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The Grand Italy Pilgrimage

May 4th - 14th, 2026

Spiritual Director: Father John Kazibwe

Pastor of Church of the Epiphany - Richmond, VA





A Journey of Grace, Mercy, Renewal, and Hope

Day 1: May 4th - Depart from the U.S.A

Our pilgrimage begins with departure from Dulles International Airport on an overnight flight to Italy. Meals and drinks will be served on board.

Day 2: May 5th - Arrive in Rome: The Eternal City

Welcome to the Eternal City, where our grand pilgrimage truly begins! After meeting our experienced tour manager, we'll enjoy a walk through some of Rome's most iconic sites, including the romantic Trevi Fountain, where tossing a coin over your shoulder is said to guarantee a return to Rome, and the elegant Spanish Steps. Then, we'll head to our hotel, our home for the next three nights. **dinner**

Day 3: May 6th - Rome: Papal Audience and the Major Basilicas of Rome

This morning, we will attend one of the highlights of the pilgrimage: the Papal Audience, an unforgettable experience where we will receive the Apostolic Blessing of Pope Leo XIV (subject to the Holy Father's schedule). After lunch, we will explore the grandeur of the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, the Holy Stairs, and the majestic Basilica of St. John Lateran, the Pope's cathedral. We will see the Old Appian Way and St. Paul's Outside the Walls, then conclude the day with dinner at a local restaurant. **breakfast/dinner**

Day 4: May 7th - Rome: St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums

This morning begins with a private Mass at St. Peter's Basilica (subject to availability). We will then visit the sorrowful Pietà and the Adoration Chapel, followed by the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel, with its remarkable frescoes. In the afternoon, we will enjoy a panoramic view of the Roman Forum and the Colosseum (view from the outside), and visit the Basilica of St. Peter in Chains featuring Michelangelo's "Moses." We will end the day with dinner at a local Italian restaurant. **breakfast/dinner**

Day 5: May 8th - Rome / Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel / San Giovanni Rotondo

We leave the Eternal City for San Giovanni Rotondo, the peaceful home of the beloved and mystic St. Padre Pio. As we leave Rome, we will stop in Monte Sant'Angelo to visit the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel, where apparitions occurred from the 5th to the 17th century. After the visit, we continue to San Giovanni Rotondo to visit "Home for the Relief of Suffering," a famous charitable work of St. Padre Pio. We will see his tomb, cell, confessional, the old church where he received the stigmata, and the Church of Santa Maria Delle Grazie, the new church. **breakfast/dinner**





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Day 6: May 9th - San Giovanni Rotondo / Lanciano / Assisi

Depart for Lanciano, where the first Eucharistic Miracle of Jesus took place. From there, we will travel through the Umbrian countryside to a quiet hilltop town that welcomes us with the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare. We will arrive, have dinner, and prepare our hearts for the profound experiences that await us! **breakfast/dinner**

Day 7: May 10th - Assisi: The Franciscan Heart of Umbria

Our day begins in the peaceful town of Assisi, where we walk in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare. We'll visit the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels, home to the beloved Porziuncola, where the Franciscan movement was born. We'll also visit the Basilica of Saint Clare and the Basilica of Saint Francis, where the saint lies at rest.

breakfast/dinner

Day 8: May 11th - Assisi / Siena / Florence: From the Saints of Siena to the Art of Florence

Today, we depart from Assisi for the medieval city of Siena, the birthplace of Saint Catherine. We begin with a tour of its charming streets and visit the Basilica of San Domenico, where her relics are housed. Continue driving north through the beautiful Italian countryside to Florence, the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance." Upon arrival, visit the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and view from outside the Baptistry with its renowned bronze doors. Before checking into our hotel, we'll pause in Piazzale Michelangelo for a breathtaking panoramic view of the city skyline. In the evening, we settle in and enjoy a leisurely dinner at the hotel. **breakfast/dinner**

Day 9: May 12th - Florence/ Padua / Venice Mestre: Cradle of Faith and Art

Today will be filled with beauty and meaning as we explore Florence, where faith and art are deeply intertwined. We begin with a walk to Piazza della Signoria to view the iconic Ponte Vecchio, followed by a visit to the Basilica of Santa Maria Novella (view from the outside) and a visit to the Basilica of Santa Croce. We will visit the world-famous Galleria dell'Accademia to admire Michelangelo's "David." We will then depart Florence and drive north to Padua to visit the Basilica of St. Anthony. After Mass in Padua (subject to availability), we will continue to Venice, Queen of the Adriatic.

breakfast/dinner





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Day 10: May 13th - Venice: The Floating City

This morning, we'll enjoy a walking tour of the breathtakingly beautiful Venice, first visiting Piazza San Marco and the Basilica of St. Mark, which was built to house the remains of the venerable St. Mark. Also, we will visit the famous Doges' Palace and the "Bridge of Sighs." The rest of the day is free to get lost and explore this enchanting city of islands and masks on your own. In the evening, we share a special farewell dinner at a local Venetian restaurant, celebrating our spiritual journey through this beautiful country! **breakfast/dinner**

Day 11: May 14th - Venice / U.S.A.: Farewell to Italy

Transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home. **breakfast**



Pilgrimage Cost

Land and Air
\$5,299

Per person / double occupancy
For single occupancy please add: \$998.00

Land Only
\$4,674

Per person / double occupancy
For single occupancy please add: \$998.00
EXCLUDES roundtrip airfare



Reservations are open now! Spaces are limited!

This price includes:

- * Roundtrip airfare from Dulles International Airport
- * Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- * Accommodation in first class hotels during the duration of trip
- * All hotel taxes
- * Being accompanied by an expert tour manager and local tour guides

- * Meals as per itinerary (Breakfast & Dinner)
- * Land transportation by deluxe motor-coach
- * All transfers and baggage handling at hotels
- * Comprehensive sightseeing with all entrance fees
- * Private daily Mass

Please visit www.albastours.com for information on additional pilgrimages being organized by Alba's Tours!

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GENERAL INFORMATION TERMS & CONDITIONS

Reservations and Payment: Please complete the attached Reservation Application for the Pilgrimage to Italy with Father John Kazibwe from May 4th to May 14th, 2026, and return it with your deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure, February 3rd, 2026. All payments must be made in full by February 3rd, 2026.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. Cancellations received after 5 PM Eastern Time or on weekends/holidays will be processed the following business day. The following per-person cancellation charges will apply: If canceled 100 days or more before departure, a \$100.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 99 - 61 days before departure, \$750.00 will be charged. If canceled 60 - 15 days before departure, \$2,000 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 14 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable. Once airline tickets are issued they are non-refundable, non-transferable, and cannot be used for future travel. Additional cancellation charges may apply depending upon the cancellation terms of our suppliers.

Refunds: Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel-related services, all sums paid to Alba's Tours, LLC for such services, which are not subject to cancellation charges and were not already remitted to third-party providers will be promptly returned to the participants, provided the participant is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the participant. This refund provision does not apply where Alba's Tours, LLC has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund. In such a situation, Alba's Tours, LLC agrees to provide participants with a written statement accompanied by a copy of the bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

Land-Only Travelers Responsibility: If you have chosen a "Land-Only" package, it is your sole responsibility to meet the group at the designated location and time. The group will not wait for late arrivals, as scheduled activities will begin promptly. If you fail to arrive on time, you will be responsible for arranging and covering the cost of your own transportation to the hotel or the next activity on the itinerary. No refunds or adjustments will be provided for missed activities or services due to late arrival.

Tour Activity Level: This pilgrimage is characterized as moderate. Participants can expect moderate walking, which may include stair climbing, moderate hills and elevation changes, uneven terrain, and cobblestone. Expect around three to four miles of walking a day.

Travel Documents: A passport with a minimum of 6 months validity is required of all U.S. citizens. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. Alba's Tours, LLC is not responsible for individual visas or passports. You must carefully observe all applicable formalities and ensure that the surnames and forenames used when submitting the application correspond exactly with those appearing on your passport, visa, etc. Alba's Tours, LLC is not responsible for errors made by participants when entering their passport information. Any mistakes may affect airline ticketing and result in additional fees, which the participant will be responsible for.

Tour Cost: All quoted prices are based upon airfares, tariffs, and currency exchange rates at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. Should the minimum number of 20 tour members not be reached, the right is reserved to increase the tour cost accordingly or cancel the tour.

Tips: Please note that gratuities for the tour manager, local guides, bus drivers, and other service personnel are not included in the cost of the tour. The required tip amounts for each participant will be outlined in the pilgrimage package.

Tour Documents and Tickets: Final tour documents are mailed, provided we have received full payment, within 2-3 weeks of departure.

Baggage: Each participant is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. You will be responsible for paying the airline any additional charges for additional checked baggage or overweight baggage (if excess weight is permitted). Alba's Tours, LLC is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen baggage.

Air Transportation: Airfare is in economy class. Fares are based on rates in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change without notice, along with flight schedules. Alba's Tours, LLC is not responsible for and does not manage seat upgrades or seat selections. Participants who wish to upgrade or secure a specific seat are advised to purchase a "Land Only" package.

Hotels: Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking.

Travel Insurance: Alba's Tours, LLC strongly recommends that you have comprehensive travel insurance. Purchasing comprehensive travel insurance that covers medical treatment for COVID-19 is mandatory for certain countries. Insurance may be purchased directly through Alba's Tours, LLC. You may purchase a policy through a third party if desired. Alba's Tours, LLC acts only as an intermediary between you and the insurance provider, and in no event shall Alba's Tours, LLC be liable to any person or entity whatsoever for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, exemplary, compensatory, consequential, or punitive damages related to insurance coverage purchased.

Not Included: Gratuities, COVID-19 testing (if required), passport and/or individual visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of the included meals, additional baggage in excess of airport allowance, optional sightseeing tours, and all expenses of a purely personal nature.

Photos and Videos: Alba's Tours, LLC may take photos and films during the duration of each tour and their participants. Alba's Tours, LLC participants grant Alba's Tours, LLC permission to do so and for Alba's Tours, LLC to utilize, edit, change, print, and copy such content for commercial or promotional usage without any compensation, payment, fee, royalties to such participants. Alba's Tours, LLC has the right to utilize, copyright, publish or distribute over the Internet any photographs or film in any medium/media for promotion or advertising with regards to the law. Participants acknowledge and waive any rights to photography and film, and publicized work in association with Alba's Tours, LLC. By participating in an Alba's Tours, LLC trip, the participant grants Alba's Tours, LLC the right to use such photography in which the participant may appear in promotional advertisements unless explicit consent is provided. Alba's Tours, LLC participants acknowledge that other participants may also take photos and films during the tour. Alba's Tours, LLC is not responsible for resolving personal participant disputes regarding personal photos and films taken during the trip.

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Roommates: Alba's Tours, LLC is not responsible for arranging roommates for participants booking shared accommodations. Alba's Tours, LLC is not liable for any issues or financial losses resulting from participant/roommate dropouts. Moreover, Alba's Tours, LLC is not responsible for any damage, losses, injury, death, or distress caused by a roommate during a tour.

Travelers with Special Needs or Disabilities: Alba's Tours, LLC makes no guarantee as to the ability of any accommodations, activity providers, or facilities advertised on its site to meet the special needs of disabled participants. If you have special needs (e.g., wheelchair-accessible room, traveling with a seeing-eye dog, etc.) you must call ahead of time and verify that special needs can be met. Depending on the terms and conditions and our travel provider, and their abilities to accommodate those needs, your reservation may be refunded, canceled, or modified if those special needs cannot be met. We have no special knowledge regarding the suitability for disabled participants of any portion of any tour or activity offered.

Travel Risks: Although most travel to international destinations is completed without incident, travel to certain areas may involve greater risk than others. You assume sole responsibility for your own safety at any destination traveled to. Alba's Tours, LLC does not guarantee your safety at any time and assumes no responsibility for gathering and/or disseminating information for you relating to risks associated with your destinations. For State Department information about conditions abroad that may affect travel safety and security, go to http://travel.state.gov/travel/travel_1744.html.

Responsibility Clause: The participant contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the participant. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space, or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the participant. Alba's Tours, LLC reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries.

Itinerary and Accommodations Changes: The itinerary and hotel accommodations are subject to change at the discretion of the tour manager, Alba's Tours, LLC, or the spiritual director. Adjustments may be made in response to unforeseen circumstances, including but not limited to local conditions, weather, transportation schedules, the needs of the group, or unexpected delays caused by crowded venues such as museums, religious sites, or other attractions. In certain situations, such as medical emergencies or events requiring the immediate attention of the spiritual director or tour manager, some elements of the itinerary may be altered, delayed, or missed.

Behavior and Conduct Policy: Participants are expected to act respectfully and comply with all local laws, regulations, and the rules set forth by Alba's Tours, LLC, the tour manager, spiritual director, and local guides. Alba's Tours, LLC reserves the right to remove any participant from the pilgrimage, without refund, if the participant's behavior is deemed violent, disruptive, threatening, or abusive toward others; if the participant is engaging in illegal activities; or if their actions jeopardize the safety, enjoyment, or well-being of the group or staff. In such cases, the participant will be solely responsible for their own transportation, accommodations, and any related expenses incurred as a result of their removal. Alba's Tours, LLC accepts no liability for any costs or losses arising from the removal of a participant.

Emergency Medical Care: By participating in the pilgrimage organized by Alba's Tours, LLC, you acknowledge and agree to provide timely consent for any necessary medical care during the pilgrimage. This includes, but is not limited to, medical examinations, diagnostic tests, medications, treatments, or hospital care, as recommended by qualified medical professionals such as physicians, surgeons, nurses, or technicians. You are required to designate an emergency contact on the pilgrimage application and, if applicable, a pilgrimage partner (e.g., spouse or companion) before the pilgrimage begins. In the event of a medical emergency, Alba's Tours, LLC will make every reasonable effort to contact your designated emergency contact or pilgrimage partner to seek authorization for necessary medical treatment. However, if circumstances demand immediate medical action and communication with your emergency contact or pilgrimage partner is not possible, you authorize Alba's Tours, LLC or its representatives to consent on your behalf to any treatment deemed necessary by medical professionals. This may include but is not limited to examinations, diagnostic tests, medications, treatments, or hospital care.

You agree that Alba's Tours, LLC and its representatives shall not be held liable for any actions, decisions, or outcomes related to medical care provided during the pilgrimage, whether such care is rendered with your consent or on your behalf in an emergency. Furthermore, you acknowledge that you are solely responsible for all costs associated with medical treatment, including but not limited to consultations, medications, hospitalization, medical care, health care support, medical transportation, or any other related services, and you agree that you will bear all financial responsibility for these expenses. You are strongly recommend obtaining travel insurance to cover such expenses, including but not limited to medical care, hospitalization, and emergency transportation.

In the event that you are unable to continue with the pilgrimage due to illness or medical reasons, you understand and agree that Alba's Tours, LLC is not responsible for any refunds, costs, losses, or expenses incurred as a result of leaving the pilgrimage early. This includes but is not limited to, medical treatment, transportation, accommodations, or other arrangements required for your return. Should you require additional care, such as hiring a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) or other medical support, you agree to bear all related costs. Participants are encouraged to secure travel insurance that covers trip interruption, illness, caregiver services, and related expenses.

We reserve the right to remove any participant from the group if they are found to have a highly contagious or infectious disease that poses a significant risk to the health and safety of others. This decision will be made based on medical guidance and in the best interest of the well-being of all participants. If removal is necessary, the participant will be solely responsible for all associated costs, including but not limited to accommodations, travel, medical expenses, and any other related costs incurred as a result of their removal.

Limitation of Liability: The airlines, hotels, and other suppliers (jointly: "travel suppliers") providing travel or other services sold by Alba's Tours, LLC are independent contractors and not agents or employees of Alba's Tours, LLC. Alba's Tours, LLC and/or their cooperating selling agents and/or their travel suppliers offer these tours for sale only on the express understanding that they themselves do not perform or in any way assume liability for the performance of the individual components, transfers, airports, hotels, flights, car, motorcoaches, etc. of these tours and act only to combine these components into a single unit of sale for the convenience of the general public. To the extent permitted by law, Alba's Tours, LLC does not assume liability for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident, or delay due to an act or omission of a travel supplier and/or airports, including, without limitation, an act of negligence or the default of a travel supplier and/or airports. Alba's Tours, LLC disclaims all liability for any personal injury, sickness, harm, or loss sustained by participants during the pilgrimage, including but not limited to incidents arising from interactions with the local environment, people, or laws of the destination country. Participants acknowledge that they undertake the pilgrimage at their own risk and are always responsible for their own safety and well-being. To the extent permitted by law, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage and/or delay due to injuries suffered by participants during the tour, including injuries from falls and other related injuries not caused by the negligence of Alba's Tours, LLC. Participants waive any claims against Alba's Tours, LLC for injury or damage due to force majeure, sickness, theft, loss of personal property, pilferage, labor disputes, bankruptcy, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather, terrorism, political uprisings, riots, strikes, criminal acts, war, any acts of violence, harassment, or misconduct, including sexual assault or any causes beyond Alba's Tours, LLC's control and any losses or costs resulting from these events will be the sole responsibility of the participant. Furthermore, Alba's Tours, LLC is not responsible for any harm, sickness, injury, death, or loss caused to a participant by another participant, the tour manager, spiritual director, travel suppliers, or any third party during the tour. Additionally, Alba's Tours, LLC is not liable if a participant becomes ill due to an Alba's Tours, LLC representative. Alba's Tours, LLC will not bear any financial costs associated with such sickness.

Further, no responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omissions, delays, failure to make connections, non-performance or poor performance, loss of revenue, loss of anticipated profits, any additional expenses or lost business, attributable to you yourself, acts or omissions of any third parties, or acts of any governmental authority, even if Alba's Tours, LLC has been advised that such damages were possible or probable.

Please contact Alba's Tours, LLC for further information regarding questions related to travel risks, travel insurance, travel options for those with special needs or disabilities, or other matters. Any disputes or claims arising from any travel arrangements or travel undertaken in accordance with these Terms & Conditions shall be submitted exclusively to arbitration in accordance with the rules of The American Arbitration for commercial disputes.

***For inquiries about land-only packages, kindly reach out to our office for detailed terms & conditions.**

Sign per person and submit with application & deposit:

***By signing you agree with the above terms and conditions.
Failure of signature will result in reservation for trip being void.
In addition, your deposit certifies that you agree with the two pages of terms & conditions.***

I agree & accept the terms & conditions:

Name

Signature

Date

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Reservation Application

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Please complete one application per person

Personal Information:

Name (as printed on passport exactly):

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):

Passport Number (as printed on passport exactly):

Male: ☐

Female: ☐

Passport Date of Issue:

Day

Month

Year

Passport Date of Expiration:

Day

Month

Year

Country of Citizenship:

Date of Birth:

Day

Month

Year

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Mobile Phone:

Email Address:

Package Selection:

Please Check One:

Air & Land: ☐

Land Only: ☐

Room Assignment Information:

Please Check One:

Double Occupancy: ☐

Triple Occupancy: ☐

Single Occupancy (\$998.00 Additional): ☐

If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at time of booking:

If choosing single occupancy, would be willing to share a room with another person?:

Yes: ☐

No: ☐

Emergency Contact:

Please list the name, relationship, and phone number for a family member/close friend who is NOT traveling with you:

Your deposit certifies that you agree to the terms and conditions.

I agree and accept the terms and conditions:

sign here

date

Please enclose a deposit of **\$300.00 per person** payable to Alba's Tours, LLC and mail to:

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Total price of Land & Air is \$5,299.00

Total price of Land ONLY is \$4,674.00.

The \$300.00 deposit is included in the price.

