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# 2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage

## SEPTEMBER 7 – 18, 2025

Barcelona – Montserrat – Lourdes – Florence – Cascia – Loreto – Lanciano –  
San Giovanni Rotondo – Saint Angelo Mount – Mugnano del Cardinale – Roma

### **DAY 01 – SUNDAY, 07 SEP | LOS ANGELES – BARCELONA**

Depart Los Angeles (LAX) to Barcelona, Spain (BCN).

### **DAY 02 – MONDAY, 08 SEP | BARCELONA**

Upon arrival transfer to the hotel.



### **DAY 03 – TUESDAY, 09 SEP | BARCELONA – LOURDES**

Breakfast buffet at the hotel. Visit Benedictine Monastery of Santa Maria de Montserrat. Celebrate Mass, then continue to Lourdes. Our evening will conclude in Lourdes with private devotions, and a candlelight procession. Dinner and overnight in Lourdes. (B, D)

### **DAY 04 – WEDNESDAY, 10 SEP | LOURDES – FLORENCE**

Breakfast at the hotel. Reflect in silence by the Grotto where the Virgin appeared to Bernadette. Visit the Basilica of St. Pius X, the Rosary Basilica, and time permitting, Bernadette's home. Drink, wash our faces, & fill containers from the Spring that flows from 18 (symbolizing the number of apparitions) drinking Fountains. In the Afternoon, drive to Toulouse Airport to take our flight to Florence. Overnight in Florence. (B, D)

### **DAY 05 – THURSDAY, 11 SEP | FLORENCE – ASSISI**

Breakfast buffet at the hotel. Highlights in Florence will be a visit to Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral, the Duomo, Palazzo Vecchio (Old Palace), and Ponte Vecchio – a medieval arched bridge over the Arno River. It is the oldest bridge in Florence containing a secret corridor between Palazzo Vecchio and the Pitti Palace. It is also lined with jewelry and souvenir shops. Finally, we'll see Giotto's Campanile, a free standing bell tower, an example of Florentine Gothic architecture. Giotto was a famous Italian painter and architect. Drive to Assisi. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

### **DAY 06 – FRIDAY, 12 SEP | ASSISI**

Breakfast buffet at the hotel. Today, we'll visit the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli containing the famous Porziuncola Chapel. This ancient chapel is venerated for an apparition of angels within it. It was located on a piece of land known as the Porziuncola - this name became attached to the chapel. After being abandoned, it was restored by St. Francis. It is also here that St. Francis discerned his vocation and founded the Order of Friars Minor (1209). In the afternoon, we'll visit the Church of St. Clare which houses her incorrupt body. One of the chapels contains the San Damiano Crucifix icon that miraculously had a conversation with St Francis and asked the saint to "repair God's Church". Later, we'll tour the Basilica of St. Francis built in 1228 containing the saint's remains encased in a stone crypt. The "upper" basilica houses beautiful frescoes of Giotto. Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica of St. Francis. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)



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### **DAY 07 – SATURDAY, 13 SEP | ASSISI – CASCIA – LORETO**

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to Cascia. Visit the Santa Rita shrine. Celebrate Mass. Drive to Loreto. Visit the Holy House of the Virgin Mary, a pilgrimage destination for almost eight centuries. It is believed this is where the Blessed Virgin grew up and where the Annunciation took place. It has a stone altar and an ancient plate – relics that arrived in Loreto together with the house. For many centuries, tradition held that angels miraculously carried the Holy House from Nazareth to Loreto in 1294. Others say that the Holy House of Loreto, like many relics from the Holy Land, was brought to Italy by ship at the conclusion of the Crusades. A priest and papal archivist studying Vatican documents discovered a ledger of items brought out of the Holy Land. A Greek merchant named Angelos, financed an expedition to move the House to Italy. His name in Latin and Italian means “Angels.” Regardless of how the house arrived from the Holy Land, the sanctuary is a place of prayer. The Holy House is a site of miracles and conversions. It is documented that at least 150 saints and blessed have made a pilgrimage to the Holy House – their names inscribed in a marble tablet. Dinner and overnight in Loreto. (B, D)

### **DAY 08 – SUNDAY, 14 SEP | LORETO – LANCIANO – SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO**

Breakfast buffet at the hotel. Drive to Lanciano. Visit the site of the first Eucharistic Miracle. In 750AD, a Basilian monk celebrating Mass doubted whether the Body of Our Lord was truly present in the consecrated Host. Sensing his doubts during the Consecration, Our Lord allowed the manifestation of the Real Presence of His Body and Blood. A professor of anatomy, histology, chemistry, and clinical microscopy was allowed to perform a thorough scientific examination. The miraculous blood is truly blood with the same type AB blood – the same blood type as the man of the Shroud. Fragments could in no way be likened to embalmed tissue. It was also declared that the fragment of flesh is declared to be living tissue. Mass will be celebrated at Santuario del Miracolo Eucaristico. In the afternoon, we travel to San Giovanni Rotondo. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

### **DAY 09 – MONDAY, 15 SEP | SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO – MONTE SANT’ANGELO – ROME**

Breakfast buffet at the hotel. Visit Santa Maria delle Grazie Convent where Padre Pio lived, and the modern Padre Pio Pilgrimage Church behind Santa Maria delle Grazie Church. Celebrate Mass, if possible, by the Tomb of Padre Pio. In the afternoon, enjoy a breathtaking view of the Gargano Peninsula. Visit the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel where he appeared and said to a local bishop, “I am the Archangel Michael, and I am always in the presence of God.” “...Go therefore to the mountain and dedicate the cave to Christian worship.” But the bishop delayed. St Michael appeared again and said, “It is no longer your task to consecrate the Basilica I built. I who founded it, I myself consecrated it.” The grotto has been affectionately called the “Celestial Basilica” as it is the only Christian church not consecrated by human hands. Transfer to Rome. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

### **DAY 10 – TUESDAY, 16 SEP | ROME**

Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Tour the ruins of the Trajan’s Market, Domus Aurea – Nero’s pleasure palace, Trajan’s Forum and Column, Arch of Constantine, House of Knights of Rhodes. Next, we proceed to the Mamertine Prisons (where St Peter & St Paul were held prisoner), the Roman Forum (the civic heart of the Roman Republic), and the Coliseum. In the afternoon visit one of the Major Basilicas and pass through the holy doors. Visit the St. John Lateran Archbasilica, the oldest basilica in the Western world. It is the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome and the ecclesiastical seat of the Pope, the Bishop of Rome. The *Scala Sancta* (Holy Stairs) is a major stop on a pilgrim’s journey. These are believed to be the stairs that Jesus’ climbed on the way to his trial – 28 steps in the palace of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem. These steps are sanctified by the footsteps of Jesus Christ during his Passion. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)



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### **DAY 11 – WEDNESDAY, 17 SEP | PAPAL AUDIENCE – VATICAN MUSEUMS**

Early morning drive to St Peter's Square to attend the Wednesday Papal Audience. Enjoy a guided tour of the Vatican Museums which houses the most important art collection in the world. Highlights include the Tapestry Gallery, the Raphael Rooms, and the Sistine Chapel where we will gaze at Michelangelo's masterpiece. We will enter St. Peter's Basilica which has the largest interior of any Christian church in the world. St. Peter's tomb is directly below the altar of this basilica. Next, we observe Bernini's baldacchino, a beautiful Baroque bronze canopy above the high altar. Then we gaze at the genius of a twenty-three-year-old Michelangelo's sculpture of the Pieta. The seated Madonna holding Christ's body in her arms is encased in a triple layer of bulletproof glass after a crazed man damaged the masterpiece with a hammer. The Pieta is the only artwork bearing the artist's name. Time permitting, we will visit the tomb of Pope John Paul II. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

### **DAY 12 – THURSDAY, 18 SEP | DEPARTURE**

Drive to airport to board a flight back home. END OF OUR SERVICE.