



**BIBLE TREK
TOURS**



*Join us on a special Pilgrimage
to the Shrines of Italy*

10 Days: Dec 2-11, 2024

With our Spiritual Director:

Very Reverend Sinclair Oubre, J.C.L., KHS

Package Price Air & Land: \$3,575

From Houston, TX (IAH): Price includes airfare, accommodation, transportation, tour guide, all entrance fees, everyday Mass and is based on double occupancy. Single room is available at a supplement of \$550



Register now with a deposit of \$400

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Dec 2, Mon: Departure (IAH, TX) KLM 662 at 3:25 pm

**Dec 3, Tues: Rome-Arrival (FCO, IT) KLM 1603
11:55am**

Arrival, assist by a representative to the bus, transfer to the hotel for dinner & overnight.

Dec 4, Wed: Rome-Papal Audience-Catacombs

Following breakfast, we will make our way to St. Peter's Square to attend the Papal Audience, led by His Holiness, Pope Francis. (Papal Audience is scheduled to take place every Wednesday, pending the schedule of Pope Francis.) Free time for lunch (not included). Following the Audience, we will visit the Catacombs, where the early Christians hid themselves to escape persecution. The tour will continue with the visit to St. Paul, outside the Walls. Continue our tour via the Appian Way -- the oldest road from Roman times -- plus the famous Domine Quo Vadis Chapel; see the ancient Baths of Caracalla, Arch of Drusus; Tomb of Caecilia Metella. Dinner & overnight in Rome.

Dec 5, Thu: Rome-Vatican-Basilica of St. John the Lateran and St. Mary Major-Holy Steps

Breakfast at the hotel. Today, with your guide, we will visit the Vatican Museums, containing a group of the most impressive edifices with hundreds of galleries filled with art treasures. See awe-inspiring relics and works of art donated throughout centuries as tributes of faith. We'll cover The Tapestry Gallery, The Raphael Rooms, and the most overwhelming Sistine Chapel, Michelangelo's Masterpiece, restored mural of the Last Judgment. Next we make our way back into St. Peter's Basilica. Pope Francis visited the tomb of St. Peter, following his elevation, for a visit of devotion that lasted 45 minutes. He is the first Pontiff to visit the necropolis since extensive archaeological excavations were conducted at the ancient site decades ago. We will also visit the tomb of St. John Paul II located at the Vatican. Free time for lunch (not included). In the afternoon, we will visit the Basilica of St. John the Lateran, the Pope's cathedral church where relics of both Peter and Paul remain under the main altar. It was here that Pope Francis was formally installed as Bishop of Rome. Next we see the Holy Staircase, which is believed to be a staircase from Pilate's palace in Jerusalem and brought to Rome by St. Helen in the 4th Century. Time permitting, we may climb the steps on our knees in memory of Christ's Passion. Continue to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the most important and the oldest church dedicated to Our Lady. St. Mary Major contains a relic from the Manger of the infant Jesus. At the end of the tour, transfer back to the hotel for dinner & overnight.

Dec 6, Fri: Rome-Monte Cassino-San Giovanni Rotonda

Breakfast at the hotel and check out. In the morning departure with our private bus with destination to San Giovanni Rotondo. Before reaching San Giovanni Rotondo, we will stop in Monte Cassino for a visit at the Monastery of the Benedictine Order, founded by

St. Benedict around 530 A.D. Then we shall drive (approximately three hours) toward San Giovanni Rotonda, the hometown of St. Padre Pio. We will stop on the way for lunch (not included). After lunch, once arrived in San Giovanni Rotondo, check in and accommodation at the hotel. Rest of the day free.

Dec 7, Sat: San Giovanni Rotonda-St. Michael's Cave

Breakfast at the hotel. We start our day early after breakfast with a visit to the Church of Padre Pio; known as (Pio da Pietrelcina in Italian). He is venerated as a Saint of the Catholic church. He became famous for exhibiting stigmata for most of his life, thereby generating much interest and controversy. He was both beatified (1999) and canonized (2002) by Pope John Paul II. Then we drive to St. Michael's Cave. We visit the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel, a shrine consecrated by St. Michael. At this grotto, St. Michael appeared to a Bishop to assure him that his diocese would not be annihilated as he feared. Free time for lunch (not included). At the end of the visit, return at the hotel in San Giovanni Rotondo and rest of the day at leisure. Dinner (not included). Overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo.

Dec 8, Sun: San Giovanni Rotondo-Lanciano-Assisi

Breakfast at the hotel and check out. After breakfast we leave San Giovanni Rotondo and drive to the city of Lanciano to visit the "Sanctuary of Eucharistic Miracle." This wondrous event took place in the 8th Century A.D, as a divine response to a Basilian monk's doubt about Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist. Free time for lunch (not included). After lunch, continue to Assisi, where we will arrive in the afternoon. Check in at the hotel and accommodation. Rest of the day free.

Dec 9, Mon: Assisi

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning meet your guide and start your tour of Assisi. Explore the hilltop birthplace of St. Francis. In the Crypt of St. Francis Basilica laid the tomb of one of the most beloved saints of all time, St. Francis of Assisi. During the tour, your group will have the opportunity to view a series of frescoes depicting his life, as well as view a few of the saint's possessions. Next we shall visit the Basilica of St. Clare and the Crucifix from which Jesus spoke to St. Francis. Free time for lunch (not included). Afternoon at leisure for prayer or personal activities.

Dec 10, Tue: Assisi-Gubbio-La Verna-Assisi

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning we will ride through the beautiful Umbrian mountains to Gubbio. Following Mass, we visit the town of Gubbio, which seems painted onto the hill, a succession of backdrops against which towers and houses stand out, surrounded by walls. Through the power of God, St. Francis freed the town from a terrible and fierce wolf that afflicted it. After lunch, on our own we will continue to La Verna, the place where St. Francis received the stigmata in 1224. At the end of the daily tour, transfer to Rome. Dinner & overnight at the hotel.

Dec 11, Wed: Return Home from Rome.

Package Details

Price includes:

**Hotels on H/B basis (Breakfast & dinner included)*

03-06/ Dec	Rome	Hotel BW President 4*	3 nights
06-08/Dec	S.G. Rotondo	Hotel Vallerossa or similar	2 nights
08-10/ Dec	Assisi	BV Grand Hotel or similar	2 nights
10-11/ Dec	Rome	Hotel BW President 4*	1 night

*Round-trip Airfare out of IAH airport

*Transportation from Beaumont to IAH airport and back

*Everyday Mass

*City Council tax/English Speaking Leader/Assistant and local licensed tour guide.

*Deluxe Bus as per itinerary provided/Headsets/whispers whenever required

*Papal Audience (In accordance with the Papal Agenda)

*Entrance Fees (Skip-the-line reservation to the following):

-Rome, Vatican Museums, Catacombs, Assisi, Basilica San Francesco

Excludes:

* Travel Insurance *(Optional. It can be purchased through our website/home page/Travel Guard).*

* Drinks during meals/Everyday Lunch/Any personal item/Any other item not mentioned in the included part/Tips to Guides, Buses, Restaurants, Hotel Staff, Porters.

Unexpected circumstances/Airline final schedule may cause changes to the itinerary!

Please register online or complete the attached form!



Terms & Conditions

Form of Payment Bank/Certified/Checks, Money Orders or Wire Transfers (please email us a copy of bank confirmation when wiring funds) are accepted forms of payment at any time. (Payable to: Bible Trek Tours LLC) (send to: info@bibletrektours.com). Every reservation must be accompanied by a signed application (Mail to: Bible Trek Tours LLC, P.O. Box 20137, Beaumont, TX 77720). Returned checks will incur a \$50 service fee. In case of computer or human billing error, we reserve the right to re-invoice participants with corrected billing. Passports, Visas & Documents a valid US passport is required for US citizens. If you do not have a valid passport please contact your closest passport office or see Passport Information. Passports must be valid at least 6 months after return date. Bible Trek Tours, owner, agent or employees cannot be held liable for clients not having proper passports, visa or other travel documents. Cancellations due to lack of appropriate documents will incur usual penalties. A Passport Card is not useful for International Air Travel. Attempting to use this instead of a Passport Book will result in a denial of boarding by the airlines and entry by the legal authorities. Final Documents Final documents are issued upon receipt of final payment only and within 3 weeks of departure. Documents are not guaranteed if final payment is not received on time. Upon receipt of your documents you are responsible to check your itinerary, spelling of your name, dates, times and other important information to insure their validity. Should your final documents have any errors it is the passengers responsibility to contact Bible Trek Tours immediately. Cancellations And Refunds Once a deposit or partial/full payment has been made, cancellations will only be accepted in writing. Cancellation terms will be applied based on the date that the written cancellation is received. In addition to a \$300 per person administration fee, the following charges apply off the total trip cost: 60 - 46 days prior to departure 10%. /45 - 21 days prior to departure 50%. /20 - 03 days prior to departure 80%. . 02 days prior to departure or less no refund. Additionally, once tickets are issued the ticket value is non-refundable. Requests for a refund must be in writing (mail, e-mail). Phone calls cannot be used as a form of cancellation. Refunds will be issued within 30 to 60 days of receipt of written notice. No change of names or substitutions are permitted. No refund or cancellation fees will be waived due to death or sickness. In the event that Bible Trek Tours would decide to cancel a departure, a full refund will be issued (including travel insurance and Supplemental Cancellation Protection). If, however the trip is cancelled closer to departure by forces outside of the control of Bible Trek Tours, refunds will be as per terms and conditions. Air Transportation Air transportation is in economy class on IATA-approved carriers. Ticketing must be completed no later than 14 days prior to departure. Fares are based on levels in effect at the time of printing and prices and schedules are subject to change without notice. All is subject to the airlines terms of carriage. Bible Trek Tours is not responsible for any cancellations, loss, delays, injury, illness, or expenses incurred due to actions made by the airlines. Business class is available at additional cost for the Trans-Atlantic portions of your ticket. For any issues which arise in relation to airline service complaints and compensation should be addressed to the specific carrier. Airport Taxes, Fees & Fuel Airport taxes (up to \$800) are included in our tour packages. Seat Assignment Random seats are assigned for all group participants. If you would like to secure a specific seat, or sit with a companion please advise us of such request at the time of booking, we will make an effort to accommodate you, however we cannot guarantee. Hotel Accommodation Hotel accommodations are based on twin-bedded or double rooms. Bible Trek Tours reserves the right to substitute similar category hotels without prior notice. SHARING ROOM: If passengers are traveling alone, and are registered prior to 60 days before departure, and wish to have Bible Trek Tours assign a roommate we will do our best. Registrations made within 60 days of departure, the passenger will be responsible for the additional Single Supplement fees. TRIPLE ROOMS In most hotels triple accommodation is possible, however, no reduction in cost is available. Meals Bible Trek Tours pilgrimages include breakfast and dinner daily, (refer to brochure "your trip includes"). Although we cannot guarantee, we will try to accommodate all special meal request. Baggage Each tour participant is permitted to bring one checked suitcase, one small carry on bag (8" x 14" x 22"), and one personal item (i.e. purse, laptop case). In general, the airlines permit 1 checked bag weighing up to 50 lbs (23 kg) and maximum dimensions of 62 in (158 cm) calculated by adding the length + the width + the height of the bag. Please check with your specific airline to verify the size and weight allowances. Bible Trek Tours is not responsible for the loss of, theft of, delay, or damage to a participant's belongings. Responsibility Clause Bible Trek Tours and/or agents of the airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for the late arrival of passengers at airports or hotels due to inclement weather, nor are they to be held liable for payment or any refund for transfers or unused hotel accommodations or meals occasioned by such late arrivals at the hotels holding rooms as confirmed itineraries. Passengers must bear all such losses or expenses. To guard against unforeseen health or other circumstances, we recommend you purchase our optional insurances or Personal insurance. Bible Trek Tours is not responsible for circumstances beyond its control. In circumstances where trip cancellations resulting from the inability for trip to depart as scheduled, such as cancellations due to acts of war and/or terrorism, covid, virus, war, God, or nature takes place, Bible Trek Tours is not liable for restitution. Though every effort will be made to follow the itinerary, it should be considered as an indication of the tour, rather than a contract of places to be visited. Occasionally local religious holidays, national days, weather, traffic conditions and other events may necessitate changes in the sequence of visits or the missing of certain visits.

Legal Note: Bible Trek Tours LLC is a registered seller of Travel in the State of Texas: TST#: 32064469755. The statements herein and the contract between tour participants and Bible Trek Tours LLC are deemed to be made and entered into in Beaumont, Texas. The tour participant(s) and Bible Trek Tours LLC hereby agree and stipulate that any controversy or claim arising out of or in any way related to these terms and conditions, brochure, or the tours itself which cannot be amicably settled shall be resolved by way of arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association. The Arbitration shall take place in the county of Beaumont, TX before a single arbitrator and shall be governed by the laws of the state of Texas. Each party shall bear its own costs and an equal share of the arbitrator's and administrative fees of arbitration.

Registration Form-Bible Trek Tours
Shrines of Italy: Very Reverend Sinclair Oubre, J.C.L., KHS (Dec 2-11, 2024)

Please complete one registration form per person (Couples submit two separate forms)

Full Name (as written in passport): _____

***(Photocopy of your passport is required – must be valid 6 months after your return date)**

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone # (home/cell): _____

E-mail: _____

Rooming with: _____

Please try to find a roommate for me. *I understand if you cannot find a roommate for me, I will be obliged to pay the single room supplement.*

***Tour Cost and Method of Payments: Full package (Air & Land) \$3,575; Price is per person sharing a room.**

I wish a single room at a supplement of \$550. *Subject to availability and conformation.*

Payment Options:

*Please mail a deposit of \$400.00 per person made payable to **Bible Trek Tours LLC** in the form of a check.

Address: P.O. BOX 20137, Beaumont, TX 77720. For credit card payment, please fill out the form on the back.

For Zelle Payment: BIBLE TREK TOURS LLC/george@bibletrektours.com

Note: The deposit should be paid at the time of booking and no later than **Oct 4, 2024**. Balance is due on or before **Nov 2nd, 2024**. Any booking after **Oct 4, 2024** is subject to availability.

* For travel Insurance, you can visit our home page at www.bibletrektours.com and click on Travel Guard or you can get your own.

(SUBMIT THIS BOOKING FORM WITH A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT AND YOUR DEPOSIT)

**By submitting this payment and form, I acknowledge that I have read and I accept all Terms & Conditions as outlined on this Pilgrimage Brochure.*

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

***You can e-mail a copy of your passport to: info@bibletrektours.com**

***All package pricing is based on a minimum of 20 paying participants. If the group does not reach this number, price or programming may be adjusted.**

***Only use this form if you wish to pay your deposit with a Credit Card**

Credit Card Payment Authorization

I authorize Bible Trek Tours LLC to charge the standard price amount plus 4% card fees to my credit card listed below. (\$400 will be charged now; balance of payment will be charged to your card upon your request/authorization per the invoice due date).

Credit Card Type: _____

Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ **CVC** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Name as it appears on credit card: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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