

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF SPARKILL
Celebrate their 150th Anniversary!

Dominican Heritage Tour

*Palencia, Loyola, Lourdes, Toulouse,
Florence, Bologna, Siena, Rome*



OCT 18 - 30, 2026
\$4,799 from EWR

INCLUDED

**Roundtrip airfare
Hotel accommodations (dbl occ)
Breakfast and dinner daily
Professional Tour Escort and Local Guides
Daily Mass**

NOT INCLUDED

**Tips to Tour Escort, Guides, and Drivers (\$165)
Travel Insurance (can be purchased from website)
Lunch, Drinks during meals & Personal extras
Single Room Supplement is \$900**

TO RESERVE:



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***Depending on local conditions, itinerary/price may
change to maximize the site visits. Min 25pax.**

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ITINERARY

DAY 1, OCT 18: DEPART USA

Depart from the USA for transatlantic flight.

DAY 2, OCT 19: BURGOS

Welcome to Madrid! Enjoy a short (bus) orientation tour of Madrid. Transfer to Palencia and drive around *Palencia*, where *St Dominic* received his early education and the initial formation of Dominican Intellectualism. Proceed to Burgos for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3, OCT 20: CALERUEGA and LOYOLA

After breakfast, visit *Caleruega*, the birthplace of St Dominic, proceed to the *Crypt Chapel* for Mass. Visit the *Shrine of Domingo de Silos*, where *Blessed Joan de Azo* (St Dominic's Mother) prayed and had a prophetic vision of a dog leaping from her womb that led to the symbolism of the Dominican order: the dog with a torch on its mouth, and the imagery and representation as "*Domini Canes*", faithful watchdogs of faith. Transfer to Loyola for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4, OCT 21: LOURDES

After breakfast, visit St Ignatius' childhood home(museum) and celebrate Mass in *Loyola Castle*. Visit the *Basilica of Loyola*, *Sanctuary of Latz* (where Ignatius knighted himself to Mary), and *Arantzazu* (where Ignatius made his vow of chastity). Travel to *Lourdes* for dinner and overnight and join the evening procession.

DAY 5, OCT 22: TOULOUSE and PROUILHE

Early morning transfer to *Toulouse*, considered to be the birthplace of the Dominican Order, and visit *Maison Seilhan*, the historic residence of the first members; *Couvent des Jacobins*, considered the *Mother Church of the Dominicans*, and the *relics of St Thomas Aquinas*. Proceed to the monastery at *Prouilhe*, the birthplace of the Dominican nuns and where the *Blessed Virgin Mary* appeared to St. Dominic and gave him the devotion of the *Holy Rosary* to assist in his mission. Visit the town of *Fanjeux*, where St. Dominic saw a globe of fire (*Seignadou* or "*Sign of God*") from the sky and descended upon the site where he established the first monastery. Transfer to the hotel in Toulouse for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6, OCT 23: NICE

After breakfast, drive to Nice. Dinner and overnight in Nice.

DAY 7, OCT 24: FLORENCE

After breakfast, drive to Florence. Pass through *Pisa* for lunch stop. Dinner and overnight in Florence.

DAY 8, OCT 25: BOLOGNA

After breakfast, take a guided-walking tour of Florence: the *Duomo*, *Santa Maria del Fiore*, *Giotto's Bell Tower*. Visit the *Convento di San Marco* (which is now filled with Fra Angelico's frescoes and paintings). After lunch, proceed to Bologna for dinner and overnight.

DAY 9, OCT 26: ROME

After breakfast, visit the *Basilica of St Dominic in Bologna*, a major pilgrimage site for those following the footsteps of St Dominic. Visit the *Arca* that contains his remains and the *Inlaid Choir by Fra Damiano Bergamo*, highly regarded in the 16th century as the "eighth wonder of the world". Proceed to *Siena* and the *Santuario di Santa Caterina* which encompasses the Benincasa family home where St. Catherine was born and houses the 12th century crucifix before which she received the stigmata. We'll also visit the *Basilica Cateriniana San Domenico* where St Catherine's head is venerated. Proceed to Rome for dinner and overnight.

DAY 10, OCT 27: ROME

Early morning visit to the *Basilica of Santa Sabina*, the headquarter of the *Order of Preachers* and the room of St Dominic, located next to the convent to the Basilica. Visit the church of *Santa Maria Sopra Minerva*, where the body of St Catherine rests at the main altar. This gothic basilica was built by Dominicans in 1280 and houses the tomb of *Beato Angelico* and the room where St Catherine died that has been relocated adjacent to the sacristy. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

DAY 11, OCT 28: ROME

After breakfast, attend the weekly *Papal Audience* at the Vatican, pending papal schedule. Visit the *Vatican Museum*, including entrance to the *Sistine Chapel*, ending in *St. Peter's Basilica*. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

DAY 12, OCT 29: ROME

After breakfast, visit *St. Paul Outside the Walls*, *St. John Lateran* and *Scala Santa*, *St Mary Major* and Dinner and overnight in Rome. Time permitting, panoramic tour of the *Colosseum*, *Pantheon*, and *Trevi Fountain*. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

DAY 13, OCT 30: RETURN TO USA

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to USA.

