

Durgan Travel *presents...*

# PADRE PIO PILGRIMAGE

*10-Days/8-Nights*

## YOUR CHOICE OF DATES

**\$TBA** with 30-34 passengers in our group\*

**\$TBA** with 35-39 passengers in our group\*

**\$TBA** with 40-44 passengers in our group\*

**\$TBA** with 45-49 passengers in our group\*

**\$TBA** with 50 or more passengers in our group\*

\*Rates are per person twin occupancy and INCLUDE \$TBA in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharge. Subject to change. The above rates are for payment by cash/check. See Reservation Form for discount cash and check rates.

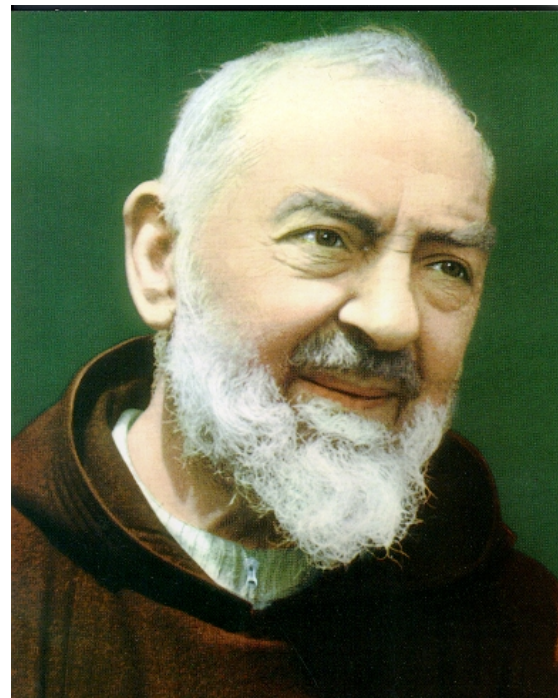
**VALID  
PASSPORT  
REQUIRED**

Must be valid for 6 mos.  
beyond return date

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### OUR 10-DAY/8-NIGHT PADRE PIO PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY:

**DAY 1 – BOSTON~ROME** Depart Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our transatlantic flight to Rome (possible, if unlikely, intermediate stop), with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, while in flight.

**DAY 2 – ROME:** Benvenuti a Italia! Upon arrival at Rome airport, you will meet your tour escort and enjoy a tour of the Eternal City including stops at the Church of the Holy Cross of Jerusalem, the Colosseum and the Roman Forum (outside visit), and St Mary Major, one of the oldest shrines dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. Continuing on to the Basilica of the St John in Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome. Visit the "Holy Stairs" across the street before continuing on to St Paul Outside the Walls, which houses the remains of St Paul under its main altar. We will attend Mass in Rome and check in to *Hotel Tiberio* (or similar) for a Welcome Dinner and overnight. (D)

**DAY 3 – ROME~MONTE CASSINO:** After breakfast and hotel check out, we will attend the weekly Papal Audience and Blessing given by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI (pending Pope Benedict XVI's health/schedule). Following the audience depart Rome for Monte Cassino to see the Monastery founded by St Benedict in 529. Here you will have Mass. Lunch will be on our own. We will check in to *Hotel Forum* (or similar) for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 4 – MONTE CASSINO~MUGNANO~PIETRELCINA~SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO:** Following breakfast and hotel check out, we depart Monte Cassino for San Giovanni Rotondo. En route, we will stop in Mugnano to visit the Sanctuary of Saint Philomena and celebrate Mass. next, visit Pietrelcina where Padre Pio was born May 25, 1887 and see his birthplace and home. Afterwards, we continue to San Giovanni Rotondo, the last earthly home of Padre Pio. Upon arrival, we will check in to *Hotel Savoia* (or similar) for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 5 – MONTE SANT'ANGELO:** Following breakfast, we are off to Monte Sant'Angelo where we will celebrate Mass and visit the tomb of Padre Pio. We will tour the sanctuary, and see the confessional where Padre Pio spent many hours directing pilgrims on their journey toward God. We will also see the crucifix from which he received the stigmata in 1918. After we enjoy a breathtaking view of the Gargano Peninsula, we will visit the Grotto of Michael the Archangel, a shrine consecrated by St. Michael himself in 490. Return to San Giovanni for devotions, and reflection. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

**DAY 6 – SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO~LANCIANO~TOLENTINO~LORETO:** After breakfast and hotel check out, we will depart for Lanciano, where we will see the eighth-century Eucharistic Miracle in the little Church of St. Legontian. Afterwards, we will follow the lush Adriatic coast towards Tolentino, where we will visit the church of St. Nicholas. From here, we continue to the great Marian shrine of Loreto and visit the beautiful Madonna of Loreto and the Holy House of Nazareth, which was transported by angels to this hill in central Italy in 1294. We will celebrate Mass in Loreto, and check in to *Hotel Pace* (or similar) for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 7 – LORETO~OSIMO~PADUA:** After breakfast and hotel check out, we depart for Padua. En route we will stop in Osimo to visit the church of San Francesco, renamed the Basilica of St. Joseph of Cupertino (Basilica di San Giuseppe da Copertino) in his honor. The Basilica has a painting of Joseph levitating above the altar, and in the crypt his preserved body is encased in a glass coffin, which is levitating now thanks to the help of two angel statues. From here, we continue to Padua where St. Anthony, patron Saint of lost things, is honored. After Mass, at the Basilica built in his honor, we continue on a sightseeing tour including the Tomb of St. Anthony and his relics. We will pass by Prato Della Valle, one of the biggest squares in Italy, and the Basilica of Santa Giustina. We will also stop to see the incorrupt body of St. Leopold. We will check in to *Hotel Biri* (or similar). Afterwards, we will enjoy some leisure time to familiarize ourselves with our new surroundings prior to dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

**DAY 8 – VENICE:** After breakfast, we will depart for Venice where we will enjoy a tour and visit of some of Italy's greatest sights, such as St. Mark's Square, The Golden Basilica of San Marco, the Bridge of Sighs, and the extraordinary visit of Doges' Palace. After our tour we will have some free time to shop, explore Venice on own, take an optional gondola ride, or enjoy an afternoon at a charming cafe. Return to Padua for our dinner and overnight (B, D)

**DAY 9 – PADUA~ASSISI:** After breakfast and hotel check out, we depart for Assisi. Upon arrival we will explore the quaint hilltop birthplace of St. Francis that still retains something of the atmosphere of the early 1200s, the period when St. Francis began his ministry. Contained within the huge 13th-century Basilica are many of the Saint's possessions. You may kneel before the crucifix from which Jesus spoke to St. Francis, asking him to rebuild His church. It was in St. Mary of the Angels Basilica where St. Francis spent most of his life. Here we visit the Chapel, Porziuncola, the rose bush, and the cave where the Saint retired for prayer. Stroll the medieval streets of the compact little town. Afterwards, we go to the Church of St. Clare to see the Saint's incorrupt body. The foundress of the Order of Poor Clares followed the teachings of St. Francis by living a life of poverty and humility. We will visit these two Saints' tombs before checking in to *Hotel Giotto* (or similar) for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 10 – ROME~BOSTON:** After breakfast and hotel check out, transfer to Fiumicino Airport in Rome to board our return flight to Boston (possible, if unlikely, intermediate stop) with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in-flight. (B)

**OUR 10-DAY/8-NIGHT PADRE PIO PILGRIMAGE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:**

- ✦ Round trip motorcoach transportation to and from Boston's Logan International Airport. FREE with a minimum of 35 passengers. Additional charge with fewer than 35.
- ✦ Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Representative.
- ✦ Round trip regularly scheduled flights Boston-Rome and return (possible, but unlikely, intermediate stop), with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in-flight.
- ✦ First checked bag on all international flights.
- ✦ All transfers and sightseeing aboard a private, deluxe, temperature-controlled motorcoach.
- ✦ 8-nights accommodations at the hotels listed in the itinerary (or similar), based-on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA per single. *Single rooms/rates subject to availability at time of booking.* Triples are available at the twin rate.
- ✦ Porterage of luggage at the hotel.
- ✦ Breakfast (B) each morning, and dinner (D) each evening.
- ✦ Daily Mass.
- ✦ Sightseeing as described in the itinerary, including entrance fees where applicable.
- ✦ Service of a full-time, professional Tour Escort, who will accompany our group throughout the tour.
- ✦ Expert English-speaking guides where required.
- ✦ All room and meal taxes, and gratuities to bellmen. A small per-night city tax may be payable to the hotel directly.
- ✦ Complimentary Durgan Travel Service flight bag and complete packet of required travel documents.

**A \$TBA DEPOSIT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.**

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