

A CARMELITE INSPIRED  
PILGRIMAGE TO

**ITALY**

ANCIENT GREECE

& EPHESUS

**July  
9-18  
2026**

House of Mary in Ephesus



Join the friends of  
The Discalced  
Carmelites of the  
California-Arizona  
Province of St.  
Joseph, to visit the  
holy shrines of Italy,  
the ancient biblical  
cities of Athens &  
Corinth (Greece), and  
Mother Mary's House  
in Ephesus (Turkey);  
sites of outstanding  
Faith and Beauty.

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the Itinerary and  
the Application.**

# TOUR DETAILS

**July 9-18, 2026**

**Land-only tour cost: \$4350**

*\*based on 2 persons in a room*

*\*Single room occupancy - add \$695*

**Sign-up deadline - April 30, 2026**

- **THE LAND-ONLY COST INCLUDES:**

- Nine nights at 3 & 4 star hotels with private bath - Breakfast & Dinner daily
- Private motorcoach or van
- All Touring as on program
- Three one-way inter-european flights <Bari-Izmir/Izmir-Athens/Athens-Rome>
- Entrance fees to all sites per itinerary
- Tour Chaplain and daily Holy Mass

- **ADDITIONAL COSTS**

- Overseas flights <from LAX round-trip to Rome, Italy>. **As of Jan. 2026, the non-stop airfare varies from \$1000 (Economy) to \$2600 (Premier) on Norse Atlantic**, depending on the date of booking. Usually, the earlier the flight is booked, the less expensive the fare. **Inquire for a quote.**
- Travel Insurance (optional-inquire for quote)
- Tips-optional (total suggested amount - \$125)

**For more info, call Louisa Day at:**

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**To Sign-Up:** Fill-out the Application above and send by postal mail or internet to the contact info below.



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**Payment:** Along with the Application (on the other side of this brochure), send in a deposit of \$500 by check or Zelle (with Sacred Heart Tours as payee). Credit card payment can be made on the website with a 3.5% surcharge.

## DAY 1-3

### **July 9, 2026-Thursday - Day 1**

Late this morning our group will meet at a designated point at Rome FCO Airport - Arrivals Hall- board our motorcoach and drive into the scenic Campania region of southern Italy. Our destination is the Shrine of St. Philomena in Mugnano del Cardinale. In 1802, the tomb of this 3rd Century virgin-martyr was discovered in the Roman catacombs and brought in procession to this village. So many physical healings happened during the procession, and following, that to this day, Philomena is considered 'Powerful with God'. Overnight in nearby Nola.

**Day 2 -** Our journey today will take us northeast across central Italy, to Loreto, on the Adriatic coast, with two stops -first at Montecasino Abbey, the birthplace of western monasticism (founded by St. Benedict in 529) -second, at the Sanctuary of the Holy Face in Manoppello, with the precious relic of the linen cloth of Christ. Evening arrival in Loreto overlooking the Adriatic coast. Two nights in Loreto.

**Day 3 -** A day in the pilgrimage town of Loreto, home to the glorious Sanctuary of the Holy House (Santuario della Santa Casa) built to protect the original three walls of the house of the birthplace of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Nazareth. During the Ottoman Siege of the Holy Land in 1291, tradition holds that this sacred dwelling was carried

## DAY 4-7

across the Adriatic angelically to protect it from desecration. Time at leisure in the afternoon. The Pontifical Santa Casa Museum at the shrine has a world-class collection of religious art.

**Day 4** - This morning, depart in a southeasterly direction for the Gargano Promontory (Italy's boot spur), with a stop in Lanciano, site of the 8th-century Eucharistic miracle. Afternoon arrival in San Giovanni Rotondo, where the Capuchin stigmatist, St. Padre Pio, lived for 50 years until his death in 1968. Visit his friary where he offered Mass and heard confessions. See the new church (where his mortal remains rest). Overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo.

**Day 5** - Today depart for the Mediterranean seaport of Bari with a stop at the cave of Monte Sant'Angelo; site of three 5th-century apparitions of St. Michael. Mid-afternoon arrival and visit to the Bari Basilica where the mortal remains of St. Nicholas, the 4th-century Bishop of Myra, aka *Santa Claus*, are preserved. Permission pending, visit the Carmelite Monastery of Bari wherein is the tomb of Bl. Elia of St. Clement.

**Day 6** - Morning flight from Bari to Izmir, Turkey (via Istanbul). Late afternoon arrival in Izmir and transfer to our hotel in Ephesus.

**Day 7** - A day in Ephesus and Mount Koressos. See the extensive

## DAY 8-10

and well-preserved ruins of the site where St. Paul and the Apostles began spreading Christianity (53-57 AD). Travel to the home of the Blessed Mother during her last years on earth with St. John. Visit the ruins of St. John's Basilica. Then fly from Izmir to Athens. Two nights in Athens.

**Day 8** - Excursion to Corinth, the ancient city that inspired many of St. Paul's familiar letters. See the cultural site where he spent 18 months in 50 AD, building a thriving community, writing the 1st Thessalonians and more. The engineering skill of the people from that era is evident in the water systems that still flow from ancient to modern day.

**Day 9** - Morning tour of Athens—the cradle of Western civilization and leading city of Greece since the first millennium BC. In 51 AD, St. Paul anchored here while waiting for Silas & Timothy to come from Macedonia. His message impressed the leaders of the day and he was invited to come before the Council on Mars Hill where he spoke of the Unknown God. Visit the 6th-Century BC Temple of Apollo, the Acropolis and the Parthenon. Mid-afternoon flight from Athens to Rome. Overnight at a Rome Airport hotel.

**Day 10** - Morning airport transfer to the Rome Fiumicino Airport.

# APPLICATION

ITALY & GREECE-July 9-18,2026

Your Passport Name: (print clearly):

First: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ /Month \_\_\_\_\_ /Day \_\_\_\_\_ /Year \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (if you have one): \_\_\_\_\_

Room Occupancy: Dbl: \_\_\_\_\_ Sgl: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate (if needing double room occupancy): \_\_\_\_\_

Passport#: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration\*: \_\_\_\_\_ /Month \_\_\_\_\_ /Day \_\_\_\_\_ /Year \_\_\_\_\_

Must have 6 months left before expiry

In case of emergency on tour, notify: \_\_\_\_\_

relation to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and accept the Terms & Conditions stated on this brochure.

Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**CANCELLATION:** If a written cancellation notice is received beyond 50 days before departure, a full refund less \$500 applies. If received within 50 days of departure, \$500 plus any funds kept by hotels, restaurants, bus companies & sights are non-refundable.

**ITINERARIES:** Daily itineraries are prepared in advance. As they are subject to change, notice of daily timing is given the night before each new touring day.

**BAGGAGE:** Baggage regulations for the tour are one carry-on size luggage (plus a personal item) and one larger luggage.

**DOCUMENTATION:** All passengers must have a government-issued valid passport. Check with the US State Department for the latest requirements as they may change.

**SINGLE OCCUPANCY:** Costs are based on double-room occupancy. Accommodation in a single room is available at a surcharge.

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