



Inspirational
Tours, Inc.



14 Day Enchanting Southern Italy Pilgrimage

Bari ♦ Lecce ♦ Otranto ♦ Polignano
Alberobello ♦ San Giovanni Rotondo ♦ Rome

October 17 – 30, 2027

\$6,450.00 Per Person From Orlando

Includes: Roundtrip Bus Transfer From Royal Palm Beach and Vero Beach To The Airport,
Roundtrip Air Transportation From Orlando, First Class Hotels, Double Occupancy, 2 Meals A Day –
Buffet Breakfast & Dinner (With 1 Glass Of Wine Or Beer At Dinner), Daily Mass, Daily Sightseeing
With English Speaking Tour Guides, Entrance Fees, Airport Taxes, And Fuel Surcharges -
Which Might Subject To Change, And Tips To Guides And Drivers.

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St. John of the Cross Catholic Church - Vero Beach, FL

14 DAY TRAVEL ITINERARY

OCT 17 ORLANDO / BARI

Depart Orlando to Bari, Italy.

OCT 18 BARI / LECCE

Arrive Bari late afternoon. You will be met and transferred to your hotel in Lecce. Dinner and overnight.

OCT 19 LECCE

This morning, start touring Lecce. Visit Lecce Old City, the Roman Amphitheater, the Piazza of the Duomo, and the Basilica of Santa Croce (Mass), then return to your hotel for dinner and overnight in Lecce.

OCT 20 OTRANTO

Leave in the morning to visit Otranto. Celebrate Mass at the Cathedral. The Cathedral features an 11th century mosaic floor depicting the Tree of Life. The chapel behind the main altar houses the skulls and bones of the 813 Martyrs of Otranto, who were beheaded by Ottoman Turks in 1480 for refusing to convert to Islam. Pope Francis canonized these courageous martyrs in 2013. Tour the city of Otranto and go back to Lecce for continued sightseeing. Visit Costello Monaci winery to taste a sampling of local wine varietals. Head to Polignano a Mare for dinner and overnight.



Baroque style church Basilica di Santa Croce in Lecce

OCT 21 POLIGNANO

Mass in the morning at the Santuario Sant'Antonio a Fulgenzia / or Church of Santi Niccolò y Cataldo in Lecce. Leave Lecce to visit the beautiful hilltop city of Ostuni, known as 'La Citta Bianca' - or the White City. Then drive to Polignano a Mare for dinner and overnight.

OCT 22 POLIGNANO

In the morning visit the beautiful beach town of Polignano a Mare. Below Polignano's cliffs is one of Italy's most famous beaches. Even the Italians come to vacation here in the summer months. We will have an opportunity to take a boat tour on the Adriatic to go into the local caves and see the city from the seaside. Have Mass at the Chiesa Madre S Maria Assunta or Chiesa del Purgatorio. Many of us are familiar with Dean Martin's Song 'Volare - Nel blu, dipinto di blu.' This song was originally written and sung by Domenico Modugno, a native of Polignano a Mare! Stop by and see his statue commemorating his legacy near the sea. In the afternoon, we will leave Polignano and drive to nearby Monopoli. Here we will walk through Monopoli's beautiful old city streets and visit the Cathedral of the Madonna della Madia. Enjoy evening views of the sea along the Lungomare Santa Maria. Dinner and overnight in Polignano a Mare.

OCT 23 ALBEROBELLO / POLIGNANO

In the morning we travel to nearby Alberobello, world famous for its unique 'Trulli' architecture. Mass at the Basilica of Sts. Cosmas and Damien in Alberobello. Travel to nearby Locorotondo, also famous for its white hilltop architecture. Have a wine tasting at Cantina Mir then overnight in Polignano.



Cathedral Maria Santissima della Madia, Polignano

OCT 24 POLIGNANO

After Mass this morning, drive inland to tour Puglia's famous underground cave - Grotte di Castellana. After the cave, we drive to Matera, once known as the 'Shame of Italy' because of its poverty in the early 1900s when the city had to be fully evacuated due to health concerns. The city is built into natural cave formations and is one of the oldest cities in the world that is still populated. Since the 1950's people have been moving back and restoring this historic wonder. Several famous movies have been filmed here including James Bond: No Time to Die and Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ." Dinner and overnight in Polignano a Mare.

OCT 25 SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

Leave the hotel to visit San Giovanni Rotondo and visit St. Pio and have Mass there or at Monte Gargano, a famous site where St. Michael the Archangel appeared. Overnight in a local hotel.



View of Polignano a Mare

OCT 26 ROME

Leave the hotel and drive to Rome. On the way stop at Monte Cassino for Mass and a tour. Ideally, if time allows, tour all the levels of San Clemente Church in Rome. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

OCT 27 ROME

Meet your local guide for a walking tour of the picturesque Trastevere district. Begin with a visit to the Basilica of Saint Cecilia, which houses the incorrupt body of St. Cecilia, the famous early Christian martyr and Patron Saint of Musicians. Continue to the Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere, one of the earliest churches in the world dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Following the

collapse of paganism, the early Christians used a marble column from each of the fallen pagan temples to build the church's central nave, symbolizing the triumph of Christianity over paganism. Continue your guided walk through the historic Jewish Ghetto, including the Portico d'Ottavia, while learning about the rich Jewish heritage of Rome. En route, enjoy panoramic views from the coach of the Theatre of Marcellus and the Bocca della Verità (Mouth of Truth). Lunch: Enjoy lunch at Checco Er Carettiere (or a similar traditional Roman restaurant in Trastevere). In the afternoon, continue with a guided tour of Ostia Antica, exploring its ancient streets, temples, baths, houses, and theatre for exceptional insight into daily life during the Roman Empire. On the return journey to Rome, stop at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, one of the four Papal Basilicas, if time permits. Dinner and overnight in Rome.



Ostia Antica

OCT 28 ROME

Today we have another walking tour of historic Rome beginning at the Chiesa Nuova, the burial place of St. Philip Neri. We walk through the beautiful Piazza Navona and visit the Church of St. Agnes. Next, we walk to the Church of St. Augustine, which contains the tomb of his famous mother, St. Monica, who spent her life praying for his conversion. After lunch, continue your guided walking tour of Baroque Rome, visiting some of the city's most renowned churches, palaces, and squares while discovering masterpieces by Caravaggio and other artistic treasures. Visit the Galleria Doria Pamphilj, a concentration of art and history, a history of nobility, politics and unions between the greatest Italian noble families! Dinner and overnight in Rome.



Castel Gandolfo

OCT 29 ROME

On our final day we have Mass and visit the Basilica of St. Peter. In the afternoon, we will leave Rome for Castel Gandolfo, where the Pope has often gone for centuries for prayer and rest. Tonight, we return to our hotel in Rome to rest up for our flight home the next day.



Saint Peter's Basilica

OCT 30 ROME / ORLANDO

Transfer to the airport and fly back to Orlando.

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Early Registration is highly encouraged!
Seating is limited on a first-come, first-serve basis.

****Disclaimer:**** To join this trip, participants must be physically fit and able to walk at least three miles each day on uneven surfaces. You should also be able to carry your luggage when needed. Expect infrequent bathroom breaks, so be prepared to hold it for up to two hours. This is a Catholic pilgrimage that includes daily prayer, Holy Mass, and adherence to the Church's teachings on Holy Communion. All are welcome, provided they understand these requirements.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Tour Price Includes:

Air Transportation: Airfare is based on special contract agreements with various international airlines and include certain restrictions and deadlines. These fares are subject to cancellation penalties, and once tickets are issued, they are **NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERABLE AND CANNOT BE USED TOWARDS FUTURE TRAVEL**. Please refer to our CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY below. Airfare and tour prices are based on prices effective as of **JANUARY 1, 2027** and are subject to change without notice.

Surface/Land Transportation: All surface/land transportation described in the itinerary will be provided by modern motor coach, designed for highway travel. Groups will be met and transferred upon arrival and departure.

Hotels: We only use first-class hotels. Hotel accommodations are based on double occupancy (2 per room). We reserve the right to substitute hotels of similar quality for those specified in the itinerary.

Single Room Supplements: If you would like a single room, there is an additional cost of **\$1,500.00** that will be added to the tour price. Single rooms are limited and will be reserved on a first come first serve basis. If you request a roommate and none is available, you will be considered a "forced single," and charged one half (½) of the Single Room Supplement cost.

Meal Plan: Meal plans include two (2) meals per day, breakfast and dinner (with 1 glass of wine at dinner), with timing depending on the itinerary. Taxes and service charges normally appearing on restaurant bills are included in the tour price for these meals. **A list of any and all dietary requests or food allergies must be emailed to cathy@inspirationaltoursinc.com for hotel/airline accommodation at least seven (7) days before departure.** We cannot guarantee any dietary accommodations but will make all efforts to secure special dietary requests. In the event airlines or hotels are unable to accommodate dietary requests, you will be responsible for your meals; it is the individual's responsibility to choose appropriate foods while on the tour. Unused meals will NOT be reimbursed.

Baggage: Inspirational Tours, Inc. restricts all passengers to one (1) piece of checked luggage (max. 50 lbs.) and one (1) carry-on (max. 18 lbs.). **All passengers should check with the airline for up-to-date baggage weight/dimension information and restrictions, which are subject to change at any time before departure.**

Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges: are included in the tour price and are subject to change.

Tips On The Tour: Tips to guides, porters, headwaiters, and drivers are included in the tour price, unless otherwise specified.

The Tour Price Does Not Include: Expenses related to issuance/renewal of passports, laundry, mineral waters, wine & liquor not mentioned in the itinerary, after-lunch/dinner tea, coffee, or food not included in the meal plan above; additional baggage; expenses of carriages, guides, sightseeing or other services other than those specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary; insurance for baggage or personal trip or health insurance; all items of a personal nature, in addition to those not listed above as being included in the tour price.

Booking Conditions: Deposits and Payment: **A non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 per person**, payable via cash, check or money order, is required at the time of registration. No registration will be processed without a deposit. Invoices for final balances are issued at or near 90 days before departure. Full and final payment is due 60 days before departure. Registrations received within 90 days of departure require payment in full. If there is any outstanding balance by the Final Payment due date listed on your invoice, all travel services will be subject to automatic cancellation and cancellation fees will apply. A service reinstatement fee may be added to your invoice and must be paid in advance in order to apply for reconfirmation of services. **WE ONLY ACCEPT CASH, CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS FOR THE REGISTRATION FEE.** Payment by credit card is accepted ONLY for final balances or payments towards final balances; all credit card payments will be assessed a **3% non-refundable** convenience fee, which will be added to the total amount being charged.

Cancellations and Refund Policy: All cancellations **MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING VIA FAX, E-MAIL OR U.S. MAIL**. The date of the cancellation request is the date used for purposes of any assessed cancellation fees. Please note that some Registration Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE as stated on the Registration Form. Cancellation fees (as to any monies paid over the deposit for a tour with a non-refundable deposit) depend on the timing of the cancellation request, and are as follows: request received between time of registration and up to 59 to 45 days prior to departure—cancellation fee of **50%** of tour cost; request received 44 days or less prior to departure through date of departure—assessed **100%** of the tour cost (air and land, and any deviation fees) as the cancellation fee. Additional charges/fees for deviations and/or upgraded seats may require full payment at time of booking/confirmation, and may be non-refundable; **if a non-refundable air ticket has been issued prior to receiving notice of a cancellation request, you will be 100% responsible for those fees, in addition to the cancellation penalties listed above.** Package cancellation fees include airfare. Once airfare is purchased, either at time of booking, including but not limited to, deviations or seat upgrade requests, or at time of full payment, airline tickets will be issued and are always subject to a 100% penalty. Once full payment is received, Inspirational Tours, Inc. will issue airline tickets, which are non-refundable. If the tour is canceled for any reason, including but not limited to, tour leader's decision, decision of Inspirational Tours, Inc., weather or natural disasters, strike, acts of war, terrorism, acts of god, quarantine, disease, virus, epidemic, pandemic, compliance with government orders, travel restrictions issued by the U.S. Department of State, or any other force majeure event, Inspirational Tours, Inc. reserves the right to charge a minimum \$300.00 administrative fee per person, plus any non-reimbursable expenses incurred from airlines and/or overseas operators. **ALL RESERVATIONS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON.**

Deviations/Seat Upgrades: Deviation policies vary by airline and are normally allowed only on the return journey, **from the same departing city as the group, and is subject to availability**. There is a **minimum** change fee of \$150.00 per person, plus any additional airline charges. Seat upgrade requests may also require additional fees by the airlines and vary. Any additional fees required to be paid by the airline for deviation requests and/or seat upgrade requests will need to be approved by the passenger in writing before confirmed/reserved, and

if the request requires payment at the time of confirmation, this must be paid by the passenger at the time requested, and may be non-refundable. **ALL deviation or seat upgrade requests must be made in writing, at least 90 days prior to your departure date.**

Tour Prices: All tour prices quoted for transportation and land arrangements in this tour are based on rates, (including foreign exchange rates), in effect at the time of the original tour agreement with your tour host and Inspirational Tours, Inc. and are subject to increase without notice prior to departure. **NOTE:** Our tours are based on a minimum number of participants. We reserve the right to cancel or reschedule any tour for any reason including insufficient participants, or events beyond our control. Any cancellation will be advised at the soonest date possible. Inspirational Tours, Inc. will not be held responsible for any costs related to the issuance and/or cancellation of airline tickets or visa fees that are not refunded by those entities.

Travel Insurance: To protect your travel plans, **WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE PURCHASE OF TRIP INSURANCE**. A brochure for a company we recommend will be provided with your deposit confirmation letter, upon our receipt of your registration and deposit. We do not sell travel insurance and travel insurance is not included in the tour price.

Passports: It is your responsibility to provide us with a copy of your current passport with your Registration Form. Validity date on passports must be for at least six (6) months after the date of return of the tour as per the tour dates, or any deviation request. If we do not receive a copy of your current passport, the information you provide on your Registration Form will be used for ticketing purposes. If ANY information provided (name, date of birth, etc.) does not match what is on your passport, you may be subject to penalties or fees for corrections to airline tickets, and/or may be denied boarding by the airline. Any name change, including minor spelling corrections, may require reservations to be canceled and re-booked. Reservations will then be subject to availability and pricing at the time of re-booking; any increase in airfare will be borne by the passenger. Inspirational Tours, Inc. will not be held responsible for the denial of services by a carrier due to any name or passport discrepancies. If you have a passport issued from any country other than the U.S., it is your responsibility to contact the embassies of the countries to be visited to determine if a visa will be required, and if so, it will be your responsibility to obtain such visa before departure. Please contact us for further information if this applies to you.

Travelers Needing Special Assistance: We recommend you please select a tour suitable to your physical capabilities. Our tours are often-times fast paced and may require lengthy walks over uneven terrain and/or steps. If you require any form of mobility assistance or for any sight/hearing disabilities, you are required to notify us before registering so we can best assist you and/or determine if this tour is suitable. Inspirational Tours, Inc., tour leaders/coordinators, guides, drivers or other tour, hotel, transfers or ship personnel will not provide individual services, such as assistance with walking, pushing wheelchairs, or helping one embark/disembark motor coaches, cruise ships, etc. We reserve the right to reject participation or remove an individual from a tour in the event that notification was not provided and/or when, in our sole judgment, continued participation would significantly hinder the services to be provided to all guests. Expenses, including cancellation fees and/or costs for alternate travel plans or to return home, will be the responsibility of the passenger. All unused services are non-refundable. **Wheelchairs & Walkers:** certain features of tours may not accommodate wheelchairs, scooters, or other special equipment. We cannot provide individual assistance to travelers with wheelchairs or other mobility devices. We regret that some itineraries cannot accommodate these devices. You are required to notify us before registering of a need for a wheelchair, walker or other mobility devices.

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