



# Father Mariano Lopez Rome & Northern Italy Pilgrimage

March 17-26, 2025 - 10 Days

**\$5,599 from El Paso**

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**Monday, March 17 - DAY 1 –**

**DEPART USA** – Today we depart our home airport to connect with our overnight flight to Rome aboard a wide-bodied jet. We enjoy in-flight movies, dinner, and breakfast aloft.

**Tuesday, March 18 - DAY 2 - ROME -**

We arrive in Rome this afternoon where we are met by our tour manager, and we continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Wednesday, March 19 - St. Joseph -**

**DAY 3 – VATICAN CITY/ROME -**

This morning, we make our way to St. Peter's for an audience with Pope Francis if he is in residence. After lunch on our own we tour Rome's sites, passing the Roman Fora, the Arch of Constantine, the Coliseum. We then proceed to St. Paul's Beyond the Walls and pass through the 1<sup>st</sup> set of "Holy Doors". This huge, imposing Basilica, second only to St. Peter's and one of the largest churches in the Christian world, contains an unusual gallery of papal portraits: 265 tablets portraying the popes of the past. We celebrate Mass here. We conclude our day at one of the Catacombs, burial place of early Christians where we view the 2nd and 3rd century fresco paintings. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Thursday, March 20 - DAY 4 -**

**VATICAN CITY/ROME -** Following morning Mass at St. Peter's, we pass through the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the "Holy Doors" during our Holy Year Pilgrimage. We

spend this morning seeing the treasures of the Vatican Museum. We marvel at Michelangelo's restored frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica to view the "Pieta". This afternoon we visit two of Rome's major basilicas, St. John Lateran and St. Mary Major passing through the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of the "Holy Doors". Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Friday, March 21 - DAY 5 -**

**ROME/ASSISI -** After breakfast we continue to Assisi where we begin at the Basilica of St. Francesco with Mass. After our visit at the basilica and the tomb of St. Francis we begin our walking tour of the village. Included, is a visit to the Church of St. Clare to view the crucifix that spoke to St. Francis. Now for a special treat. We will visit Assisi's Sanctuary of the Renunciation, a part of the Church of St. Mary Major. There we view the remains of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first millennial to be beatified dressed in jeans and tennis shoes through a viewing glass on his tomb. We then proceed to the hilltop village of Assisi for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Saturday, March 22 - Day 6 –**

**ASSISI/BOLOGNA/PADUA –** This morning we travel from Assisi to Padua, burial place of San Antonio de Padua. On our journey, we make a stop in Bologna where we Celebrate Mass at the Tomb of St. Dominic before visiting St. Catherine of Bologna. After her death in 1463, St.

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Catherine of Bologna appeared to one of the nuns, requesting that her body be placed in the chapel, sitting upright. More than five hundred years later, her body remains incorrupt in the shrine of Corpus Domini. We continue to Padua, arriving at our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Sunday, March 23 - Day 7 – PADUA –** We start today with a sightseeing tour of the city, including a visit the university of Padua and the Basilica of Santa Giustina, the Patron Saint of Padua. The rest of the day is devoted to San Antonio de Pauda. We visit the Basilica of St. Anthony, where we will have the opportunity to visit his tomb and celebrate Mass. There will be time for prayer and meditation and will recite the Rosary together. Rest of day at our leisure. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Padua.

**Monday, March 24 - Day 8 – PADUA/VERONA/PADUA –** Following breakfast we drive to medieval old town of Verona, known for the location of Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet.” We visit the tiny 14<sup>th</sup> century balcony overlooking a courtyard which is said to be “Juliet’s Home.” We walk the Piazza delle Erbe where we find the Torre dei Lamberti bell tower. We visit Verona Cathedral and celebrate Mass and view “The Assumption of the Virgin”, painted in the 16<sup>th</sup> century by Titian. You will have some free time to stroll, relax or shop before returning to Padua for dinner and overnight.

**Tuesday, March 25 – Annunciation - Day 9 – PADUA/VENICE/MESTRE –** Venice, the *Queen of the Cities!* The glories that are Venice have attracted Byron, Goethe, Wagner, Shakespeare and now - you! We arrive in Venice and take a water taxi to St. Mark’s Square and spent this morning walking the sights of Venice: the splendid Piazza San Marco and the incredibly rich Byzantine Basilica of San Marco. We marvel at the intricate network of elegant squares lined with stately Renaissance villas and palaces. The rest of the day is free for shopping, personal adventure, or an optional romantic gondola ride through the inner canals of Venice. In the late afternoon we return to our hotel in Padua for dinner and overnight.

**Wednesday, March 26 - Day 10 – VENICE/USA –** Following breakfast, we travel to the airport where we board our flight to return to the USA, where we return with memories of a lifetime where we formed a bond with our fellow pilgrims.

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Please reserve \_\_\_ seats on this Rome & Northern Italy Pilgrimage - March 17-26, 2025

Enclosed please find deposit of \$500 per person (Payable to Unitours, Inc.)

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (Passport MUST be valid until September 26, 2025, or later.)

Name(s) as appears on passport

My Roommate:

Address:

City, State & Zip

Telephone:

Day Evening

Email address:

\_\_\_ Please assign a roommate (if available)

\_\_\_ I prefer a single room - \$931 supplement and limited in number.

To purchase optional travel insurance, please see [www.Unitours.com/travelInsurance](http://www.Unitours.com/travelInsurance) for full details and to purchase coverage.

Charge my deposit to \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_ Amex \_\_\_ Discover

Card #

Exp. Date

I understand that certain charges such as air taxes, fuel surcharges and rates of exchange can affect the final cost, and I agree to pay such costs should adjustments be necessary.

Signature

**TOTAL TOUR PRICE:** The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect June 24, 2024. All rates are subject to change without prior notice. Should the rates go up or down, an adjustment would be made prior to departure. Refunds CANNOT be granted for any accommodations, services or events that are not used nor if you deviate from the tour. If fewer than 30 pilgrims participate a price adjustment may be necessary.

**PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS:** A valid passport is required. At the time of printing, U.S. citizens holding valid passports DO NOT REQUIRE visas or immunization for the country or countries being visited. Passport MUST be valid until September 26, 2025, or later. Citizens of countries other than U.S. - please contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** International flight reservations are being held on British Airways. No stopovers are permitted. Any changes after ticket is issued carries a mandatory charge of \$200. Once the tickets are issued, they are NON-REFUNDABLE. Additional non-recoverable airline penalties of up to \$200 may be assessed for cancellations received within 90 days of departure.

**DOMESTIC AIRFARE:** For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, your tour host and Unitours strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always subject to change.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath. Single Room supplement of \$931 will be charged where requested and available. If you do not have a roommate and Unitours is unable to arrange one, you will be billed for the single room supplement. All singles are subject to availability.

**MEALS:** Breakfast and Table D' Hote dinners are provided daily except where noted in the itinerary. An extra charge will be made when coffee, tea or other beverages are not included in the menu of the day with the dinner meal.

**TIPS AND TAXES:** Tips and taxes normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as service are included, as are all government and local taxes on hotels and meals, portage of one suitcase per person. International departure taxes of \$151 plus current fuel surcharges of \$402 are included (subject to change). **TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$101 ARE NOT INCLUDED.** One average sized suitcase not exceeding 50 lbs total weight and 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) is permitted throughout the trip.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to: passport and visa fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, after dinner coffee or tea, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, tips and taxes mentioned above, excess baggage and insurance, etc.

**DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATIONS:** A deposit of \$500 is required to secure reservations. Any balance is to be paid in full no later than 60 days before departure of tour. Final payments received at Unitours after 45 days before departure must include a \$25 late payment fee. (This does not apply for new reservations made after 45 days of departure.) Reservations made within 60 days of departure must include

full payment. Amex, Discover, Visa and MasterCard are accepted with signed reservation form. Final payments will be applied to same credit card on final payment due date. Cancellations made from time of reservation to within 61 days prior to departure - - \$400 administration fee (charged to deposit) plus any air penalties noted above. In the event of a cancellation from 60 to 31 days prior to departure - - \$400 administration fee plus up to 50% of the land cost, plus any air penalties noted above. No refund for cancellations received within 30 days of departure. All cancellation and refund claims must be in writing to Unitours, Inc.

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**DEVIATIONS:** A service charge of \$50 pp will be applied for any deviations made in tour, (where possible), PLUS any additional air or land charges incurred.

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Italy

Verona ● Padua ● Venice

Bologna ●

Assisi ●

Rome ●

100 km

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