

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to the

Shrines of Italy

August 18 - 26, 2025



Your Trip Includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- 7 nights accommodation at centrally located first class hotels as
 - follows: (or similar)

 3 nights: Aug 19 22: Hotel Michelangelo or Della Conciliazione, Rome
 - 2 nights: Aug 22 24: Centro di Spiritualita Padre Pio, San Giovanni Rotondo
- 2 nights: Aug 24 26: Hotel Dal Moro, Assisi
- Breakfast and dinner daily

- Wine and mineral water with dinners
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Whisper headsets
- Assistance of a professional local Catholic Guide
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Tips to Hotel Staff and Restaurants
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)
 Flight bag & digital confirmation of all travel documents

Sample Daily Itinerary

Day 1, Mon, Aug 18: Depart for Rome

Make your way to your local airport, where you will board your overnight flight(s). Your meals will be served on board.

Day 2, Tue, Aug 19: Arrival in Rome

Upon landing at Rome airport, your tour guide and/or driver will greet you. Following check-in at the hotel, enjoy some free time to unpack, relax or explore Rome on your own. Your tour escort may suggest places to visit. Later this afternoon, your group will meet in the hotel lobby for a meet and greet with fellow pilgrims and your Priest. Celebrate Mass and then you will attend a welcome dinner. After dinner you have to opportunity to join in a walk to St. Peter's Square for the Rosary (optional).

Day 3, Wed, Aug 20: Rome: Papal Audience - Trevi Fountain -Basilica of St. John the Lateran - Holy Stairs - Basilica of St. **Mary Maior**

This morning we attend the Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square or at the Audience Hall. The Audience is celebrated each Wednesday by His Holiness, Pope Francis (pending the papal schedule). Next Trevi Fountain area for some free time and lunch (on your own). This afternoon, visit the oldest of the four major Basilicas in Rome, the Archbasilica of St. John the Lateran, the cathedral church and seat of the Bishop of Rome. Cross the street to the very steps that lead up to the praetorium of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem which Jesus climbed on His way to trial during his Passion. Holy Mass will be celebrated by our priest at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. This Basilica contains a relic from the manger of the infant Jesus. Dinner and overnight.

Day 4, Thu, Aug 21: Rome: St. Peter's Basilica - Vatican Museum - Appian Way - Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls -Catacombs

Today we tour St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site where St. Peter the Apostle was martyred. View Michelangelo's Pieta sculpture, pray at the tombs of Pope Benedict XVI and St. John Paul II. Next you' will visit the Vatican Museum, where you can see the Tapestry Gallery, Raphael Rooms, and Sistine Chapel. After lunch, continue down the Appian Way, one of the earliest roads built in ancient Rome to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls and the Catacombs. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Day 5, Fri, Aug 22: Rome - Monte Cassino - San Giovanni Rotondo

Following breakfast, enjoy a scenic route to Monte Cassino. Drive through the Roman countryside that is known for its villas and vineyards. Your tour escort will share interesting information regarding the spiritual, historical, and cultural aspects of Italy Around 530 A.D. Monte Cassino, the principal monastery of the Benedictine Order founded by Saint Benedict. After a tour, you will have an opportunity to visit the gift shop. Board your bus and continue to San Gióvanni Rotondo, the hometown of Saint Padre Pio. Upon arrival in San Giovanni Rotondo, check-in, enjoy dinner in a restaurant, and overnight.

Day 6, Sat, Aug 23: San Giovanni Rotondo (View Incorrupt Body of St. Padre Pio) - Monte Sant' Angelo

This morning, after breakfast, you will visit the Old Church. After Mass, tour the sanctuary, where you will view the crucifix in front of which St. Pio received the stigmata. Visit the confessional from where St. Pio spent an innumerable amount of hours listening to confessions. Board the bus and travel along the beautiful Gargano Peninsula to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel, a shrine consecrated by St. Michael. At this Grotto, St. Michael appeared to a bishop to assure him that his diocese will not be annihilated.

After some free time, we head back to San Giovanni Rotondo, a drive with breathtaking views of the ocean and surrounding countryside. Have time for devotion reflection before enjoying a delicious dinner and an overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo. *Candlelight Procession - Between May and October, attend the weekly candlelight procession at the Sanctuary of St. Pio after dinner, at 9:00 PM. These processions are lit by candlelight and are guided by the Most Holy Rosary. Following this prayerful experience, return to your hotel for a restful overnight.

Day 7, Sun, Aug 24: San Giovanni Rotondo - Lanciano - Loreto -

After breakfast, you will head to Lanciano. Upon arrival in Lanciano, celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Longinus. This church is the site of the Eucharistic Miracle that occurred in the eighth century. At the time of the Miracle, there was a Basilian monk, who struggled with the belief in the real presence of The Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. During the time of Mass, the monk, with doubt in his voice, said the "Words of Consecration", and the bread turned into living flesh, and the wine transformed into living blood. Have some free time to explore Lanciano, before continuing toward the Adriatic coast to the great Marian shrine of Loreto to visit the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto. Over 50 Pope's have made a pilgrimage to the house transported by angels to this hill in central Italy in 1294. Tradition has it that this is the house in which Mary first prayed the Magnificat, in which Jesus grew to manhood, and in which the Holy Family lived. Continue on to Assisi, the hometown of St. Francis. Upon arrival in Assisi, enjoy dinner before retiring to your room.

Day 8, Mon, Aug 25: Assisi (St. Francis)

As you visit the birthplace of St. Francis, you will become captivated as the atmosphere has not changed since St. Francis began his ministry in the early 13th-century. You will start your tour at the Basilica of St. Francis. Visit his tomb and have the opportunity to view a series of frescoes depicting his life, along with a few of the saint's possessions. Next, visit to the Santuario Della Spogliazione where Blessed Carlo Acutis' tomb is placed. Carlo is the first millennial to be declared Blessed who loved the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. From there, you will continue on a walking tour through this picturesque town, including the birthplace of St. Francis, and end with a tour of the Church that honors St. Clare, the foundress of the Poor Clare Sisters. St. Clare followed the teachings of St. Francis very closely by also living a life of poverty and humility. Enjoy some free time for additional prayer shopping, or a nice lunch. After lunch, board the bus, which will take you outside of the walls of Assisi, to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. Here is where St. Francis spent most of his life. This Basilica is made up of two structures, both of which you will visit. The first structure is the "Porziuncola" which is where St. Francis founded his order of the Friar Minor (Franciscans). The second is the "Capella del Transito" which is the place St. Francis died. During your time here, you will have the opportunity to visit the beautiful Rose Garden where St. Francis and other friars lived, as well as the cave where St. Francis retired to pray. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 9, Tue, Aug 26: Assisi - Rome Airport - USA

After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, your group will leave by motor coach and transfer to Rome Fiumicino airport for return flights home.

*206 Tours Disclaimer: Though every effort will be made to follow the itinerary, it should be considered as an indication, rather than a contract of places to be visited. Occasionally local religious holidays, national days, weather, traffic conditions and other events may necessitate changes in the sequence of visits or the missing of certain visits.

