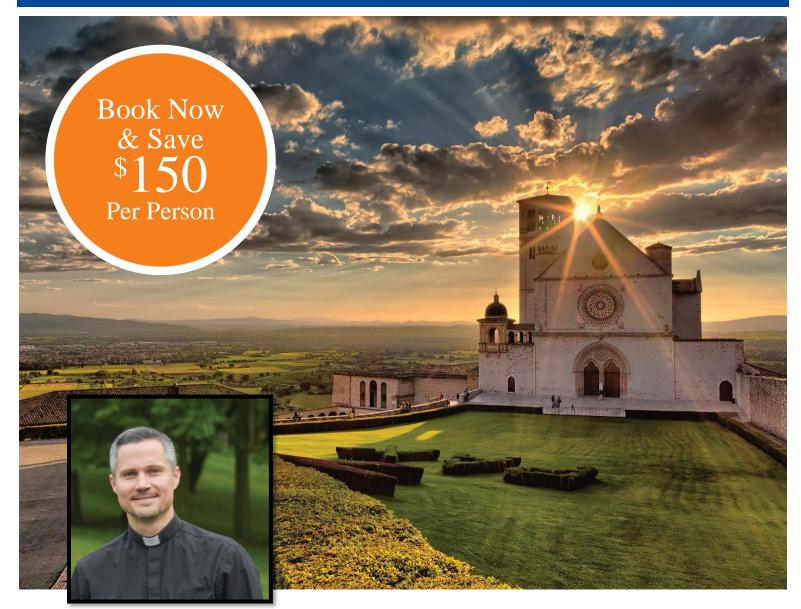
Join Father Aaron Wessman, a Glenmary Home Missioner, on a pilgrimage to the ...

Shrines of Italy

with Optional 2-Night Venice & St. Anthony of Padua Post Tour Extension $October \ 4 - 14, 2022$



Fr. Aaron is the 1st-Vice-President of the Glenmary Home Missioners and currently lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, at Glenmary's National Headquarters. He was ordained a priest in 2012 and has served in Glenmary's missions in east Tennessee and eastern North Carolina. He recently completed his PhD in Systematic Theology from the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium, and teaches part time through St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.

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11 Days • 15 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Rome, Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Holy House of Nazareth in Loreto, San Giovanni Rotondo, Tomb of Padre Pio, Tomb of Saint Matthew the Apostle in Salerno, Abbey of Montecassino, Catacombs, Papal Audience, Christian Rome City Tour, Vatican City, St. Peter's Basilica

| ITINERARY / | AT A GLANCE | | |
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| Day 1 | Overnight Flight | | |
| Day 2 | Cardinal Hotel St. Peter, Rome | | |
| Days 3, 4 | Hotel Cenacolo , Assisi | | |
| Days 5, 6 | Hotel Parco delle Rose, San Giovanni Rotondo | | |
| Day 7 | Campania Hotel, Campania, Italy | | |
| Days 8 – 10 | Cardinal Hotel St. Peter, Rome | | |
| | On some dates alternate hotels may be used. | | |
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Spiritual Journeys: Collette's collection of religious tours has been created with our faith-based travelers in mind. The focus is on creating inspiring travel experiences in world-famous spiritual locations, and these itineraries are designed utilizing more modest accommodations that capture the reflective surroundings in which they sit.

Day 1: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 Overnight Flight Travel on an inspirational journey to some of the most fascinating religious sites and relics in the world.

Day 2: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 Rome, Italy - Tour Begins Your tour opens in Rome. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a special welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant featuring regional delicacies and Italian wine. (*D*)

Day 3: Thursday, October 6, 2022 Rome - Assisi Travel north to Assisi, where St. Francis spent most of his life. Visit St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, built on the founding site of the Franciscan Order. Pause at the Chapel of the Porziuncola, the rose bush, and the cave where the saint prayed. Spend time at the Church of St. Clare before reflecting at the crucifix from which Jesus spoke to St. Francis. Join a local expert on a tour of Assisi, highlighting the 13th-century basilica where you can see many of St. Francis' possessions and a series of frescoes. Celebrate Mass in the Basilica of St. Francis this afternoon. (*B*, *D*)

Day 4: Friday, October 7, 2022 Assisi - Optional Florence Excursion Enjoy a full day at leisure to independently explore historic Assisi. Or, join a full-day optional excursion to Florence, the "Renaissance City," where a local expert provides a walking tour featuring the Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the Palazzo Vecchio, and the Ponte Vecchio. (*B*)

Day 5: Saturday, October 8, 2022 Assisi - Loreto - San Giovanni Rotondo Travel across the Apennine Mountains to the Marian shrine of Loreto. Discover the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto where more than 50 popes have made a pilgrimage. Celebrate Mass before continuing your journey to San Giovanni Rotondo, home of Padre Pio. (B, D)

Day 6: Sunday, October 9, 2022 San Giovanni Rotondo -Monte Sant' Angelo - San Giovanni Rotondo Visit Monte Sant' Angelo and take in stunning views of the Gargano Peninsula. Explore the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel, where popes and saints have knelt and prayed for protection. Return to San Giovanni Rotondo and celebrate Mass in the sanctuary of Padre Pio. Tour Padre Pio's tomb and the sanctuary, including the old church and the crucifix from which he received the stigmata in 1918. Spend time in the new church dedicated to Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. (*B*, *D*)

Day 7: Monday, October 10, 2022 San Giovanni Rotondo-Tomb of Matthew the Apostle in Salerno-Campania Journey through the picturesque landscapes of Apulia on your way to Campania. Visit the Cathedral of Salerno, which guards the relics of Saint Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist. You will have the option of celebrating Mass here in Salerno. This afternoon opt to relax at your hotel or visit the Historic Ruins of Pompeii during an optional tour of this vast archeological site. (*B*, *D*)





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Day 8: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 Campania - Abbey of Montecassino - The Catacombs - Rome Travel to Montecassino and discover the renowned abbey founded by St. Benedict in the 6th century A.D., housing the relics of the saint and his sister, Saint Scholastica. Montecassino also became famous during World War II, when the abbey was bombed and destroyed. You'll have the option of celebrating Mass here before continuing to Rome. Visit the Catacombs where early Christians hid and buried their dead. (*B*)

Day 9: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 Rome - Papal

Audience - Christian Rome City Tour Attend the weekly Papal audience* at Vatican City to receive the blessing given by His Holiness Pope Francis. Visit the Marian Basilica of St. Mary Major and Rome's Cathedral: St. John in Lateran - the former residence of the popes. Conclude your day with a visit to the Scala Sancta, the Holy Stairs which tradition believes are the steps that Christ climbed when he appeared before Pontius Pilate. (*B*) Day 10: Thursday, October 13, 2022 Rome - Vatican Museum - St. Peter's Basilica Celebrate Mass before exploring the Vatican Museums^{**}, including the Sistine Chapel and the famous Last Judgment mural. End your visit in St. Peter's Basilica, the world's largest church. Feel the grace around you as you meander along towering marble columns and stand in awe before *Pietà*, Michelangelo's renowned sculpture. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Perhaps you'll go on an optional tour of Rome with visits to the Roman Forum and Colosseum, where the Pope begins the Good Friday Procession. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable pilgrimage to Italy. (*B*, *D*)

Day 11: Friday, October 14, 2022 Rome - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close in Rome. (*B*)

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1055891#extensions

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Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

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Effective for travel after January 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

Proper dress (covering your knees and shoulders) is required when visiting religious sites, sanctuaries, basilicas, etc.

*The Papal Audience is, at times, unavailable due to the Pope's travel schedule. **Vatican Museums are not available on most Sundays and holidays.

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

The Vatican Museums and the Colosseum dates and times are all subject to change based on availability of reservations.

If you are traveling in a group <u>without</u> a priest, we cannot guarantee daily Mass. However, you'll be able to attend Mass on most days, but the Masses will be in public churches and presented in Italian.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas such as Rome, Assisi and San Giovanni Rotondo. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our travel counselors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

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Available Options

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Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Pompeii

Visit the Historic Ruins of Pompeii

Experience the eerie pull of history as you walk through Pompeii, the excavated ruins of a Roman city at the foothills of Mount Vesuvius. Discover what was buried under more than 60 feet of ash and pumice, sealing history away until it was discovered in the mid-1700s. The walking tour begins at Porta Marina, the city gate leading to the Sea. Ascend to the Forum, which was once the core of daily life in the city, as well as Pompeii's main places of citizen worship. Along the way see the theatres, bath complex, and plaster casts while a local expert guides you through Pompeian life and history. *Duration: Approximately 4 hours*. Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Florence

Day Trip to Florence

The beautiful city of Florence is a gem in the crown of the renowned region of Tuscany, and its capital city should not be missed. Enjoy a wonderful full day of shopping and sightseeing as a local expert highlights such treasures as the Ponte Vecchio, Palazzo Vecchio, Piazza del Duomo, the famed Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and Piazza della Signoria. You will also visit the Church of Santa Croce, one of the oldest and largest Franciscan churches in the world. Before your return to Assisi, take some time at leisure to savor the local flavors of this region and shop in the wonderful boutiques and acclaimed handicraft shops that Florence offers. Admission to the museum and the use of headsets is included. Time for lunch will be allotted, but lunch is not included. *Duration: Approximately 12 hours*. Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Rome

Rome: The "Eternal City" Revealed

On a compelling tour of Rome's most famous antiquities, you'll discover why this city has been known through the ages as the "Eternal City." Spend your afternoon with a local expert leading you through Rome's iconic monuments. Visit the legendary Colosseum, the site of ancient gladiator contests. Discover the harrowing legends of this symbol of the plight of early Christians. The Colosseum was once believed to be one of the sites where the first Christians were martyred, though it was later proved a myth. Still today the religious significance endures, and the Colosseum marks the start of the Good Friday Procession, during which the Pope commemorates the stages of the Passion of Jesus. Your tour continues with a visit to the Roman Forum, a social space once located at the center of Rome and surrounded by the ruins of the Senate and of ancient pagan temples. As you step on the ancient flagstones paving the Via Sacra, or "Sacred Way" close your eyes and imagine it as it was more than 20 centuries ago, when Julius Caesar walked there. Please note this option needs to be pre-purchased 90 days prior to departure; bookings requested while on tour may not be possible. Due to these conditions, once purchased it is non-refundable. Please note this option requires walking on uneven terrain. *Duration: Approximately 4 hours*. Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

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| | Visit the Historic Ruins of Pompeii | 70.00 |
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Optional 3 Days 2-Night Venice & St. Anthony of Padua Post Tour Extension

Rate: \$899.00 USD per person, double, land only, airfare is not included. The purchase of an additional air segment is required

for this extension. Please inquire for air rate at time of booking.

3 Meals: 2 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

Day 11: Rome - Basilica of St. Anthony of Padua - Mestre, Venice

Start your morning with a transfer to Padua and spend time in the Basilica of Saint Anthony. A sprawling church of iconic domes, this Franciscan sanctuary is visited by millions of pilgrims each year. You will have the option of celebrating Mass here. End your day in the city of Mestre, nestled along the coast of mainland Venice. Settle in for a 2-night stay, your gateway to the Venetian lagoon.

Day 12: Mestre - Murano Island - Venice - Mestre

Enjoy a full day tour of Venice. Start your day with a boat trip* to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration. After getting a glimpse into the local culture, make your way to St. Mark's Square and join a local expert for a walking tour. You'll explore this famous square and the St. Mark's Basilica, which enshrines the body of Saint Mark the Evangelist under the high altar. Although Saint Mark was originally buried in Egypt, legend claims that two Venetian merchants stole the saint's body from Alexandria and relocated him to Venice in the early 1800s. You will have the option of celebrating Mass here. Enjoy free time in the afternoon to explore the canals on your own before returning to your hotel on the mainland. This evening, experience the flavors of the region with a relaxing dinner at your hotel. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 13: Mestre - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to Italy as your tour comes to a close today. Today breakfast will be included.

Please Note:

The space on this extension is limited. Applicable charges may apply at time of request. Extension space may be increased to accommodate large groups, but it is not guaranteed.

When travelling in a group of less than 16 people, Wi-Fi may not be available on the motorway transfers.

*Your visit to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice in the event of inclement weather.

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