



ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE CATHOLIC PARISH

Pilgrimage to Italy

for the special occasion of the Year of the Jubilee

November 19 to 29, 2025

Spiritually led by Fr. Alejandro Valladares



\$4,974.00 per person, double occupancy
\$5,727.00 single occupancy

Airport taxes and fuel surcharges (approximately \$120.00) are included and may vary slightly.
Adjustments will be made at the time of final invoicing.

INCLUSIVE FEATURES

- Economy class air transportation on scheduled airlines from Montgomery, Alabama
- 9 nights' accommodation in a 3-star hotel in Assisi and superior 4-star hotels in the other cities, including continental buffet breakfast
- 9 meals (1 lunch & 7 dinners, plus a Farewell Dinner including music entertainment)
 - Airport transfers and ground transportation by private, deluxe motor coach
 - General Papal Audience and daily Mass celebrations at selected churches
- Guided sightseeing as detailed in the program, including headsets and entrance fees where needed
 - Tour leader assistance throughout the stay in Italy

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: Wednesday, November 19 - MONTGOMERY/ROME

Depart from Montgomery Regional Airport on the flights to Rome. Dinner and breakfast will be served on board. (M)

Day 2: Thursday, November 20 - ROME/ASSISI

After clearing customs, meet the tour leader, board the bus and drive through the Umbrian countryside, the “green heart” of Italy, to Assisi. En route to the hotel, stop at the **Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels** to celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving for a safe journey. Visit the **Porziuncola Chapel** and reach the hotel in time for dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Friday, November 21 - ASSISI

Celebrate an early Mass, possibly at the Tomb of St. Francis. Afterward, a guided tour will include the **Basilica of St. Francis**, the **Basilica of St. Clare**, **St. Francis' birthplace**, the **Piazza del Comune** and, lastly, the **Church of St. Mary Major** housing the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis. After free time for lunch, the afternoon is open. Some may wish to join an optional tour of the Church of San Damiano, the first monastery of the Order of St. Clare, and to the Eremo delle Carceri, the hermitage where St. Francis prayed, surrounded by grottoes where hermits came to dwell and meditate (\$50.00 per person). This evening, savor dinner at or near the hotel. (B, D)

Day 4: Saturday, November 22 - ASSISI/LORETO/PESCARA

Today, the journey continues toward the Adriatic Coast to the Marian shrine of Loreto to admire the **Holy House of Mary**, transported by angels to this hill. Celebrate Mass and take advantage of some free time, then continue to Pescara and reach the hotel in time for dinner. (B, D)

Day 5: Sunday, November 23 - PESCARA/LANCIANO/SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

After breakfast, reach Lanciano and visit the **Sanctuary of the Eucharistic Miracle**, followed by Mass. Arrive in San Giovanni Rotondo, home of Padre Pio, in time for dinner served at the hotel. (B, D)

This pilgrimage requires walking for long periods of time, sometimes uphill and/or on uneven surfaces and cobblestones, as well as climbing stairs.

Please make sure you are medically and physically fit for this type of travel.



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Day 6: Monday, November 24 - SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

This morning celebrate Mass then experience your faith grow as you visit the **Monastery Shrine of Padre Pio**. The shrine is home to two churches, the older **Our Lady of Grace Church** (Santa Maria delle Grazie) with its stunning wall of mosaics and the new **Padre Pio Pilgrimage Church** that was designed by the lauded Italian architect Renzo Piano. See Padre Pio's tomb and prayer cell inside the Our Lady of Grace Church and take a stroll to see the Way of the Cross monument on a hill overlooking the church. In the afternoon, travel along the stunning Gargano Peninsula to the **Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel**, a shrine consecrated by St. Michael. Tonight, enjoy dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 7: Tuesday, November 25 - SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO/MANOPPELLO/ROME

In the morning, reach the **Sanctuary of the Holy Face** in Manoppello for a view of the cloth containing the image of Jesus' face. Continue for Rome and, en route to the hotel, stop at the **Catacombs** and admire a network of underground cemeteries which are a vivid sign of the origin of Christianity. Dinner is served near the hotel. (B, D)

Day 8: Wednesday, November 26 - ROME

What a way to begin a day at St. Peter's Square to attend the **Papal Audience** given by His Holiness Pope Leo XIV. The afternoon's guided touring includes the Cathedral of Rome, **St. John Lateran**, the **Basilica of St. Paul's Outside the Walls**, whose construction began in the 4th century, and the **Basilica of St. Mary Major**, the largest Marian church in Rome. Celebrate Mass at one of the major basilicas, then enjoy a tasty pizza at a local "pizzeria". (B, D)

Day 9: Thursday, November 27 - ROME

Begin the day with an early Mass possibly in the Vatican Grottoes, followed by a visit of the most magnificent of churches, the **Basilica of St. Peter**, led by Fr. Valladares. Experience the unforgettable opportunity to enter through the **Holy Door** or 'Porta Sancta', which only opens during a Holy Year (Jubilee), every 25 years. The rest of the day is at leisure. This evening, walk to a local restaurant for an included dinner. (B, D)

Day 10: Friday, November 28 - ROME

In the morning, celebrate Mass possibly at the Church of Santissima Trinità dei Monti, then take part in a visit to the iconic **Spanish Steps**, the famous **Trevi Fountain**, the **Pantheon**, built in the 1st century once a temple dedicated to all gods, currently a Catholic Church where many illustrious deceased are buried and, lastly, the **Piazza Navona** with another of Bernini's masterpieces, the Four Rivers Fountain. The remainder of the day is free for last-minute shopping, packing or sightseeing. In the evening, a "Farewell Dinner" is planned at a festive Roman restaurant. (B, D)

Day 11: Saturday, November 29 - ROME/HOME

This morning, celebrate Mass possibly at the Church of Santa Maria Alle Fornaci. Afterward, you will be accompanied by the tour leader to the airport and assisted with check-in formalities for your flight home. You will be asking yourself "where did the time go?" (B, M)

Meal Legend: M = meals onboard flight B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner



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RESERVATION FORM - CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. BEDE PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Reservation Form and Contract between Tour Participant and Tour Operator



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This form must be fully completed, in clear print, and returned with deposit no later than June 13, 2025.

Please **email or fax** to the above address, along with a copy of your passport.

SPACE IS LIMITED. Reservations will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis.

TITLE _____ LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE NAME _____ TOUR BADGE NAME _____
(Mr-Mrs-Ms-other) (full name as it appears on passport) (if different from first name provided)
Birth date _____
Birth date _____
Address (P.O. box not accepted) _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
E-Mail (please print clearly) _____ Cell Phone/s (_____) _____

AIRLINE RESERVATIONS

Global Entry/KTN _____ (this data will be processed only if received with reservation form)
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☐ I will not be departing from Montgomery, AL. I would like a quotation for flights departing from _____
☐ I would like to deviate from the group, as detailed in my email request
Please note deviations will be accepted/processed up to reservation deadline only and a processing fee of \$50 per person will apply. Seating requests will be noted but cannot be guaranteed.

ROOM ACCOMMODATION

One person: ☐ Single (subject to availability) ☐ I hope to find a roommate (single supplement applies until one is found)
Two people: ☐ Double (one queen bed) ☐ Twin (two single beds)
Roommate, if not listed above or on other reservation form _____

OPTIONAL TOUR/S

Please book me/us on the following optional tour: ☐ San Damiano and Eremo in Assisi (\$50 per person)

SPECIAL REQUESTS

☐ Please write here: _____

PAYMENT

Deposit due by June 13, 2025: \$500.00 per person (credit cards only) - Final Payment due by August 12, 2025

☐ I authorize Caravelle Tours to charge my deposit of \$ _____ on the credit card listed below:
☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express
Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____ 3 Digit Code _____
Name appearing on credit card _____
Billing address if different than above _____

Please choose one of the following options:

- ☐ I will send a check for the final payment which is due by August 12, 2025 (\$100.00 discount per person applies).
☐ I authorize Caravelle Tours to charge my final payment on the credit card listed above on August 12, 2025.
Please note changes of billing instructions after trip confirmation will incur a \$20 processing fee.

I/we have read the terms and conditions stated in the brochure, especially those regarding Tour Prices, Cancellations/Modification Fees and Air Transportation, understand the details of the tour and agree to be bound thereby for myself and anyone else registered on this form. I am aware that travel protection is available and that I may find additional information and build a custom quote at www.caravelletours.com/travel-protection/.

Signature _____ Date _____

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS - CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. BEDE PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Tour Prices: Prices are based on the exchange rate of the dollar in effect at the time of brochure distribution. Should the value of the dollar drop significantly, the prices will be adjusted accordingly. All efforts will be made not to alter prices, but should there be a need, Caravelle Tours reserves the right to communicate the amount at the time of final payment. Prices are also based on a minimum of 30 participants or the expected group size, advised by the organizer. The participant hereby agrees to an automatic adjustment on the price due to a variation of either of these conditions with a maximum of 5% of the group price. Written acceptance by the participant will be requested only in case of a greater increase.

Reservation, Deposit and Final Payment: A non-refundable \$500.00 per person deposit is required by the deposit due date in order to make reservations, along with a signed copy of the registration form as well as a copy of the passport/s. Final payment is due on August 12, 2025. Late payments are subject to a \$50.00 handling charge. Late registrations (sixty days prior to departure) are subject to a \$50.00 per person handling charge plus any additional cost charged by airlines and hotels, require a full payment by credit card and are subject to availability. All checks should be made payable to Caravelle Tours Inc. Bank fees resulting from returned checks or charges from a financial institution for denied payments will have to be covered by the client.

Cancellation/Modification Fees: The deposit is non-refundable. The following per person fees will apply in case of cancellation by the passenger: 25% of the total tour price from August 16 to September 19, 2025; 50% of the total tour price from September 20 to October 19, 2025; no refund from October 20, 2025 up to departure. Cancellations can only be accepted in writing. Travel protection is available and highly encouraged. Additional information may be found on our website under www.caravelletours.com/travel-protection/.

Passport and Visa: All U.S. citizens are required to have a valid passport, with an expiration date of no less than 6 months from the date of return. Non-U.S. citizens must check requirements with their respective consulate.

Air Transportation: Transatlantic airfare is based on a special economy class contracted fare, on regularly scheduled airlines and other IATA carriers. Total cost of taxes, security/fuel surcharges will be advised in the final invoice, however, is subject to change up to 30 days prior to departure. Deviation of departure or return date/city **may** be possible for a limited number of seats, if the request is made at the time of reservation. A \$50.00 fee per person applies plus any additional costs applied by the airline.

Land Transportation: As specified in the itinerary. Ground transportation will be provided by deluxe, air conditioned motor coaches. Land only participants may take advantage of the group's airport transfers only if their flight schedule coincides with the group's and have informed Caravelle Tours of their air schedule. Please be informed that Caravelle Tours is unable to hold up the group should land only participants face any delays on arrival. In case of misconnection with the group, it will be land only participants' responsibility to arrange transportation to meet with the group, at their own expense.

Hotels: Accommodation will be provided at the hotel category described in the brochure. All rooms are with private bath. Occasionally, hotels may be substituted by others of a similar category or better at no extra cost to the passenger. All rates are per person. Single rooms, although assuring privacy, may be smaller in size and not ideally located.

Meals: Snacks and meals are served on all transatlantic flights and all other carriers as specified by the single contractor involved. Buffet breakfast at the hotels and other meals will be provided as noted in the program. Mineral water and house wine are included at meals.

Tipping: All gratuities and handling charges to hotel staff, chambermaids and waiters are included. Personal tipping to guides, tour directors and drivers are **not** included.

Baggage Handling: Checked baggage will be limited to one piece per person, plus one carry on. Porterage may or may not be included based on timing and what will be in the best interest of the participants. The tour operator accepts no liability for loss and damage of luggage, although maximum care will be taken to ensure safe handling of your luggage. Travel protection is highly suggested.

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Travelers Who Need Special Assistance On Tour: You must report to Caravelle Tours any disability requiring special attention while on tour at the time the reservation is made. Caravelle Tours will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled travellers, but is not responsible in the event it is unable to do so nor responsible for any denial of services by air carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers. Caravelle Tours cannot provide individual assistance to a tour participant for walking, dining, getting on and off coaches and other vehicles, or other personal needs. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travellers who need such assistance. If we are not notified at time of reservation of any disability requiring special attention, Caravelle Tours reserves the right to cancel your booking or terminate your tour if your special needs or disabilities are not suitable for the vacation, are incompatible with other travellers, or if you are not traveling with a companion who provides all the assistance you require. Caravelle Tours will not refund or cover any costs or expenses incurred for cancellation, booking, or termination of the vacation. Cancellation penalties, as above, apply. Not all sightseeing stops/sites accommodate wheelchairs, and some locations and sightseeing activities require extensive standing, sitting, or walking—sometimes on unpaved or cobblestone streets. Caravelle Tours will not refund or cover any cost or expense incurred for any missed activities due to a participant's inability to fully participate with the group. The Americans with Disabilities Act is only applicable within the United States, and facilities for disabled individuals are limited outside its borders. Most transportation services, including the touring coaches, are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. Motorized scooters and motorized wheelchairs are not suitable for international travel and are not permitted on Caravelle Tours tours.

Exclusions: Expenses and items not mentioned in this brochure are not covered, including but not limited to: passport fees, visas, meals (other than stated in the brochure), items of a personal nature and transportation to/from home and home town airports.

Responsibility: The responsibility of Caravelle Tours Inc, herein after called the "Operator", his and or their agent is limited. They act only as agent for the passenger in regard to travel whether by railroad, motor coach, private car, boat, aircraft or any other conveyance, and assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned by either reason of defect, through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour, or as a direct or indirect result of acts of God, dangers incident to the sea, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, act of governments or other authorities, de jure or de facto, wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, theft, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, or from any causes beyond the Operator's control, or from any loss or damage resulting from improper passport, visas or other documents. The airlines concerned are not responsible for any act, omission or event during the time you are not aboard the aircraft. The passenger contract in use by the airline, when issued, constitutes the sole contract between you and airline. Anyone not utilizing the pre-arranged transportation is responsible for the subsequent transportation. No changes in the itinerary are expected but we reserve the right to make them if necessary. Because of unforeseen changes in transportation schedules, the land portion of your tour may be occasionally extended or curtailed. The Operator cannot be responsible for changes of itinerary. The number of days indicated for each itinerary begins with the day of scheduled departure and ends with the scheduled return arrival day, irrespective of the hour of departure or return, and may vary due to transportation schedule changes. The Operator reserves the right to accept or retain anyone as a passenger on its trip, or to cancel a trip. After refunding all partial and full payments, the Operator has no other obligations to passengers on cancelled trip. Unused portions of the itinerary are not refundable. Full or partial payment for a trip reservation constitutes agreement to all the provision of the brochure.



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