

Pilgrimage trip



\$1200 Italy + \$1700 Greece



Leaving from Los Angeles to Milan - October 3, 2024

Return flight from Athens to LAX - October 18, 2024

*** Everyone buys air tickets for themselves, personally!***



You must arrive in Milan before October 4, as the first day of the excursion starts at 9:00 on October 5.

Return flight from Athens to Los Angeles - October 18.

If visiting 2 countries is financially problematic for you, you can take a separate tour - either Italy, or Greece.

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Program of the pilgrimage in details - Italy and of Greece

Day 1. Friday October 4th.

Arrival in Milan. Transfer to the hotel. Dinner. (Hotel vicino Milano)

Day 2. Saturday October 5th. Milan.

Pilgrimage tour of the city's temples. Church of St. Ambrose of Milan - the relics of St. Ambrose. Church of St. Lawrence - the relics of the holy martyr Natalia. Cathedral (entrance 3 euros) - the head of the holy first martyr Thekla. Russian parish of St. Ambrose of Milan. Free time on Cathedral Square for Self-guided tour: Victor Galleries. (Hotel a Pastrengo)

Day 3. Sunday October 6th. Venice.

Church of John the Baptist in Bragor, where the relics of St. John the Merciful rest and the cross of Saint Sava the Sanctified is kept. Greek Orthodox Church of Saint Great Martyr George the Victorious - the right hand of St. Basil the Great and a particle of the relics of the Holy Great Martyr George. Church of the Holy Prophet Zechariah - relics Saint Zechariah and Saint Athanasius of Alexandria. Cathedral of the Holy Apostle Mark - the relics of the Holy Apostle Mark and the icon of the Mother of God Nikopeia. Church of St. Julian - the relics of St. St. Paul of Thebes. Rialto Bridge (Hotel a Occhiobello)

Day 4. Monday October 7th. Florence.

Russian Orthodox Church of the Nativity of Christ (cross-reliquary from the Romanov-Lopukhin family, a particle of the relics of St. Nicholas, St. Apostle Andrew, St. Great George). Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore (the head of St. John Chrysostom, the relics of St. Andrew the First-Called, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Martyr Sebastian). Sightseeing tour of the city: Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio, Uffizi Gallery (external view), Old Bridge over the Arno River. (Hotel a Chianciano Terme)

Day 5. Tuesday October 8th. Rome.

Pilgrimage to the shrines of Rome: "Early Christian Rome": Church of the Holy Cross – shrines brought by the holy Queen Helen from the Holy Land. The Holy Staircase from the palace of Pontius Pilate, along which pilgrims climb on their knees. St. John's Cathedral Baptist in the Lateran Palace (heads of St. Apostles Peter and Paul; tabletop on which the Last Supper was celebrated). Church of the Holy Martyr Clement - the relics of the Holy Martyr. Ignatius the God-Bearer. Cathedral of Santa Maria Maggiore (Men of Christ, miraculous icon of the Mother of God "Savior of the Roman People") Colosseum (external view). Church of Our Lady "The Altar of Heaven" (the relics of Queen Helen, Equal to the Apostles). Church of St. Alexei and St. martyr Bonifatius (relics of St. Alexei, the man of God and martyr Bonifatius). Vatican. Cathedral of St. Peter (relics of the Apostle Peter and other saints). (Hotel a Fiuggi Terme)

Day 6. Wednesday October 9th. Amalfi.


Departure to one of the most beautiful coasts of Italy. A prayer service with an akathist at the relics of St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle in the city's cathedral. Salerno. Pilgrimage to the cathedral to the relics of the Apostle and Evangelist Matthew. (Hotel ad Andria)

Day 7. Thursday 10 October. Bari.

Divine Liturgy in the crypt of the basilica on the relics of St. Nicholas. Confession and partipicle. Tour of the historical center of Bari. Visit to the Russian courtyard and the Church of St. Nicholas. Free time in Bari. Boarding the ferry.

 Day 8. Friday October 11th. Corfu Island.


Arrival by ferry Bari - Corfu. Cathedral of St. Spyridon of Trimifuntsky. Monastery of St. Paraskeva. Monastery of the Virgin Mary Kasopitra. Temple of the Blachernae Icon of the Mother of God. Dinner. Night on the island of Corfu.

 Day 9. Saturday October 12th. Corfu Island.


Liturgy at the relics of St. Spyridon. Breakfast. Monastery of the Lady of Angels, where the ascetic Anastasia Bosonozhka labored. Free time. Transfer by ferry to Igoumenitsa. Meteora - "Heavenly Monasteries". Night in Kalambaka, at the foot of Meteor. Dinner.

 Day 10. Sunday October 13th. Corfu Island.


Breakfast. Visit to the Meteor monasteries. *Meteors are unique inaccessible rocks. "Heavenly monasteries" were built on their tops. Once upon a time this place was similar to Athos and all the Meteor monasteries lived according to the rules of the Holy Mountain*. Visit to two active monasteries. Visit to an icon painting workshop. Departure to the city of Patras. Evening city tour. Hotel accommodation. Dinner.

 Day 11. Monday October 14th. Patras.

Breakfast. Sunday liturgy in the Cathedral of the Apostle Andrew the First-Called. Veneration of the relics of the Apostle Andrew and the cross on which he was crucified. Monastery of Saint Patapius. Transfer to the port of Piraeus (Athens). Departure by ferry to the island of Aegina. Arrival to the island of Aegina. Hotel accommodation. Dinner.

 Day 12. Tuesday October 15th. Aegina Island.

Breakfast in a tavern on the embankment. The island of Aegina, the monastery of the Holy Trinity and the cathedral in honor of St. Nektarios of Aegina, where his holy relics rest. Walk along the embankment, relax by the sea. Free time. 15:00 departure by ferry to the island of Patmos (seated seats). Dinner on the ferry on your own. Arrival on the island of Patmos at 22:40. Hotel accommodation.

 Day 13. Wednesday October 16th. Patmos.

Breakfast. Monastery of St. John the Theologian. Cave of the Apocalypse. Sightseeing tour of the island. Lunch at the tavern (not included in the price). Free time on the island. Dinner (included in price). Departure by ferry at 23:00 to Athens. Overnight on the ferry (berths).

 Day 14. Thursday October 17th. Athens

Breakfast on the ferry (not included in the price). Arrival at the port of Piraeus. Excursion around Athens (Areopagus, Cathedral of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, where the relics are located Patriarch Gregory V and the relics of Phelothea of Athens). Transfer to the island of Euboea to St. John the Russian. Hotel accommodation. Dinner.

 Day 15. Friday October 18th. Euboea Island.

Breakfast. Veneration of the relics of John the Russian. Acquaintance with the village of Neoprokopion. Free time. Transfer to the airport in Athens.

Cost of the full program 15 days/14 nights: \$2900



(Italy \$1200; Greece \$1700)



Program for holy places of Italy

* per person, supplement for single occupancy_____.

Included in cost:

- ~ Transportation services and all excursions
- ~ Accompaniment by a Russian-speaking guide
- ~ Hotels along the route based on breakfast and dinner
- * (If hotels are in the city, then dinner is paid additionally)

Additional expenses:

_____euro – tourist tax is collected by the guide on the first day

- ~ Boat tickets: Salerno - Amalfi - Salerno – 20 euros.
- ~ Ticket to Amalfi Cathedral – 4 euros
- ~ Ticket to Salerno Cathedral – 2 euros
- ~ Boat in Venice – 20 euros
- ~ Ticket to San Marco – 3 euros
- ~ (5 euros to see the Golden Iconostasis)

Program on Orthodox shrines of Greece

* per person, supplement for single occupancy_____.

Included in cost:

- ~ Meeting the group at the airport or bus station in Thessaloniki
- ~ Accompaniment by a Russian-speaking guide throughout the route
- ~ Transfer in a comfortable car along the entire pilgrimage route
- ~Ferry tickets
- ~Input tickets V
monastic Meteora complex
- ~ Accommodation in hotels, monasteries
- ~Meals: breakfasts, dinners (except ferries, according to the program)

Additional charges:

- ~ Flights