

Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope

Shrines of Italy & Amalfi Coast

*Assisi, Terni, Ortona, Lanciano, Termoli, San Giovanni Rotondo, Bari, Naples,
Amalfi Coast, Pompeii, and Rome*

September 21 - October 3, 2025

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Jubilee Year – Shrines of Italy & Amalfi Coast Itinerary

Day 1: September 21 ~ Philadelphia

This afternoon we depart Philadelphia for our transatlantic flight to Rome. During the flight enjoy dinner, movies, and breakfast before our morning arrival in Italy.

Day 2: September 22 ~ Rome/Assisi

Ciao and welcome to Italy! Upon our morning arrival we will proceed through passport control and pick-up our luggage. We then meet our tour escort and begin our journey to Assisi, the beautiful medieval town of St. Francis and St. Clare. We'll celebrate Mass before we check into our hotel. Enjoy a free afternoon to explore Assisi. Dinner and overnight in Assisi.

Day 3: September 23 ~ Assisi

After breakfast we begin our day exploring the lives of two of the most famous Franciscan saints. We begin with a visit to the 13th century Basilica and see the magnificent frescoes depicting the life of St. Francis. We will visit the tomb of St. Francis and view many of his possessions. Then we continue to the Church of St. Clare, founder of the order of Poor Clares, and visit her tomb and incorrupt body. We'll also visit the tomb of Blessed (soon to be Saint) Carlos Acutis. Celebrate Mass and break for lunch before we continue to St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, home of the Porziuncola, where St. Francis founded his Order of Friars Minor, and the "Capella del Transito", the place of St. Francis' death. By visiting both the Basilica of St. Francis and the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, we can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence. Dinner and overnight Assisi.

Day 4: September 24 ~ Terni/Ortona/San Vito Chietino

This morning, we celebrate Mass before we depart Assisi and continue to Terni. Visit the Cathedral of the Assumption of Mary where St. Anastasius was the Cathedral's second Bishop and where he is also buried. The tabernacle holds relics of the Blood of Christ. We will celebrate Mass and have time for lunch before we leave for Ortona and the Basilica of St. Thomas the Apostle. The Basilica was originally built over the site of an ancient Roman temple and is home to the relics of St. Thomas. The urn containing his bones is under the altar. Dinner and overnight in San Vito Chietino at our seaside hotel.

Day 5: September 25 ~ Lanciano/Termoli/San Giovanni Rotondo

Enjoy breakfast before we depart for Lanciano and view the Eucharistic Miracle that took place in the 8th century when the Host changed into flesh of Our Lord. We'll celebrate Mass before we continue to Termoli for a lunch break. After lunch we visit The Cathedral of St. Mary of the Purification where the skull of St. Timothy, who was a disciple of St. Paul, was discovered in 1945. Continue to San Giovanni Rotondo for dinner and overnight.

Day 6: September 26 ~ San Giovanni Rotondo/ St. Michael's Cave/Bari

This morning, we visit the Sanctuary of Santa Maria delle Grazie, home to St. Padre Pio for over 50 years. We'll visit the sanctuary, the old church and the crucifix from which he received the stigmata in 1918. See the confessional where Padre Pio heard a multitude of confessions. After lunch visit St. Michael's cave and celebrate Mass. This amazing and beautiful cave was consecrated by St. Michael himself in 490. Continue to Bari for dinner and overnight.

Day 7: September 27 ~ Bari/Naples

We begin our day with a tour of Bari which includes a visit to the Basilica of St. Nicholas and the relics of St. Nicholas, who is also known as Nicholas the Wonderworker because of the many miracles attributed to his intercession. Celebrate Mass before we begin our journey to Naples. Enjoy the beautiful Italy countryside with a stop for lunch along the way. Dinner and overnight in Naples.

Day 8: September 28 ~ Naples/Sorrento/Optional trip to Capri

After breakfast we'll celebrate Mass before we travel the Amalfi coast to the scenic town of Sorrento. Enjoy a free day in Sorrento or take the optional excursion to Capri. The optional day excursion to Capri includes a ferry ride to the Isle of Capri, a full day guided tour, a rowboat to the Blue Grotto (weather and time permitting), lunch, visit to Anacapri, the highest point of the Island and the beautiful church of San Michele. (See registration form for more information) Dinner and overnight in Naples.

Day 9: September 29 ~ Naples/Amalfi Coast

This morning, we have a full day tour of the Amalfi coast. We depart Naples and drive along the scenic coastline. Take a tour of Amalfi and visit the spectacular Duomo Di Amalfi, a medieval cathedral dedicated to St. Andrew whose relics are kept there. We'll also visit the Cloister of Paradise and the beautiful frescoes. Celebrate Mass before we take a boat ride along the Amalfi coast to Maiori. Return via motor coach to Naples for dinner and overnight.

Day 10: September 30 ~ Naples/Pompeii/Rome

Depart after breakfast we depart Naples for Pompeii to tour the famous archeological site. Mount Vesuvius destroyed this thriving city in 79 AD. We'll then celebrate Mass at the Shrine of the Blessed Virgin of the Rosary and view the miraculous painting of Our Lady of Pompeii. After lunch we continue to Rome for dinner and overnight.

Day 11: October 1 ~ Rome

Awake this morning in the eternal city of Rome and have the opportunity to attend the Papal Audience. Then we take a tour of the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel which have the most inspiring galleries of art treasures. We continue to visit the awe-inspiring St. Peter's Basilica built on the site where St. Peter was martyred. View the Pieta and Bernini's amazing bronze canopy. Also, take advantage of the Jubilee Indulgence by walking through the Holy Door. Dinner and overnight Rome.

12: October 2 ~ Rome

Today we have the great blessing and gift to walk through 2 of the 5 Holy Doors in Rome. As we drive to the Basilicas, we view the Colosseum and Roman forum before we visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran which is the oldest church in Rome. Then we visit Scala Sancta and may have the opportunity to climb the Holy Stairs, the same steps Jesus climbed in the palace of Pontius Pilate. We continue to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, one of the oldest shrines dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, which contains a relic of the manger of the baby Jesus. Celebrate Mass before we have a little leisure time this afternoon. Farewell dinner and overnight Rome.

Day 13: October 3 ~ USA

This morning, we say arrivederci to Italy as we depart for our flight back to Philadelphia. We take back with us memories and blessings to last a lifetime!

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\$5,750

Per person/double occupancy ~ price based on minimum of 25 passengers

Land only: \$4,420

Price Includes:

R/T Economy Air from Philadelphia

4* Hotels

Breakfast & Dinner Daily, Wine with Dinners

Airport Transfers in Italy, Private Deluxe Motor Coach

Sightseeing/Entrance Fees per Itinerary

Licensed English-Speaking Guides

Tips to Guides and Drivers

Whisper Headsets During Pilgrimage, Pilgrim Booklet

Daily Mass

Travel Bag, Name & Luggage Tags, Document Portfolio



Tour Conditions

Reservations and Payments

Reservation deposit is due by May 15, 2025, and final payment is due June 1, 2025. An invoice will be sent for final payment. If booking is made after June 1, 2025, full payment is required. Payment must be made by check or money order. Credit cards are not accepted. Returned checks will incur a \$35 service fee. Name must appear on reservation form exactly as it appears on the passport. Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours is not responsible for airline tickets penalties or other costs that may result from the incorrect name supplied on the registration form. Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours is not obliged to give a breakdown of costs and services.

Passport/Visa/Travel Advisories

A passport is required and must be valid for 6 months after the date of return. A copy of your passport is required along with the registration form. The European Visa Waiver requirement is scheduled to go into effect May 2025 and each traveler must apply online. To apply visit:

<https://www.etiasvia.com>

The fee is approximately \$9 and approval will be sent via email. If a visa or visa waiver is required, it is the passenger's responsibility to obtain one at their own expense. It is the responsibility of each passenger to be informed about current travel advisories. Information can be obtained on the U.S. State Department's travel website at www.travel.state.gov. The passenger assumes all risks if they still choose to travel when the State Department has advised against travel.

Final Documents and Tickets

Final documents are issued approximately 3-4 weeks prior to departure and only upon receipt of final payment. It is the responsibility of each passenger to check their e-ticket for correct flights and spelling of name. In case of an error, notify Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours immediately.

Price

Each passenger is responsible for any increase in hotel, city, and/or airline taxes, government fees, fuel surcharge, costs due to USD exchange rates, or fewer than 25 paying passengers. Any increase will be reflected on the final invoice. If you request to join the group and purchase your own international airline ticket, the Land Only cost is \$4,420 per person/double occupancy. However, if your international flight arrives or departs later than the group flight, you will be responsible, at your own cost, to provide transportation to the hotel and/or airport. The group will not wait for your flight to arrive and will not depart for the airport earlier for your return flight. If the pilgrimage is cancelled for any reason, the domestic and/or international airfare purchased outside of Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours is your sole responsibility.

Cancellations and Refunds

All cancellations must be in writing. Cancellations will incur the non-refundable \$500 deposit per person in addition to any airline and hotel expenses and/or penalties incurred by Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours. No refunds 70 days prior to departure or no show. Airline tickets are non-refundable after ticketing. To guard against unforeseen health issues or other circumstances, we strongly recommend passengers purchase travel insurance. Some policies include pre-existing medical conditions but must be purchased 10-14 days after the reservation deposit. Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours does not offer travel insurance.

Tour Cancellation and Force Majeure Event

In the event a pilgrimage is delayed, postponed, cancelled, or rescheduled due to force majeure, such as act of God, natural disaster, war, terrorism, strike, pandemic, etc., or any other condition beyond control, the purchase will be honored and transferred to a future scheduled pilgrimage. The traveler is expected to attend the future pilgrimage. No cash refund will be issued. If a pilgrimage is canceled due to lack of participation, Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours will contact you with options.

Participation

Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours reserves the right to refuse to accept or retain any traveler whose behavior is deemed likely to affect the smooth operations of a tour or adversely affect the enjoyment or safety of passengers. Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours is under no liability to any such person for refund, compensations, repatriation or any other matters arising. Travelers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Medical Conditions

A passenger must report any disability requiring special attention at the time of registration. Visitation Pilgrimages and Tours cannot provide special facilities or individual assistance for disabled passengers. Disabled passengers must provide their own physically able companion for assistance. Motor coaches are not equipped with wheelchair ramps or lifters and the Americans with Disabilities Act does not apply outside of the U.S. Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours is not responsible for any medical conditions that may occur prior, during, or after the pilgrimage. Most pilgrimages involve a lot of walking. It is suggested to prepare physically by walking more prior to the pilgrimage.

Covid 19/Epidemics/Pandemics

Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours follows all local government rules and requirements and has no control over local government policies nor is liable for issues, delays or problems encountered. Each traveler assumes all risks and related expenses that they or any member of their traveling party may incur. Any travel interruptions or delays and related expenses due, but not limited to, testing, quarantine, hospitalization, infection with Covid-19 or any other disease, is at their own expense. The passenger agrees to follow local regulatory requirements.

Air Transportation

All air transportation is in economy class on IATA approved carriers. Fares and schedules are subject to change without notice. If you would like to secure a specific airline set, we will make every effort to accommodate you however, we cannot guarantee seating assignments since they are at the sole discretion of the airline. Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours is not responsible for any cancellations, loss, delays, injury, illness, pandemics, or expenses incurred due to actions made by the airlines. Travelers are strongly advised to purchase travel insurance. If you need connecting air into Philadelphia International Airport, you will need to purchase your own domestic airline ticket. Flight schedule must be emailed to Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours 30 day prior to departure. Please make sure that you arrive in Philadelphia 3 hours prior to departure of the international flight. If you miss the international flight, you will need to work with the airline directly to rebook your flight which may result in an additional charge which is your own responsibility. If you arrive in Rome after the group, you will need to arrange your own transportation to the hotel in Assisi. Any domestic and/or international airline ticket purchased on your own is your sole responsibility even if the group cancels for any reason or the departure date is changed.

Hotel Accommodations

Hotel accommodations are based on double occupancy. Triple accommodations may be available but not necessarily at a reduced rate. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplemental price quoted in the brochure. In some hotels single rooms are smaller than a standard room. Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours reserves the right to change hotels for any unforeseen reason. If you require a roommate, Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours will make every effort to find another pilgrim in need of a roommate. If no roommate is available, you will be required to pay the single supplement. If your roommate cancels or leaves the pilgrimage, an additional supplement will apply.

Meals Breakfast and dinner daily as per itinerary. No refund for unused meals. We try to accommodate special dietary meal requests by forwarding those to the hotels and restaurants. However, we cannot guarantee dietary requests.

Spiritual Group Leader or Tour Guide

For unforeseen reasons, it may be necessary to substitute the spiritual group leader or tour guide. Your reservation will remain unchanged, and you agree to travel.

Photography

You agree, through your reservation, that you allow yourself to be photographed or videoed during the pilgrimage.

Baggage

When traveling internationally to or from U.S. there is no charge for 1 piece of checked luggage up to 50 lbs. with maximum dimensions of 62 inches. Carry-on items include 1 personal item and 1 piece of luggage with maximum dimensions of 45 inches. Passengers are responsible for any additional fees airlines may impose on baggage including excess weight. Please check with the airline for updated rules and regulations since they do periodically change. Luggage handling at hotels is limited to 1 bag per person. Portage is not guaranteed at every hotel.

Disclaimer

Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours reserves the right to make changes in the itinerary, hotels, Mass schedule, etc. whenever the company deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience and safety of the pilgrim participants or to accommodate unforeseen events.

Errors and Omissions

Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours is not responsible for typographical errors including, but not limited to, errors in trip cost. If a mistake is made in billing, we reserve the right to correct the invoice and proper payment is required.

Responsibility and Liability

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REGISTRATION FORM

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\$5,750

(Per person/double occupancy, Philadelphia departure)

Land only package: \$4,420

REGISTRATION DEPOSIT DUE BEFORE May 15, 2025

(Early registration suggested to guarantee availability)

Name as appears on passport _____

Please enclose a copy of your passport

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Roommate Name: _____ Need a Roommate? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Airline Seat: ☐ Window ☐ Aisle (all seats subject to airline availability) American AAdvantage # _____

Connecting air into Philadelphia, PA from your home city not included. Each traveler must purchase their own domestic ticket. The international flight on American Airlines leaves at 6:00 PM on Sept. 21 and returns on Oct. 3 at 2:00 PM (flight times subject to change).

Need land only package? ☐ Yes Optional Capri Excursion \$295 _____ Yes _____ No

Single supplement: \$795 (limited number of single rooms available) ☐ Yes

List any special dietary requirements: _____

Emergency contact person not traveling with you (name and phone number): _____

Enclosed is my non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person. I understand that the price is based on a group departure of a minimum of 25 paying passengers and that the price may change due to USD exchange rate, increase in taxes and/or fuel surcharges from hotels, cities, airlines or fewer number of passengers. Any price change will be reflected on the final invoice. Complete details available in the Tour Conditions. Travel Insurance is highly recommended and can be purchased from several companies including Travel Guard. I understand that the due date for the final payment is June 1, 2025. I confirm that I have read, understood, and agree to the Tour Conditions provided with the pilgrimage itinerary and registration form. Signature of each person traveling is required.

Signature: _____

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