



“We should seek not so much to pray  
but to become prayer.”

— Francis of Assisi



# PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

The Jubilee Year of St. Francis



**WITH  
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**\$5,599**

with flights from Washington DC, San Diego, & Pensacola

**\$4,799**

Land Only Package

**09/21/26**  
Departure

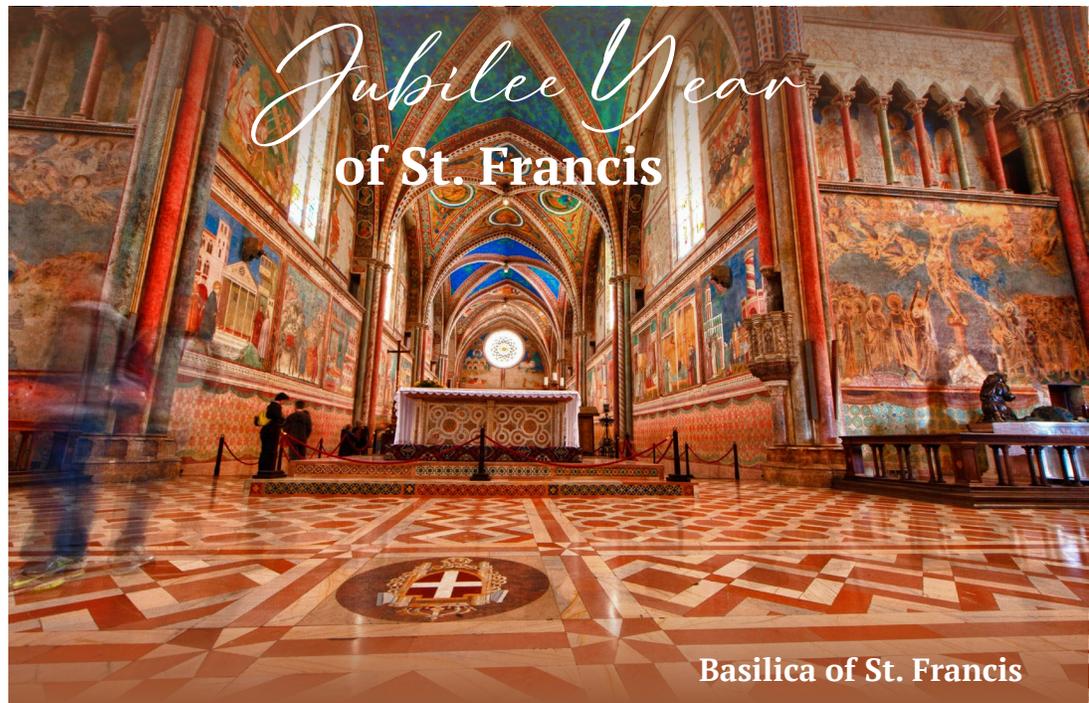
**09/28/26**  
Return

## INCLUDED

-  Round-trip airfare
-  First-class hotels
-  Private transportation
-  Meals as per itinerary
-  Professional tour guides
-  Admission fees
-  Daily Mass
-  Medical insurance



Register Online



Basilica of St. Francis

### DAY 1: USA / ROME

Our Jubilee Year of St. Francis pilgrimage begins with an overnight flight to Rome. We call to mind the petitions and prayers we carry with us.

### DAY 2: ROME, ITALY

Upon arrival in Rome, we meet our Nativity Pilgrimage tour manager, depart the airport, and celebrate a welcome Mass at The Church of St. Paul at the Three Fountains. Pending arrival time, we enjoy a panoramic tour of Rome. Check in at the hotel and dinner to follow.

### DAY 3: PAPAL AUDIENCE / ST. PETER'S BASILICA / PIAZZA NAVONA

Today begins with the Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square with His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV! Following the audience, we take a tour of St. Peter's Basilica, followed by Mass at Santo Spirito in Sassia. The rest of the afternoon is free to explore the Piazza Navona, climb to the Top of St. Peter's Basilica, explore Castel Sant Angelo, visit the Pantheon, and enjoy some authentic Italian gelato! You are free to enjoy dinner on your own this evening.

### DAY 4: ANCIENT ROME / MAJOR BASILICAS / VATICAN MUSEUM PRIVATE TOUR

This morning, we'll explore Ancient Rome with a panoramic bus tour (outside views) of the Colosseum, the Arch of Constantine, and the Roman Forum. Next, we will celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. John Lateran. After lunch, we will visit the Basilica of St. Mary Major and the Tomb of Pope Francis. This evening, we will enjoy a private tour of the Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel.

### DAY 5: ASSISI

Today we drive to Assisi and enjoy a special lunch at Michelin-rated Il Mole on Lake Trasimeno! Upon arrival in Assisi, we will celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis. Next, you will have free time to explore, pray,

and taste the local cuisine. This evening, we soak in the peace and tranquility of Assisi. Dinner tonight will be on your own.

### DAY 6: ASSISI

Today, we will celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. Clare, followed by a visit to Santa Maria Maggiore for prayer at the Tomb of Saint Carlo Acutis. After lunch, there is free time to explore the San Rufino Cathedral and Assisi's culture. Dinner tonight will be on your own.

### DAY 7: ASSISI

We start our day with a morning visit to San Damiano, followed by Mass at the Basilica di Santa Maria degli Angeli, where we will view the Portiuncula. We have lunch and an olive oil/wine tasting at Tili Vini (Organic vineyard with wines, cheese, and bruschetta). We end our day by returning to Rome and enjoying a farewell dinner together.

### DAY 8: RETURN FLIGHT HOME

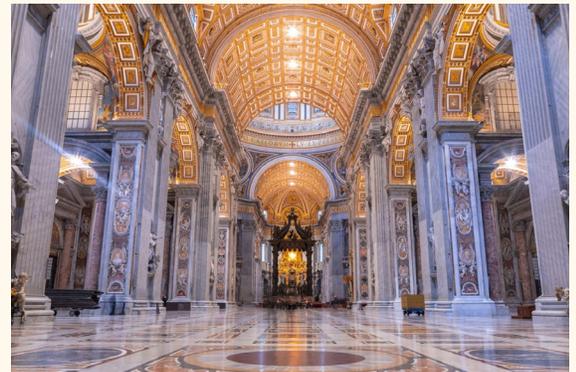
This has been a week that will last a lifetime! This morning, we will transfer to the airport for our return flight home.



The Portiuncula



The Sistine Chapel



St. Peter's Basilica



“Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily. To lean upon Thy great strength, trustfully, restfully. To wait for the unfolding of Thy will, patiently, serenely. To meet others, peacefully, joyously. To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously.”

— Francis of Assisi



The Roman Forum

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## YOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

**Air Transportation:** Economy class and round-trip airfares are based on the time of the reservation. Rates and times are subject to change without notice. Airfares, once issued, are non-refundable, non-transferable, and cannot be used towards future travel.

**Land Transportation:** All land transportation as described in the itinerary will be by Deluxe Motor Coach. Some may be equipped with Wi-Fi service.

**Hotels:** Your hotels will be first-class with double occupancy (2 people per room with a private bath). Neither Nativity Pilgrimage nor the trip coordinator are responsible for providing a roommate.

**Meal Plan:** The meal plan offers breakfast & dinner daily, unless otherwise stated.

**Baggage:** Most airlines limit all passengers to one (1) piece of checked luggage and one (1) carry-on. All passengers should check with the airlines carriers for up to date baggage weight and dimensions.

**Airport Fees:** Airport Taxes, Portage, Fuel Surcharges and Security Fees

**Medical Insurance:** Coverage for the duration of your trip.

## YOUR PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE

**Cancellation Insurance:** We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance upon registration.

**Passport Expenses:** This includes any passports or additional travel documents that may be required. Passports must be valid until at least 6 months from your return date.

**Personal Expenses:** Laundry, beverages (including wine, liquor, mineral water, tea, coffee, etc.), meals or food items not listed on the included menu plan, and any excess or additional luggage.

**Non-itinerary fees:** Any sightseeing or service fees or personal items that are not specifically mentioned as being included in the itinerary.

**Non-included meals:** You are responsible for any meals not specified in your itinerary.

**Tips/Gratuities:** This includes tour guides, drivers, hotel service staff, and wait staff.

## GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

**Group Air:** Group Air differs from individually purchased airline tickets in that it is subject to the terms and conditions of the airlines. For this reason, we need to receive your registration and full payment by the payment deadline. After that date, registrations may be subject to a different air rate, ticketing method, or on a different airline. Additional fees and charges may apply. Group air flights are confirmed 60 - 90 days prior to departure.

**Departure Cities:** If your departure city is not listed on the brochure, indicate which airport you would like to depart from on the registration form. We will provide you with the best possible price and flight schedule in order to connect with the group. Additional fees and charges may apply.

**Land-Only Option:** If you would like to book your own air travel, indicate on your registration form that you want the "Land Only" option. This amount equals to the total tour price minus \$800 for all destinations except Mexico, which is minus \$350. By booking your own air, you may select your seat, airline, and travel schedule, use airline miles/points, provide airline reward program information, and make any special requests directly with the airline. No changes can be made after the final payment deadline. Land-only services begin and end at the hotels unless you are able to meet the group at the airport. Land-only travelers are responsible for their own airport transfers.

## IMPORTANT NATIVITY PILGRIMAGE POLICIES

The airline selects seat assignments for group air, not the tour operator. Seat upgrades are available for registered travelers, by request. Quoted rates for an upgrade are subject to change until payment is received. Some upgrades are not available until the group tickets are issued.

**Single Room:** Tour price is based on double occupancy. If you'd like a single room, there is an additional cost per person as specified on the registration form. Single rooms are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Seat Upgrades:** Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives an upgrade request, we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee the acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

**Seat Location Requests:** Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives a seat location request, we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

**Other Special Requests:** Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives a special request, such as a wheelchair, food, etc., we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

## BOOKING CONDITIONS

**Deposit:** A non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 per person is required at the time of booking. No reservation will be processed without a deposit.

**Payment Deadline:** Full payment is due 06/12/2026 (100 Days before departure.) Late registrations received after the deadline require an additional \$100 (subject to availability). If payment is not made in full 50 days prior to departure, your payments are non-refundable.

**Payment Methods:** We accept major credit cards, checks, money orders, Zelle payments (accounting@nativitypilgrimage.com), and ACH transactions. There is an additional 3% fee for each credit card transaction.

## LATE PAYMENT POLICY

Customers will receive Late Fees if they are not paid in full:

PRIOR TO DEPARTURE	FEE
100 - 61 days	\$150
60 - 30 days	\$300
30 days - day before departure	subject to cancellation

Customers are also responsible for any difference in fare due to late payment (subject to availability). Refusal to pay will be considered a cancellation.

## CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

**Full Refund Policy for Holy Land (War-Related Cancellations Only):** If war occurs and the airline cancels flights to the Holy Land, Nativity Pilgrimage will issue a full refund for the land portion if canceled within 50 days of departure. For cancellations less than 50 days of departure, if airline tickets have been issued, the airline's refund and cancellation policies will apply to the airfare portion.

**Multi-Country Pilgrimages (Holy Land + Other Destinations):** If the itinerary includes Jordan, Egypt, Rome, Greece, or other destinations, the refund policies of the respective local travel providers will apply to those portions.

**Airline Ticket Terms:** Once tickets are issued, all airline terms and conditions apply, including penalties, refunds, and rebooking policies.

**Important:** For non-war related cancellations, our regular terms & conditions apply.

## PROTECT YOUR TRIP

Every pilgrim traveling with Nativity will receive complimentary medical insurance that provides coverage for the full duration of your trip.

We also strongly recommend purchasing trip cancellation insurance (available at an additional cost) to safeguard your travel investment in case unforeseen circumstances require you to cancel. Please contact our office for details about trip cancellation insurance options.

**Important:** If you plan to purchase Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR) coverage, it must be purchased at the time of registration.

## RESPONSIBILITY

Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. and their agents assume no liability or responsibility in regards to travel in any form for any injuries or loss of property, accidents, delays, changes in schedule or itinerary, incidental damages or any irregular circumstances. This would include, but not limited to, default or omission by any third party providing services or facilities related to and/or included in the tour or any part thereof.

The IATA carriers, steamship firms and other transportation companies, whose services are featured in these tours, are not to be held responsible or accountable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their respective conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passengers and Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. does not assume any liability or responsibility in connection therewith. They are not responsible for any losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, guarantees, or other causes. All such losses or expenses shall be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. The right is reserved to substitute hotels of similar quality to those specified in the itinerary. Nativity Pilgrimage reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. Refund details vary upon each trip. No refund will be made for any used portion of the tour unless arrangements are made prior to departure from the United States. Prices and itineraries are subject to change without notice if booking conditions are not complied with.



**BOOK THIS TRIP!**

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★ Submit a non-refundable \$300 deposit with your registration form and passport copy to the address below. Names on passports and registration form must match exactly and passports must be valid for 6 months past the return date. Full payment is due 06/12/2026

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