



2026 CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO
ITALY & GREECE

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

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OCTOBER 4 - 15, 2026 | OPTIONAL PRE-STAY IN SORRENTO

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SORRENTO COAST PRE-STAY RETREAT (OPTIONAL)

OCTOBER 2 - 5, 2026

Attended by Patrick & Nancy Madrid, Fr. Paul Keller, O.P. & Fr. Paul Marich, O.P.

Friday, October 2 | Depart for Naples, Italy
Our pre-stay in Sorrento begins as we board our flight(s) to Naples today.

Saturday, October 3 | Arrival in Naples
Upon arrival in Naples, we'll check into our hotel and enjoy dinner. Overnight Sorrento

Sunday, October 4 | Leisure day in Sorrento
After breakfast at our hotel, we'll enjoy a full-day to catch some rest and explore Sorrento at our own leisure, maybe taking a walking tour, going shopping, enjoying a wine tasting, or all of the above! We'll save time for the Rosary and Mass later this afternoon, followed by dinner at the hotel. Overnight Sorrento

Monday, October 5 | Leisure morning in Sorrento - Transfer to Rome
We'll start the day with Rosary and Mass this morning, followed by breakfast at the hotel. More free time on our own before departing Sorrento for Rome this afternoon. We'll arrive at our hotel in Rome, check-in and enjoy our welcome dinner for our pilgrimage. Overnight Rome
Itinerary continues on Tuesday, October 6 via the main pilgrimage itinerary.

ROME & GREECE MAIN PILGRIMAGE | OCTOBER 4 - 15, 2026

Sunday, October 4 | Depart for Rome, Italy
Our pilgrimage with Patrick & Nancy Madrid begins as we board our flight(s) to Rome today.

Monday, October 5 | Arrival in Rome
Upon arrival in Rome, we'll check into our hotel and enjoy our welcome dinner for our pilgrimage. Overnight Rome

Tuesday, October 6 | Historic Rome and Catacombs
After breakfast, we will embark on a historic tour of Ancient Rome. We will stroll along Cobblestone streets, lined with majestic stone pines, and visit the Colosseum, a grand amphitheater of the ancient world. Along the way we'll stop for prayer at the Basilica of Saint Clement. Passing by the Roman Forum, we will witness the ruins of ancient government buildings. We'll finish the day visiting the Catacombs of St. Callixtus, a resting place of several popes from the 2nd to 4th centuries. Optional walking tour of the Piazza Navona, Trevi Fountain and Spanish Steps this evening. Overnight Rome

Wednesday, October 7 | Vatican City & The Papal Audience
After breakfast at the hotel, we will head to St. Peter's Square for the Papal Audience at 9 a.m., led by His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV (subject to his schedule). Pilgrims are encouraged to bring medals, rosaries, and other religious items for a blessing. The pope delivers a speech, followed by prayers and a homily, and concludes with a blessing. After lunch, we will tour the Vatican Museum, exploring the Tapestry Gallery, Raphael Rooms, and the Sistine Chapel. Our day ends at St. Peter's Basilica, where we view Michelangelo's Pieta and the tomb of St. Pope John Paul II, and walk through the basilica, finishing at the Tomb of St. Peter. Overnight Rome

Thursday, October 8 | Major Roman Basilicas
Today is dedicated to the Major Basilicas. We will start at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls and visit the burial site of St. Paul. Next, we're off to

the Church of St. Mary Major where pilgrims can view what is said to be the wood relics of the Holy Crib of the Nativity of Jesus. After lunch, we visit the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, the "Mother of all Churches in the World," and the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome. Here, we will celebrate Mass and have the opportunity to climb the Lateran Steps. Lastly, we'll visit the Basilica di Santa Croce in Gerusalemme to see the relics of the Holy Cross which St. Helena brought from the Holy Land to Rome. Dinner and overnight in Rome. Overnight Rome

Friday, October 9 | Flight to Thessaloniki - Tour Kavala & Philippi
We bid farewell to Rome and fly to Thessaloniki, Greece we will meet our professional tour escort and depart for our guided tour beginning with Kavala, the port where Paul first landed with Timothy and Silas. We then continue on to Philippi, where Paul was imprisoned. View the prison, the marketplace, basilica, and theater. We'll also visit Amphipolis, the famous starting point of Alexander the Great on his mission to "conquer the world." Overnight Thessaloniki

Saturday, October 10 | Thessaloniki
Today, we will walk the places where St. Paul walked in Thessalonica, including the Agora where he preached and the walls where Jason's home was and where St. Paul also lived. We will also see St. George Church, the Galerius Arch, and the Basilica of St. Sophia and St. Demetrios. We drive to Kalambaka this afternoon. Overnight Kalambaka

Sunday, October 11 | Meteora Monastery
Today we will visit Metéora, where we will ascend huge granite rocks to view architectural wonders that are over 700 years old. Visit the monastery of Metamorphosis with its church and museum containing priceless historic and religious treasures. Later we drive to Delphi. Overnight Delphi

Monday, October 12 | Delphi
After breakfast, we begin our exploration of Delphi, once considered the center of the ancient world. We will visit the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Treasury of Athens, the Theater, and the Stadium, where ancient Pythian Games were held. In the afternoon, visit the Archaeological Museum of Delphi, housing the famous Charioteer of Delphi and other remarkable artifacts. Enjoy some leisure time in the modern town of Delphi or take in the scenic views of Mount Parnassus. Overnight Delphi

Tuesday, October 13 | Delphi
This morning we continue exploring Delphi and its surroundings. Visit the Delphi Monastery of Hosios Loukas, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with stunning Byzantine mosaics. We'll enjoy an afternoon in the charming mountain village of Arachova. We head to Athens in time for check-in and dinner. Overnight Athens

Wednesday, October 14 | Athens, Corinth
After breakfast, we'll visit the Acropolis and the ruins of the Parthenon, and Mars Hill with a view to the Ancient Agora of Athens - St Paul addressed the judges of Athens at Mars Hill. We will also enjoy a visit to the ancient city of Corinth before heading back to Athens. We'll share a special farewell dinner tonight. Overnight Athens

Thursday, October 15 | Return Home
With a renewed sense of pilgrimage, and an invigorated love of our Catholic faith, we transfer to the Athens Airport and board our return flight(s) home.

Your Pilgrimage Includes

- ✓ 4-star hotel accommodations
- ✓ Breakfast & dinner served daily
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