xavier
- The Apostles Philip and James

Also: 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.

Tuesday, September 21 "THE BLOOD OF THE MARTYRS"

- Catacombs of St. Calixtus
- Basilicas of St. John Lateran & Santa Croce (Relics of Christ's Passion)
- Basilica of 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 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 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 Pope St. Clement resided. End 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.



Basilica of St. Francis, Assisi



Rafael's "Victory of the Eucharist"



Amazing Italian Meals!



Pray at the Tomb of St. Paul

Wednesday, September 22 WITH MARY, PETER & THE POPE

- Papal Audience
- Basilica of St. Mary Major
- St. Praxedes (1st Century House Church)

After general audience with the Pope, 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. Option to visit early Christian "House Church" St. Praxedes, with relics of thousands of early Christian martyrs.

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, September 23 THEOLOGY IN ART

- Vatican Museums
- Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls

Tour the Vatican Museum 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 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.

Friday, September 24 ASSISI DAY TRIP

- Church of St. Claire
- 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. Claire. 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.

Saturday, September 25 FREE DAY

Plan your own day-trip to a place like Florence, Orvieto or Pompeii. Or stay in Rome to relax or visit other sites of your interest. Mass on your own. Gather back for final group dinner that evening: "The Last Supper"

Sunday, September 26 Depart on flight home to Newark, arriving early afternoon.

* Itinerary Subject to Change

For more photos & information, visit

www.edwardsri.com



Advantages of a Smaller Group

Dr. Edward Sri offers spiritual reflections at all the sites born from living, studying and filming in Rome and leading dozens of groups. Traveling in a smaller group that is able to be together in just one bus 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, so we can encounter the martyrs and saints of Rome.

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

TOUR DETAILS

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; ground transportation in Italy; Dr. Sri's teaching at the sites, occasional local guides leading you through the holy sites; tours & entrance fees to all sites on itinerary; for your convenience, gratuities for the 3 group meals, guides, drivers, and hotel service also included. Itinerary subject to change. **Not included for our Covid-tested flight: passengers must present a negative Covid test taken within 48-hours before departure, take a rapid test upon arrival in Rome (est. 20euro) and take a test for flight back to USA. No vaccines required.** Trip details subject to any regulations changing from Italy, USA, airlines, etc.

NEWARK-ROME PACKAGE

Convenience of starting the trip with Dr. Sri & the group in Newark. Travel Rome-Newark round-trip.

LAND ONLY PACKAGE

Book your own travel to/from Rome, including transportation to/from hotel. Meet group at hotel in Rome on own.

	NEWARK-ROME PACKAGE	LAND ONLY PACKAGE
Quad Room	\$3,690/person	\$2,940/person
Triple Room	\$3,840/person	\$3,090/person
Double Room	\$3,990/person	\$3,240/person
Single Room	\$4,490/person	\$3,740/person

*Prices reflect \$175 cash discount. Contact us for Business Class Options.

HOW TO REGISTER

1. Request Reservation Form by emailing rome.edwardsri@gmail.com
2. Mail in Reservation Form and \$500 non-refundable deposit to confirm your spot.

Final payment is due July 30, 2021.

Reservations are granted in the order in which deposits are received.

QUESTIONS?

Email rome.edwardsri@gmail.com OR visit www.edwardsri.com

ROME PILGRIMAGE with DR. EDWARD SRI

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Reservation Application – **Please complete one form per traveler. PRINT CLEARLY.**

Last Name / First Name _____
(As you want it printed on your name tag)

Email Address _____
(NOTE: all correspondence regarding the pilgrimage will be via email)

United Mileage # _____ Known Traveler # _____ Cell # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION (In case of emergency, who should we contact in the USA?)

Emergency Contact Name _____ Relationship _____

Emergency Contact Phone #s _____

Option A – GENERAL PACKAGE - I WILL FLY WITH THE GROUP FROM NEWARK TO ROME

(I will meet Dr. Sri and the group at Newark Liberty Airport (EWR). Includes ground transportation between Rome airport & hotel, the convenience of arriving into Rome with the group, getting to hotel easily, and introductory talks by Dr. Sri.)

_____ Single Occupancy Room (\$4,490 per person)

_____ Double Occupancy Room (\$3,990 per person)

- Roommate's name (required) _____

_____ Triple Occupancy Room (\$3,840 per person):

- Roommates' names (required) _____

_____ Quadruple Occupancy Room (\$3,690 per person)

- Roommates' names (required) _____

Optional – DENVER SUPPLEMENT (Limited Availability)

_____ Denver/Newark Round Trip Supplement (add \$510 per person to Option A)

Option B - LAND ONLY - I WILL BOOK MY OWN FLIGHTS TO ROME & MEET THE GROUP AT THE HOTEL

(I will arrange my own transportation between the Rome airport and hotel. It is my responsibility to meet the group in Rome at the hotel or other site on the first day and arrange my own transportation back to the airport on the last day.)

_____ Single Occupancy Room (\$3,740 per person)

_____ Double Occupancy Room (\$3,240 per person)

- Roommate's name (required) _____

_____ Triple Occupancy Room (\$3,090 per person):

- Roommates' names (required) _____

_____ Quadruple Occupancy Room (\$2,940 per person)

- Roommates' names (required) _____

*** All Prices reflect \$175 per person cash discount. ***

PAYMENT

Please mail this form, a copy of your passport photo page, and \$500 non-refundable deposit payable to "Guiding Star Pilgrimages, LLC" to:

Edward Sri - Rome

8200 S. Quebec St – SUITE A3-157 ← Please INCLUDE SUITE NUMBER!

Centennial, CO 80112

Includes: Round trip airfare (for General Package only), lodging, transfers by private coach, ground transportation, sightseeing/admission fees, daily Mass, daily breakfast, group lunch/dinner only where indicated, and all tips for group meals, guides, portering, and bus drivers.

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Questions? Contact us at rome.edwardsri@gmail.com