

Tentative Itinerary: Rome and Fatima, May 10-19, 2019

(departing USA on Thursday, May 9)

Day 1: Friday, May 10: Arrive into **Rome's Leonardo da Vinci (Fiumicino) airport**, gather luggage in the baggage claim area, and proceed to the Arrivals Hall. Assemble with pilgrim group for transfer to our Rome "casa." Following check-in, take time to get settled, refresh, enjoy a light lunch and attend a brief orientation.

Mass to be celebrated at the on-site chapel, followed by an opportunity for an evening rosary walk to St. Peter's Square (optional). Enjoy Dinner, Vespers, and early bedtime after long day of travel!

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Day 2: Saturday, May 11: Vatican: St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, Michelangelo's Pieta, Tombs of the Popes

After breakfast, we begin our first full day at the Vatican, the seat of the papacy and heart of our Catholic church, host to our Catholic Church's largest and best known of the Major Basilicas, St. Peter's. Built over the burial site of St. Peter, our first pope, and surrounded by relics of many saints who have come before us, this sacred space invites us to contemplate our "**roots of inspiration.**"

We will have opportunity to visit and pray at the tombs of St. John Paul II, John XXIII, and others, observe Michelangelo's *Pieta* along with the altars, frescoes, mosaics, other sculptures that speak to man's thirst for beauty as an echo of the eternal, "*beauty ever ancient, ever new.*"

This day will include a tour of Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel, Adoration at St. Peter's, and some additional options based on available time.

Daily Mass, Offices, and Adoration times: to be noted on final itinerary and **announced each day**
B,D Lunch will be on one's own in the area among the shops surrounding St. Peter's Square

Day 3: Sunday, May 12: Two of the four Major Basilicas, St. John Lateran and St. Mary Major, Scala Santa, Angeles with the Pope*

Today's visits include the official **Cathedral of Rome, St. John Lateran**. This is where the Pope is installed as Bishop of Rome, and relics of St. Peter and Paul are housed.

Across the street, if its restoration is complete by May, we will visit the **Scala Santa, Holy Staircase**, from Pontius Pilate's palace of Jerusalem during the time of Jesus (brought to Rome by St. Helen) and have the opportunity to climb the holy steps on our knees for a special indulgence.

We will then visit the Basilica of St. Mary Major, **Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore**, housing, among the riches of its beauty and history, a relic from the Manger of Baby Jesus as well as the tombs of St. Matthew, Jerome, and Pope Pius V.

***The Angeles at St. Peter's with Pope Francis**, if held on this day, will remain an option

Evening Stroll: Take a leisurely walk to **Ponte Sant' Angelo** (Bridge of the Angels) for a view of the Vatican as shown in the highlights flyer. Enjoy a stop for gelato along the way!

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Day 4: Monday, May 13: Wonders of Ancient Rome (1/2 day tour) Colosseum, Capitoline Hill, Arch of Constantine, Circus Maximus, archeological area of the Roman Forum, Pantheon
Afternoon/Evening: When in Rome...": Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona, the Spanish Steps

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Day 5: Tuesday, May 14: Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, Appian Way, Catacombs
Semi-Guided Site Seeing Tour of "Imperial" Rome (tour co. commentary en route, but our very own Sr. Immacolata, CSJ, to enrich us at the sites!)

Today, we will travel "outside the walls" on the **Appian Way**, earliest road of ancient Rome, leading to the **Quo Vadis chapel**, named for the where it is said that St. Peter, in fleeing Roman persecution, had a powerful encounter with Jesus along the way.

Our time at **St. Paul Outside the Walls**, built over the burial place of St. Paul, will allow us to delve more deeply into our “Roots of Inspiration,” recalling the amazing story of a man who went from being the greatest persecutor of Christians to the greatest Apostle to the Gentiles. This last of our visits to the four **Major Basilicas of Rome, St. Paul Outside the Walls**, along with its Chapel of Relics of popes and saints, stands as further testament to the power of God’s grace at work in the saints.

Our experience of Rome’s **catacombs** will be at one of the greatest, the **Catacombs of St. Callixtus**, with its network of galleries 12 miles long on four levels (no worry; **we “sample,” not cover all!**) Several areas, including “the little Vatican,” the burial place of nine popes, and the crypt of St. Cecilia are among the most venerated. Pending confirmation, Fr. Nathan will celebrate Mass in the catacomb, allowing us to more fully enter into the experience of the communion of saints.

Evening meeting to review and prepare for final full day in Rome.

Final evening in Rome walking tour option if time/interest permits.

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Day 6: Wednesday, May 15: Papal Audience (morning)

Begin our final day in Rome with Pope Francis! Have cameras ready as he makes his way through St. Peter’s Square in his ‘Pope mobile.’ Join Catholics and other pilgrims from around the world as we then listen to his live message to those assembled and to all of his flock.

Afternoon: Time to explore a bit, visit what we may have missed, find those gifts for loved ones, or enjoy silent retreat time on this final day in Rome. Options will be presented at Tuesday evening group meeting.

Pack to be ready for morning transport to airport for flight to Lisbon/Fatima.

Lunch: In area near St. Peter’s on own

Dinner: Special Final Night in Rome Dinner

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***Times/locations for Mass, Offices, etc. while in Rome will be announced each day**

Fatima, May 16-19 *

Day 7 – Thursday, May 16: Flight to Lisbon, Bus to Fatima, Santarem en route

Arrival at Lisbon airport

Transfer by bus to Fatima, with (time permitting) a stop at Santarem to visit the church of the Eucharistic miracle and celebrate Mass there.

Arrival and check-in at the hotel Domus Pacis.

Welcome, introduction, and short orientation (distribution of pilgrimage program, maps, prayers, etc.)

7:30: Dinner at Domus Pacis.

9:30: Participation at the Rosary and candlelight procession at the Shrine of Fatima (optional)

B, D (B in Rome; D in Fatima) Lunch en route (grab something at airport or pack a lunch prior)

Day 8 – Friday, May 17 Shrine of Fatima, Visits to Aljustrel and Valinhos, Fatima Parish Church

8:00: Breakfast.

9:00: Guided tour to the Shrine of Fatima and Mass in the Little Chapel of the Apparitions.

1:00: Lunch at Domus Pacis.

2.:30: Guided tour by bus to Aljustrel (houses of the little shepherds) and Valinhos (places of Apparitions of the Angel and of Our Lady), visit to Fatima Parish Church.

7:30: Dinner at Domus Pacis.

9:30: Participation at the Rosary and candlelight procession at the Shrine of Fatima.

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Day 9 – Saturday, May 18 Final Day in Fatima; option of bus to Coimbra

This day's plans still to be scheduled. We can choose to spend the day in Fatima or visit by bus Coimbra, convent where Sister Lucia lived, etc.

8:00: Breakfast.

1:00: Lunch at Domus Pacis.

7:30: Dinner at Domus Pacis.

9:30: Final night's participation at the Rosary and candlelight procession at the Shrine of Fatima.

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Day 10 – Sunday, May 19

Sunday Mass at Domus Pacis.

Breakfast.

Checkout and departure by bus to Lisbon Airport.

***Times for Mass, Adoration, Lauds, Vespers, etc. will be noted on the final itinerary and announced each day**

* Added (time tbd) will be a talk by our hosts, Directors of the World Apostolate of Fatima, on the message of Fatima as inspired through stories from their grandparents who were relatives of the shepherd children.

Our Accommodations:

Rome: Casa di Accoglienza Tabor. We will be welcomed by the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother to their **"House of Hospitality"** located **near the Vatican** for our six days in Rome. Surrounded by beautiful grounds, the guesthouse includes a large chapel, meeting room, comfortable beds with private bath/shower, hairdryer, A/C, daily buffet breakfast, **free wifi**, and more. *For many years, the sisters have accepted pilgrims and groups who desire to have a spiritual experience and admire the artistic and religious richness characteristic of this lovely, historical city.* For our Eagle Eye Ministries group, this "casa" will allow the particular aspect of retreat amidst pilgrimage which enriches all our EEM travels.



Fatima: Domus Pacis Hotel. Our location in Fatima will be within a **10-minute walk of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima and Church of the Most Holy Trinity. The Fatima Basilica and Chapel of the Apparitions are within 15 minutes.** Along with a restaurant, it has a bar/lounge, coffee shop/café, rooftop terrace, a meeting room, free WIFI, and hosts who will welcome and inspire us with stories from their grandparents who were relatives of the shepherd children. All meals will be provided here.



Eagle Eye Ministries Pilgrimage: More than a tour, this is a journey of faith, travel that touches your soul! CSJ Brothers and Sisters work tirelessly to Form, Unite, Inspire. **Fr.Nathan and Sr. Immaculata** will inspire!

