

11 days / 10 nights

Fátima and Steps of Saint Paul

Malta, Sicily, Naples, Rome



Day 1 – Lisbon / Fátima

Reception at the airport and transfer to Fatima. Dinner and accommodation in the hotel.

In the evening, possibility to attend the Candlelight Procession.

Day 2 – Fátima / Aljustrel / Batalha / Nazaré / Fátima

Hotel stay in full board.

In the morning, visit to the Valinhos de Fátima and to Aljustrel, where the 3 seers of Fatima lived.

In the afternoon, visit the Batalha Monastery and Nazaré, including the Shrine of Our Lady of Nazaré.

Return to Fatima and accommodation.

Day 3 – Fátima / Óbidos / Lisbon

Breakfast at the hotel, check out and exit to Obidos. Visit of this medieval village.

After the visit, continue the trip to Lisbon and a panoramic tour of the city. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel.

Day 4 – Lisbon / La Valletta (Malta)

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

At an hour to be agreed upon, transfer to the airport and departure on the chosen flight (not included).

Arrival, airport pickup and transfers to hotel.

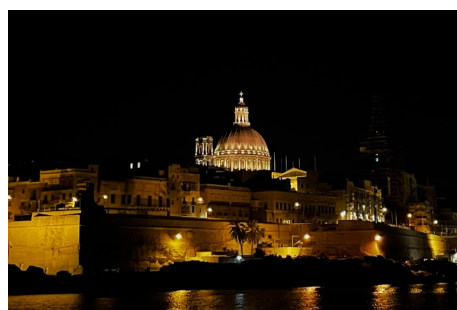
Day 5 – La Valletta / Mdina / Rabat / La Valletta

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure towards Mdina, considered the “Silent City”, built on a rocky hill. Highlight for the typical streets, the baroque buildings and St. Paul's Cathedral where there are three paintings that illustrate episodes of the Apostle's life. Continuation to Rabat for visit of the Church of St. Paul. Visit of the paleo Christian catacombs of S. Paulo, where São Paulo will have lived, which are a maze of narrow corridors. Lunch.

In the afternoon, visit the city of La Valletta, considered a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Brief walking tour of the City Walls and Upper Barrakka Gardens, which once belonged to the Knights of St. John. From this point of the city we can see the “Great Harbor” considered one of the largest and deepest in the world and the three cities: Vittoriosa, Senglea and Cospicua. Continuation of the visit to the 16th century Cathedral of St. John, where is the famous painting “Degolation of St. John the Baptist”, by Caravaggio.

Dinner and overnight.



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Day 6 – La Valleta / Gozo Island / La Valleta

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure to the pier in Cirkewwa. Board the ferry to Igarr on the island of Gozo. Visit of the city of Vitoria, capital of the island. We highlight the prehistoric temples of Ggantija, the Ta' Pinu Shrine, the Citadel, the Cathedral of Santa Maria, the picturesque villages and the cave of Ninfa Calypso. Lunch during the visits. In the evening, return by ferry to Malta. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel.



Day 7 – La Valletta / Pozzallo / Siracusa / Catania

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

Transport to the pier and board a ferry to Sicily. Arrival at the largest island in the Mediterranean, at Pozzallo Port. Assistance in landing formalities.

Continuation of the trip to Syracuse, the city where St. Paul spent the night on his last trip to Rome to visit the Christian community. Visit of the Church of St. John and the Catacombs of St. John, the most extensive after Rome and where St. Paul will have preached. Lunch.



In the afternoon, departure to the baroque city of Catania. Visit of the Cathedral, the Elephant Square, the Church of Santa Águeda, patron saint of the city, the Bellini Gardens and the Ursino Castle.

Dinner and overnight.

Day 8 – Catania / Taormina / Palermo

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

Departure towards Taormina, medieval city with emphasis on the 3rd century BC Greco-Roman theater, from where you can see Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe. Lunch.

In the afternoon, continuation of the trip to Palermo. Brief overview of the city.

Ferry boarding formalities. Installation. Dinner and overnight on board.

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Day 9 – Palermo / Naples / Pompeia / Pouzzolos / Rome

Breakfast on board.

Arrival at the port of Naples. Assistance in landing formalities.

Panoramic tour of the city of Naples and continuation of the trip to Pompeii, a flourishing city until the beginning of the 1st century. Visit of the famous ruins caused by the eruption of Vesuvius volcano on 24 August 79 AD. Visit of the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii. Lunch.

In the afternoon, pass by Pouzzolos, located south of Naples, the port where São Paulo arrived during his trip to Rome, about 140kms away. Here he stayed for seven days and began his journey with his companions via Via Appia.

Continuation of the trip to Rome. Dinner and overnight.

Day 10 – Rome

Breakfast at the hotel.

Upon arrival in the capital of the Empire, some Romans will meet São Paulo in the Forum of Appio. With some disciples he went immediately to the Jewish community and was given housing in his own house with a guarding soldier. Beginning of our visit to Rome Imperial, passing the Roman Forums, considered the center of the Roman Empire's political, commercial and judicial, Colosseum, Arch of Triumph of Constantine, Circus Maximus, Palatine Hill and Via Appia. Visit of Tre Fontane Abbey, place of execution of São Paulo.

Visit of the Basilica of St. Paul Extra Muros, rebuilt in the 4th century after a fire, where we can find engraved in the tomb the name of Paul Apostolo and Martyr. Free time for lunch. In the afternoon, continue the visits of Rome through the basilicas of St. John Lateran with the possibility of entry to Porta Santa, Stairs Santa and Santa Maria Maior. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight.

Day 11 – Rome

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to the airport and departure on chosen flight



Included:

- Stay in 3 or 4 star hotels with breakfast buffet or half board (as option);
- Transportation in tourist bus with air conditioning and wifi;
- All visits indicated in the itinerary with entries;
- Local guides in Malta and Sicily and Rome;
- Ferries Malta/Sicily and Sicily/Naples;
- Tour escort all the way.

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