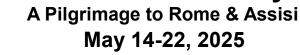
2025 Jubilee: The Holy Year















Highlights...Rome * Basilica of St. John Lateran & the Holy Stairs * St. Mary Major Basilica * St. Paul Outside the Walls * Catacombs * Papal Blessing in Saint Peter's Square * Assisi & Basilica of St. Francis * Vatican City * Sistine Chapel * St. Peter's Basilica & Holy Door * Papal Audience

- Visit the Seven Pilgrim Churches that grant indulgence during the Holy Year.
- Pause at the Holy Stairs, believed to be the steps that Christ climbed when he appeared before Pontius
 Pilate
- Daily Mass organized for you during your stay.

Must-see inclusions

- Venture underground to the catacombs of St. Sebastian, where early Christians hid and buried their dead.
- Enter the Marian Basilica of St. Mary Major, where art and spirituality meet.
- In Assisi, visit the Basilica of St. Francis and see the *Porziuncola* chapel from where the Franciscan Order originated.

Spiritual Highlights

- Attend the weekly Papal Audience in the Vatican City and feel the blessing as you attend the Sunday Angelus prayer with the Holy Father in Saint Peter's Square.
- Glimpse the 7 Holy Doors, only opened during the Jubilee year and take time to cross in reverence through the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica.









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Day1: Overnight Flight

Become "Pilgrims of Hope" during the Holy Year 2025. Join a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, experiencing some of the most fascinating religious sites and relics in the world. Take part in the Jubilee, a tradition with biblical roots and re-established in AD 1300. Renew your Faith and join the multitudes of pilgrims who have been traveling to Rome for centuries for the chance to receive the plenary indulgence.

Day 2: Rome, Italy—Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Rome, the spiritual center of the Catholic faith during the Holy Year. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at your hotel, featuring regional delicacies and Italian wine. *Today dinner will be included*.

Day 3: Rome

This morning, begin your pilgrimage of the Seven Jubilee Churches with a visit to Rome's cathedral: the Basilica of St. John Lateran—the former residence of the popes. Continue to the Scala Sancta, the Holy Stairs which tradition believes are the steps that Christ climbed when he appeared before Pontius Pilate. This afternoon, enter the Marian Basilica of St. Mary Major, where art and spirituality meet. **Celebrate Mass** before returning to the hotel for an evening at leisure. Or opt to enhance your Roman sojourn with a half-board dinner supplement at your hotel. *Today breakfast will be included.

Day 4: Rome

Today, venture beyond ancient Rome's city limits, though still within the modern city center. Visit the Basilica of St. Lawrence Outside the Walls, built over the shrine of St. Lawrence, one of the earliest martyrs of the Catholic Church. Continue to St. Paul Outside the Walls and pause in reverence at the tomb of the Apostle. This afternoon, **celebrate Mass** at the church of St. Sabastian Outside the Walls. Then, follow the steps down to the catacombs underneath the basilica, for a touching vvisit to the tombs of early Christians, martyrs, and saints. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 5: Papal Blessing & Prayer

This morning, celebrate Mass at the Shrine of the Divine Mercy. Afterward, walk on to St. Peter's Square to await the Papal Blessing. **Every Sunday when in residence, His Holiness pronounces a brief reflection on the Gospel of the day before reciting the Angelus prayer from his window overlooking St. Peter's Square. This afternoon, visit the Shrine of our Lady of Divine Love, added to the Seven Pilgrim Churches of Rome by St. John Paul II during the Jubilee of AD 2000. *Today breakfast will be included*.

Day 6: Assisi—Rome

Early this morning, travel north to Assisi, where St. Francis spent most of his life. Visit St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, built on the founding site of the Franciscan Order. Pause at the Chapel of the *Porziuncola*, the rose bush, and the cave where the Saint prayed. After an included lunch, join a local expert on a tour of the 13th century basilica of St. Francis, where you can see many of St. Francis' possessions and a series of frescoes. **Celebrate Mass** in the basilica before returning to Rome in the evening for a late dinner at your hotel. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included*.

Day 7: Vatican City—Rome

This morning explore the Vatican Museums, ***including the Sistine Chapel where the Pope is elected and where Michelangelo's famous Last Judgment mural is located. End your visit of the Vatican City in St. Peter' Basilica, the world's largest church. Feel the grace around you as you meander along towering marble columns and stand in awe before La Pieta, Michelangelo's renowned sculpture. This afternoon, visit the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem, another of the seven pilgrimage churches of the Jubilee and where you celebrate Mass. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 8: Papal Audience

Early this morning attend the weekly **Papal audience** ***at the Vatican City to receive the blessing given by His Holiness the Pope. The afternoon is yours to do as you wish. You may choose to cross the Holy Door of St. Peter's to seek jubilar absolution if you have not done so. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant celebrating the end of a memorable pilgrimage to Italy. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included*.

Day 9: Rome - Tour Ends

Your spiritual journey to Rome and Assisi comes to a close. Return home with renewed faith as a Pilgrim of Hope. *Today breakfast will be included*.