



Diocese of Grand Rapids Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage to



SHRINES OF ITALY

Rome, San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano, Loreto & Assisi

April 28 – May 07, 2025

\$5,267 per person

from Grand Rapids (GRR)

All prices based on double occupancy.

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Your Pilgrimage Includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges
- 8 nights accommodation at centrally located first-class hotels as follows: (or similar)
 - 3 nights: Apr 29 – May 02: Hotel Della Conciliazione, Rome
 - 2 nights: May 02 – May 04: Centro di Spiritualita Padre Pio, San Giovanni Rotondo
 - 3 nights: May 04 – May 07: Hotel Dal Moro, Assisi
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Wine and mineral water with dinners
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Whispers headsets
- Assistance of professional local Catholic guides
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Flight bag & digital PDF confirmation of all travel documents

Sample Daily Itinerary

Day 1, Mon, Apr 28: Depart for Rome

Make your way to your local airport, where you will board your overnight flight(s). Meals will be served on board.

Day 2, Tue, Apr 29: Arrival in Rome

Welcome to Rome, also known as "The Eternal City." Upon landing in the airport in Rome, claim your baggage and proceed to the Arrivals Hall, where your tour guide and/or driver will greet you. Following check-in at the hotel, enjoy some free time to unpack, relax or explore Rome on your own. Your tour escort may suggest places to visit. Later this afternoon, your group will meet in the hotel lobby for a meet and greet and you will depart together for Mass. Following Mass, you will attend a welcome dinner. After dinner you have the opportunity to join in a walk to St. Peter's Square for the Rosary (optional).

Day 3, Wed, Apr 30: Rome: Papal Audience - Trevi Fountain - Basilica of St. John Lateran - Holy Stairs - Basilica of St. Mary Major

This morning we attend the Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square or at the Audience Hall. The Audience is celebrated each Wednesday by His Holiness, Pope Francis (pending the papal schedule). Next visit the Trevi Fountain area for some free time and lunch (on own). This afternoon, visit the oldest of the four major Basilicas in Rome, the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, the cathedral church and seat of the Bishop of Rome. Cross the street to the very steps that lead up to the praetorium of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem which Jesus climbed on His way to trial during his Passion. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Lam Le at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, dedicated to our Blessed Mother. This Basilica contains a relic from the manger of the infant Jesus. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Day 4, Thu, May 01: Rome: St. Peter's Basilica - Vatican Museum - Appian Way - Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls - St Paul at the Three Fountains - Catacombs

Today we tour St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site where St. Peter the Apostle was martyred. Here, you'll have the opportunity to pray at the tomb of St. John Paul II and view Michelangelo's Pieta sculpture. Next you will visit the Vatican Museum, where you can see the Tapestry Gallery, Raphael Rooms, and Sistine Chapel. After lunch, continue down the Appian Way, one of the earliest roads built in ancient Rome to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls and St. Paul at the Three Fountains. St. Paul was beheaded in a place called Acqua Salvias outside the Aurelian wall. This place is now called Tre Fontane (Three Fountains) as Paul's head bounced three times on the ground and three miraculous fountains sprung up from the earth. Conclude the day with a visit of Catacombs. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Day 5, Fri, May 02: Rome - Monte Cassino - San Giovanni Rotondo

This morning, you will board the bus and enjoy the scenic route to the Abbey of Monte Cassino, the principal monastery of the Benedictine Order, founded by St. Benedict around 530 A.D. Continue on to San Giovanni Rotondo, where Padre Pio of Pietrelcina (St. Padre Pio) lived for many decades and where thousands of people have flocked in order to be closer to this great saint and our Lord. Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo.

Day 6, Sat, May 03: San Giovanni Rotondo - Monte Sant' Angelo

Visit the Old Church of Our Lady of Grace, see the confessional from where Padre Pio spent an innumerable number of hours listening to confessions. Next, you will board the bus and travel along the beautiful Gargano Peninsula to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. Return for dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo. *Candlelight Procession: Between May and October, attend the weekly candlelight procession at the Sanctuary of Padre Pio at 9p.m.

Day 7, Sun, May 04: San Giovanni Rotondo - Lanciano - Loreto - Assisi

After breakfast we leave for Assisi. Stop in Lanciano for private Mass at the Church of St. Longinus- the site of a Eucharistic Miracle that occurred in the eighth century. At the time of the miracle, there was a Basilian monk, who struggled with belief in the Real Presence in the Eucharist. During Mass, the monk, with doubt in his voice, said the words of consecration and the bread and wine transformed into physical flesh and blood. Leave for Marian shrine of Loreto to visit the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto. Tradition holds that this is the house in which Mary first prayed the Magnificat, in which Jesus grew to manhood, and in which the Holy Family lived, before it was transported several times by angels, to its current location. End the day in Assisi with dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Day 8, Mon, May 05: Assisi

Tour the Basilica of St. Francis, where you will see the tomb of St. Francis, and have the opportunity to view a series of frescoes depicting his life, along with a few of the saint's possessions. Next you will visit the Santuario Della Spogliazione where Blessed Carlo Acutis' tomb is, the first millennial to be declared Blessed. Continue your tour by walking through this picturesque town, where St. Francis and St. Clare both followed God's call to rebuild his Church. Enjoy some free time - for additional prayer, shop and lunch. After lunch, board the bus, which will take you outside of the walls of Assisi, to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. This Basilica is made up of two structures, both of which you will visit. The first structure is the "Porziuncola" and the second is the "Capella del Transito" which is the place where St. Francis died. Return to the hotel for dinner and a restful overnight.

Day 9, Tue, May 06: Assisi - Orvieto - Assisi

This morning, you will ride through the beautiful Umbrian mountains to Orvieto. This incredible town sits on a volcanic high rock formation. Here we visit one of the most beautiful and most renowned Cathedrals in Italy. Because of its strategic location, it's Christian history officially started in 1004, but Orvieto was built over preexisting Etruscan era cave tunnels dating back 2,500 years, which some historians believe Christians used to celebrate Mass when Christianity was forbidden. Return to Assisi for dinner and overnight.

Day 10, Wed, May 07: Assisi - Rome Airport - USA

Following breakfast at your hotel transfer to the airport in Rome for your return flights home.

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