

# *Pilgrimage of Hope*

## *Jubilee 2025*

### **A PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY**

## ***Experience Faith & Hope***

***with Fr. Joseph Altenhofen***

***June 23 to July 3, 2025***

**DAY 1: Monday, 23 June DEPART FROM THE USA to Rome**

**DAY 2: Tuesday, 24 June - ARRIVAL IN ROME**

Upon arrival in Rome, we will meet our English-speaking Tour Manager and board our motor coach to the hotel. Check in, dinner and overnight (D)

**DAY 3: Wednesday, 25 June - PAPAL AUDIENCE/ VATICAN MUSEUMS**

This morning, we will transfer to the Vatican City to join the pilgrims from around the world for an audience with His Holiness, the Pope (subject to the Holy Father's schedule and health). Then we will visit the Vatican Museums, which house what can be described as the most important collections of art in the world. Highlights include The Tapestry Gallery, The Raphael Rooms, and The Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's incredible masterpiece. The tour will continue in St. Peter's Basilica to enter our second Holy Door. Today the mass will be celebrated in a local church. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight (B, D)

**DAY 4: Thursday, 26 June - BASILICAS / BAROQUE SQUARES**

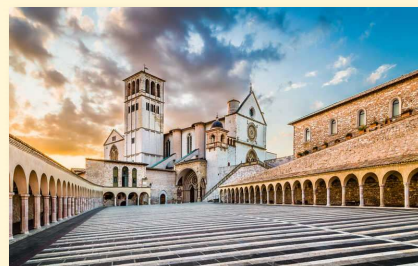
After breakfast, we will visit the major Basilicas of Rome to enter the Holy Doors at St Mary Major and at St John Lateran. We will see also the Holy stairs. Celebrate Mass. After lunch, we will enjoy a walking tour from Navona Square to Trevi Fountain. Today the mass will be celebrated in a local church. Some time at leisure before going back to the hotel for dinner and overnight (B, D)

**DAY 5: Friday, 27 June ROMA - SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO**

Today we will continue our drive to San Giovanni Rotondo (approx 6 hrs drive). Upon arrival, we will honor the work of St Pio as we will visit his tomb, his cell, his confessional and the Capuchin Monastery of Our Lady of Grace We will also visit the new Church of Santa Maria Delle Grazie. Celebrate Mass. Check in at the hotel, dinner and overnight (B, D)

**DAY 6: Saturday, 28 June - SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO - LANCIANO - LORETO**

After breakfast, we will drive to Lanciano to visit the Church of St Francis. This church is the site of the Eucharistic Miracle that occurred in the eighth century. Here we will celebrate Mass. After lunch, we will continue to Loreto. Check in at the hotel, dinner and overnight (B, D)



#### DAY 7: Sunday, 29 June - LORETO - ASSISI

This morning, we will visit the Shrine that houses the Holy House of Nazareth. This tradition, based on devotion and popular belief, ascribed the transportation of the House of Nazareth to an angelic mission; current historical studies have developed the hypothesis of a transportation carried out by Man, through sea and land, that came true with special assistance from above. Here we will celebrate Mass. After lunch, we will continue to Assisi. Upon arrival, we will stop at Basilica of St Maria degli Angeli to see the Porziuncola. Check in at the hotel, dinner and overnight (B, D)

#### DAY 8: Monday, 30 June - ASSISI

After breakfast, we will visit Assisi, the birthplace of the beloved St. Francis. We will start with the Basilica of St. Clare, to see her tomb and the cross that spoke to St. Francis, the Cross of San Damiano. Then we will walk throughout the medieval streets to visit 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. Finally, we will reach St. Francis Basilica and explore the upper and the lower parts of the Basilica to see the tomb of St. Francis. Here we will celebrate Mass. Balance of the day at leisure. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight (B, D)

#### DAY 9: Tuesday, 1 July - ASSISI - PADOVA

Today we will depart Assisi and drive to Padova to visit the Basilica of St Anthony. We will see his incorrupt tongue over 760 years ago, more than 30 years after his death. The relic may be venerated in the Chapel of the Treasury in the Basilica, which is visited each year by millions of pilgrims. Celebrate Mass. Check in at the hotel, dinner and overnight (B, D)

#### DAY 10: Wednesday, 2 July - FULL DAY VENICE

After breakfast, we will depart our hotel by bus to reach the dock. From here, by private motorboat, we will reach Venice, nicknamed La Serenissima, in 30 minutes by sea. Upon arrival, we will enjoy a guided tour to see the Doge's Palace, home to the political leader of the Republic of Venice, and the magnificent Basilica of St. Mark, a Byzantine wonder covered in golden mosaics and art treasures. Mass will be celebrated. In the afternoon we will have time at your leisure to explore the city on our own and take that gondola ride if we wish. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight (B, D)

#### DAY 11: Thursday, 3 July - RETURN TO USA

LIMITED  
SEATING

**\$5,295 per person**  
on double occupancy basis  
\*\$995 extra per single room

#### *The price includes*

- Round-trip airfare, including all airlines taxes/fuel surcharges
- Accommodation in superior hotels including all hotel taxes and portages
- Meals as per itinerary (Breakfast and Dinner)
- Land Transportation by deluxe motor coach and entrance Fees
- Comprehensive sightseeing as per itinerary with a licensed Christian Guide.
- Private boat transfers IN and OUT central Venice
- Private taxi in Assisi to reach San Damian's heritage

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