MARCH 29 – APRIL 13, 2027

Pilgrimage to
FATIMA, ITALY & GREECE

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MARCH 29, 2027 Departure
Our pilgrimage begins as we meet the group at the airport to board our flight and begin our spiritual journey. Dinner and overnight on board.

MARCH 30 Lisbon & Fatima
On arrival in Lisbon, our professional guide accompanies us directly to Fatima, one of the most important Marian shrines in the world. After check-in and our welcome dinner, anyone who wishes may join the Rosary and the Candlelight Procession at the Cova da Iria beside the Chapel of the Apparitions. Dinner and overnight in Fatima. **(D)**


Fatima

MARCH 31 Fatima
We devote our whole day to Fatima, where Our Lady appeared six times to three shepherd children in 1917, beginning with Mass in the Chapel of the Apparitions. We visit the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary, with the tombs of Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto and Sister Lucia, and the parish church where all three were baptized. In the afternoon we walk the Way of the Cross toward Aljustrel, Valinhos and the Loca do Cabeço, the places of Our Lady's apparitions and of the Angel of Peace. Dinner and overnight in Fatima. **(B/D)**

APRIL 1 Santarém, Lisbon & Rome
We leave early for Santarém, where we celebrate Mass in the Church of the Holy Miracle and venerate the Host that bled in the 13th century. In Lisbon we pray in the Church of St. Anthony, built over the house where the saint was born, and in the neighboring Cathedral, where he was baptized, before our flight to Rome. Dinner and overnight in Rome. **(B/D)**

APRIL 2 Lanciano & San Giovanni Rotondo
On the way to San Giovanni Rotondo we stop in Lanciano to celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Francis, where in the 8th century the consecrated Host and wine became flesh and blood before a monk who doubted the Real Presence. The relics are still kept here, and scientific studies in 1970 and 1971 described them as human heart muscle and human blood. We then continue to San Giovanni Rotondo in the hills of the Gargano. Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo. **(B/D)**

APRIL 3 San Giovanni Rotondo & Monte Sant'Angelo
In the morning we visit the Church of Our Lady of Grace and the Capuchin friary where St. Pio of Pietrelcina offered Mass for fifty years, celebrate our Mass at the shrine and pray before his body in the crypt of the Church of St. Pio. In the afternoon we visit the Shrine of Monte Sant'Angelo, built over the cave where, according to tradition, St. Michael the Archangel appeared at the end of the 5th century. Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo. **(B/D)**

APRIL 4 Montecassino & Rome
We set out for Rome, stopping at Montecassino, the Benedictine Abbey founded by St. Benedict around 529, the cradle of Western monasticism, destroyed in 1944 and faithfully rebuilt. Here we pray at the tombs of St. Benedict and his sister, St. Scholastica, and celebrate Holy Mass on this Divine Mercy Sunday before continuing to Rome. Dinner and overnight in Rome. **(B/D)**

APRIL 5 Assisi
In Assisi we visit the Basilica of St. Clare, where we venerate her remains and the San Damiano Cross that spoke to St. Francis, and the Shrine of the Renunciation, with the relics of St. Carlo Acutis. At the Basilica of St. Francis we celebrate Mass and take a guided tour of its magnificent frescoes; before returning to Rome we visit the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, which houses the Porziuncola, and walk the town's medieval streets. Dinner and overnight in Rome. **(B/D)**

APRIL 6 Papal Basilicas
Today we visit three of the four Papal Basilicas, beginning with the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica, where we pray at the tomb of St. Peter and before Michelangelo's Pietà. After free time for lunch we visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, with the tomb of the Apostle to the Gentiles, and the Basilica of St. John Lateran with the Holy Stairs. Dinner at the Roman restaurant Le Terme del Colosseo and overnight in Rome. **(B/D)**

APRIL 7 Papal Audience & Rome
Early in the morning we attend the Holy Father's General Audience in St. Peter's Square (held on Wednesdays when the Holy Father is in Rome), then walk to Castel Sant'Angelo, the Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps, the Pantheon and the Basilica of Santa Maria sopra Minerva, where St. Catherine of Siena is buried. After free time for lunch and shopping, we visit Piazza Navona and the Basilica of St. Augustine, which holds the tomb of St. Monica. Tonight we enjoy a special dinner with the Missionary Workers of the Immaculate at the restaurant L'Eau Vive and overnight in Rome. **(B/D)**

APRIL 8 Rome & Athens
After breakfast we transfer to the airport for our flight to Greece. On arrival in Athens we transfer to our hotel. Dinner and overnight in Athens. **(B/D)**

APRIL 9 Greek Islands Cruise, Mykonos
We board our Greek Islands cruise at the port of Lavrion, our home for the next three nights with all meals on board, and set sail at midday across the Aegean that St. Paul crossed on his missionary journeys. In the evening we reach Mykonos, the island of windmills, with free time to stroll its whitewashed lanes, the harbor and Little Venice. Dinner and overnight on board. **(B/L/D)**

APRIL 10 Ephesus & Patmos
At Kuşadası, Turkey, we visit the House of the Virgin Mary, believed by tradition to be Mary's last home, and walk the excavated streets of Ephesus past the Agora, the Odeon, the Library of Celsus and the Great Theater. In the afternoon we call at Patmos to see the fortified Monastery of St. John and the cave where, according to tradition, he wrote the Book of Revelation. Dinner and overnight on board. **(B/L/D)**

APRIL 11 Heraklion & Santorini

Santorini

In Heraklion, Crete, where St. Paul left his disciple Titus to guide the young Church (Titus 1:5), we celebrate Sunday Mass at the Catholic parish of St. John the Baptist. In the afternoon we reach Santorini, whose white villages and blue domes stand on the rim of a volcanic caldera formed some 3,600 years ago; Fira can be reached on foot, by cable car or by mule, or you may stay on board. In the evening we watch the sun set over the caldera before sailing back toward Athens. Dinner and overnight on board. **(B/L/D)**

APRIL 12 Athens
We disembark at Lavrion and continue to Athens to visit the Acropolis and the Parthenon, the Areopagus and the Ancient Agora, and here, where St. Paul proclaimed the 'unknown God' (Acts 17), we give thanks for all we have received on our pilgrimage. Dinner and overnight in Athens. **(B/D)**

APRIL 13 Athens, Return home
With a renewed sense of pilgrimage and an invigorated love of our Catholic faith, we transfer to Athens airport for our flight home. **(B)**

Your Pilgrimage Includes

- ✓ Group flights from Denver (DEN) *- 1 personal item, 1 carry-on, & 1 checked bag*
- ✓ 4-Star hotel accommodations
- ✓ 3-Night Greek Islands & Turkey Cruise
- ✓ Breakfast and dinner served daily with wine at dinner
- ✓ Private motorcoach transportation
- ✓ Dedicated Canterbury tour director
- ✓ Professional guides & admission fees
- ✓ Daily rosary, devotions, & Mass
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