

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

TREASURES OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE

12 DAYS: April 19-30, 2027

Visiting

**FLORENCE * ASSISI * SORENTO * AMALFI
POMPEII * MONTE CASSINO * ROME**
with Vatican City & Papal Audience

Hosted by

MSGR. RICHARD W. SIEPKA

\$5349 PER PERSON FROM BUFFALO/TORONTO
(Air/land tour price is \$4599 plus \$750 government taxes/airline surcharges)



QUALITY TOURS SINCE 1949



Dear Friends,

I am so happy to be able to announce my 12-day pilgrimage to Italy, scheduled for April of 2027. Thanks to the good people at Nawas International, I am able to offer a wonderful itinerary. This incredible country has been so important in my life ever since my 5-year seminary experience living in Rome. With so much to see, we have created an exciting itinerary that visits the highlights of the land from Central Italy to the South. After landing in Roma, we will begin our travels in the center of the Renaissance, Florence, a place of unparalleled beauty. After spending time amid the art treasures and landmarks there, we go on to the birthplace of St. Francis, Assisi, a charming town that has maintained its medieval character and the sense of holiness left there by the great saint. Next, we head south to Sorrento and the incredible scenery of the Amalfi coast. The physical beauty of the landscape must be seen to be believed! From there, we will visit the excavations of Pompeii in the shadow of Mt. Vesuvius and the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, the patroness of one of the four communities it is my privilege to serve presently. We then work our way to the highlight of our journey, the Vatican and the magnificent city of Rome, for four nights living in the heart of the Church. It will be a fitting conclusion to an unforgettable experience. In addition, the scheduling of this trip will allow us to include a Papal Audience with Pope Leo XIV, the first American Pope, and to visit the tomb of saintly Pope Francis at the Basilica of St. Mary Major. I have often said that Rome and Italy offer everything anyone could ask for in a vacation destination. Incredible food, exceptional natural beauty, significant historical sites, beautiful churches, warm and helpful people, and exquisite masterpieces from the world of art --- all can be found in abundance throughout this country. As I celebrate 45 years of priestly ministry, I invite you to join with me for my Anniversary Tour of Italy. April can be a wonderful time to visit Italy. The crowds are reduced and the weather is pleasant without the extreme heat and humidity of summer "tourist season". Please consider joining me for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Our good friends at NAWAS International have put together a marvelous package. I have worked with them on so many tours and have never been disappointed. They provide a solid travel experience that gives true value for your vacation dollar. Please join me for this fantastic adventure through the wonders of Italy.

Fr. Rich



TOUR FEATURES:

- ◆ Round trip bus from Buffalo and airfare from Toronto
- ◆ \$750 government taxes & airline surcharges
- ◆ Accommodations in first class/select hotels based on 2 persons sharing in twin-bedded rooms with private bath
- ◆ Most meals
- ◆ Services of a professional English-speaking tour director
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing throughout
- ◆ All admission fees and hotel service charges
- ◆ Transfers to/from airports by private motor-

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

MON, APR 19

Depart Toronto today on board your overnight transatlantic jet flight to Rome, arriving the following day. Enroute enjoy dinner and on-board activities.

ARRIVE ROME/FLORENCE

TUE, APR 20

Your pilgrimage begins as you arrive in the Eternal City of Rome where you will be met and escorted to your waiting motor coach. Drive along the Autostrada del Sole speedway across the Roman countryside to Florence, the cradle of Renaissance Art and former stronghold of the infamous Medici family. From Botticelli to Da Vinci, the city is unsurpassed in art treasures and the glory of its history. Proceed to your hotel for overnight. (D)

FLORENCE

WED, APR 21

Highlights of this morning's tour include the Piazza della Signoria, where the Neptune Fountain stands, the Church of Santa Croce, the Baptistry with its "Gates of Paradise" doors, and Giotto's Bell Tower. To top it all, visit the Academia which houses Michelangelo's original statue of David. On to Piazzale Michelangelo for a panoramic view of the city and the Arno Valley. The afternoon is free in Florence to shop along the famous Ponte Vecchio and explore other Florentine delights. (B)

FLORENCE/ASSISI

THU, APR 22

Today's drive takes you through the serene Tuscan countryside and the mystical province of Umbria to Assisi, the famous city of St. Francis. Born in 1182 as Giovanni di Bernardone, the legacy of St. Francis influenced religion and culture of the world. (B,D)

ASSISI

FRI, APR 23

This morning, your walking tour includes the Basilica of St. Francis, still surrounded today by ancient walls, the Church of St. Clare and Santa Maria degli Angeli with its 'thornless rose bush'. The afternoon is at leisure. (B,D)



ASSISI/SORRENTO AREA

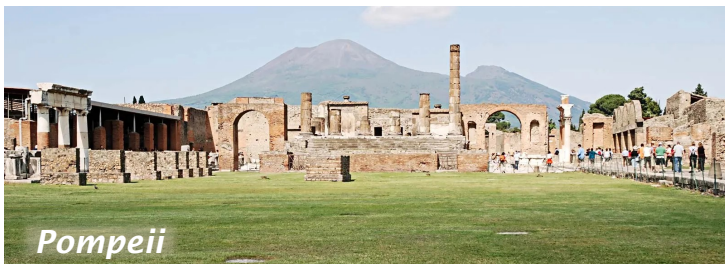
SAT, APR 24

Today's journey takes you the town of Sorrento. Perched along a hillside, Sorrento has sweeping views of the Bay of Naples and the famed Mount Vesuvius and is regarded as one of the most scenic towns in Italy. Overnight in the Sorrento area. (B,D)

SORRENTO AREA - AMALFI COASTLINE

SUN, APR 25

Today's scenery is breathtaking as you travel along the magnificent Amalfi coastline. Sheer cliffs and hillsides, olive, lemon and orange trees and spectacular views of the Mediterranean make this one of Italy's greatest treasures. On to Sorrento where you may see a wood carving display (Intarsia). Free time to stroll about or shop for fine linens and ceramics before returning to your hotel. (B,D)



SORRENTO AREA/POMPEII/MONTE CASSINO/ROME

MON, APR 26

Depart this morning for Pompeii, a city destroyed by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in the year 79 A.D. Visit the excavations where the life of 20 centuries ago comes alive with its incredibly preserved temples, baths, theaters and many dwellings. Continue north along the Autostrada del Sole speedway to the Benedictine Abbey of Monte Cassino, founded in AD 529 by Benedict of Nursia. Set high upon a hill

overlooking the town of Cassino, the Monastery was rebuilt after heavy bombardment in World War II. On to the Eternal City of Rome. Located in the center of the Region of Lazio, Rome is a reflection of every era. The wonders of Rome surround you...a world of art, history and culture that has been attracting visitors since the beginning of Western civilization. (B)

ROME

TUE, APR 27

Your sightseeing tour this morning takes you to Vatican City including visits to the Vatican Museum and Gallery and the Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's magnificent frescoes. End your morning tour at the Basilica of St. Peter. This afternoon tour the remnants of "Ancient" Rome. See the legendary Trevi Fountain and the mighty Colosseum where Christians were once thrown to the lions. (B)

ROME – PAPAL AUDIENCE

WED, APR 28

This morning, attend an Audience with Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. In the afternoon tour the Basilicas of St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran and St. Paul's outside the Walls. Visit the Catacombs, an early Christian burial place, before returning to your hotel. (B)

ROME

THURS, APR 29

Enjoy a free day in Rome to explore the city on your own and do some last-minute shopping. This evening enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B,D)

ROME/U.S.A.

FRI, APR 30

All too soon your pilgrimage is over as you return to the Rome airport and board your flight back to Buffalo, arriving the same day. (B)

(B) ~ Breakfast

(D) ~ Dinner





Monte Cassino Abbey

TOUR-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

For terms and conditions please visit:

<https://www.nawas.com/terms-and-conditions2027/>

Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit.

Payment Dates:

- A \$600 deposit is due with your reservation
- Final payment is due at NAWAS 110 days prior to departure date (December 30, 2026)*
*Hotel City Tourist Resident Taxes, Gratuities and Mass Donations will be collected at final payment.

Guest Cancellations:

- Up to 110 days prior to departure, refunds will be made less a \$300 per person fee.
- From 109 to 75 days prior to departure, refunds will be made less a \$600 per person fee.
- From 74 days to 41 days prior to departure, refunds will be made less a fee of 50% of the total tour price.
- From 40 days up to and including the day of departure, reservations are subject to a 100% fee.

Airline tickets are non refundable once issued.

Taxes/Airline Surcharges: In effect on July 15, 2026.

Hotel Service Charges/Taxes: In effect on July 15, 2026 (excluding hotel tourist taxes).

Airfare: In effect on July 15, 2026.

Land Costs: Based on estimated 2027 tariffs, overseas government taxes and rates of exchange in effect on July 15, 2026 and a minimum of 32 or more participants per coach.

Family Owned for 76 Years

Nawas International Travel was founded in 1949 by Mr. Yousef Nawas. He created our faith-based tour company with a vision of offering specially designed programs of spiritual enrichment and superior quality. Mr. Nawas made travel affordable so that the faithful of all walks of life could partake.

Though Mr. Nawas has since passed on, Nawas International Travel remains under his family's guidance and continues to serve thousands of travelers every year. With our global network, affordable prices, and expert tour directors combined with years of group travel expertise, we guarantee the highest quality tour and services.

Florence



We're Here to Help

Nawas International Travel Service, Inc.

1100 Alma St., Suite 100

Menlo Park, CA 94025-3344

Tel (650) 322-1818 • Fax (650) 322-4685

www.nawas.com

Email: infomp@nawas.com

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00AM-5:00PM PST

CST #1005405-40

FL ST #38248

07/30/26 rm

Date