



September 1 - 9, 2025

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME, PADUA, ASSISI, & BEYOND

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Early Bird Price - Valid until February 1, 2025:

\$3,900 per person in a shared room if paid by check or cash

\$4,050 per person in a shared room if paid by credit card

Standard Price as of February 2, 2025:

\$4,050 per person in a shared room check or cash

\$4,200 per person in a shared room credit card

Deadline for pilgrimage registration June 1, 2024

Send checks to Peregrino, PO Box 212, 25 Tesler Rd., Lake Zurich, IL 60047. Do not send checks via Certified Mail. First Class postage is sufficient.

\$700 supplement for a single room. Single rooms are not guaranteed and should be requested as soon as possible. Triples are also available.

\$500 deposit required to register

Final payment due date: June 1, 2025

Credit Card payments can be made on our website

Questions? travel@myperegrinotour.com or call 872-227-0988

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See the Questions & Answer below for more specific information

Itinerary

Day 1: Monday, Sept. 1, 2025 (Labor Day):

Depart Chicago O'Hare Airport on flight to Rome Fiumicino Airport. The flight will depart in the afternoon U.S. central time, and either be direct or have a brief layover.

Day 2: Tuesday, Sept. 2:

After arriving in the morning hours, the group will travel by coach bus to the hotel to leave luggage and to begin a light tour of Rome. We'll have a nice lunch at a Roman restaurant, take some time to rest at the hotel in the afternoon, and continue with a short tour in the evening.

Day 3: Wednesday, Sept. 3:

Breakfast at the hotel. Leave the hotel by 8:00 to attend the Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square at 10:00. After the audience there will be time for shopping in the many shops and boutiques near the Vatican. There may be a time to ascend the cupola of St. Peter's Basilica or to visit the papal crypts under the Basilica. A private tour of the Scavi excavations under St. Peter Basilica, which houses the tomb of St. Peter himself, *may* be possible, but will depend on availability. Group lunch near the Vatican. In the afternoon go on a guided tour of the Vatican museums, one of the greatest museums in the world. This will include a visit to the Sistine Chapel. After a long day of touring, the evening will conclude with a group dinner after some late early evening free time.

Day 4: Thursday, Sept. 4:

Breakfast at the hotel. Then head by private coach bus about 2 ½ hours to Assisi. Check in at the hotel in the lower town for a short rest and to get refreshed for some touring. See the huge Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angles, the namesake of Los Angeles, California. Then take the bus to Assisi's upper town to see the church and body of Saint Clare, the family home of Saint Francis, and finally the stunning Basilica where the great saint is buried and venerated. We will also see the body of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Assisi is a uniquely well-preserved Italian hill town with lovely shops, historic churches, and charming restaurants. Overnight in Assisi.

Day 5: Friday, Sept. 5:

Breakfast at the hotel. Travel by bus about 2 hours to Padua. This large but low-key city has unique charms. The group will have time for prayer and Mass at the famous Basilica of Saint Anthony of Padua, the greatest early follower of Saint Francis of Assisi. After praying at the tomb of St. Francis days before, it will be time to venerate the relics of St. Anthony. He was known as a great homilist, so his larynx is displayed in a reliquary! Padua has a well-known chapel of early medieval art by the master Giotto which we will visit, an interesting bishop's palace covered in paintings from floor to ceiling, and the huge basilica of Sancta Giustina, where St. Luke the Evangelist is entombed. In the evening the group will take the bus to Vicenza and settle into the hotel for the next four nights.

Day 6: Saturday, Sept. 6:

Breakfast at the hotel. Some free time before leaving the hotel at 11:00 via coach bus for Verona, about 45 minutes away. We'll spend the day seeing Verona's roman ruins, gorgeous city center, and its famous Romeo & Juliet balcony. Lunch on your own in Verona. At 7 p.m. the group will attend an opera at Verona's spectacular open air roman amphitheater. There are few more spectacular venues to watch a live show than in Verona's famous amphitheater. You won't find anything like it in the United States. After the opera head back on our coach bus to our hotel in Vicenza, arriving before 11 p.m.

Day 7: Sunday, Sept. 7:

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we'll take our bus about one hour to watery Venice. There is endless beauty to drink in along the canals of this charming city, one of the world's most unique. We will tour St. Mark's Cathedral, the Doge's Palace, and the city's most beautiful churches. There will be time in the late afternoon for shopping.

Day 8: Monday, Sept. 8:

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we'll travel by bus to the countryside around Vicenza to see a monumental estate designed by the local architect Palladio and to have a lunch at a fine restaurant in the countryside. The late afternoon and evening we'll be to participate in the festivities around the shrine of St. Mary of Monte Berico, whose feast day is September 8th.

Day 9: Tuesday, Sept. 9:

Departure from the hotel in the morning and travel by bus to Venice's Marco Polo International Airport, about 45 minutes from Vicenza. Check-in for your flight to Chicago O'Hare and arrive home in the afternoon.

Italy Pilgrimage July 2025 **Questions and Answers**

What does the cost include? Round trip economy flight Chicago - Italy, all airline taxes and fuel surcharges, transfer to and from airport to hotel, bus throughout tour, clean, private bath, 3 & 4 star or better hotel rooms; all museum entrance fees; audio headsets throughout tour; all professional guides; all breakfasts; four lunches; and four dinners.

What does the cost *not* include? City occupancy taxes levied per person (not per room) per night for some hotel stays. These taxes might total approximately 30 Euros per person for the entire trip. The tax must be paid before hotel departure by each guest, along with any incidental hotel costs such as laundry service. Also not covered: meals not specified in the itinerary, taxis, tips for your guides, and the carrying of luggage from the airport baggage claim area to the bus, and to and from the bus to the hotel. We recommend bringing about \$100 for taxis and always sharing taxi rides.

What is the cancellation policy? All cancellations must be made by e-mail by the same person(s) who registered for the trip. The following penalties are applicable if you cancel:

From date of reservation until payment deadline, \$500 is non-refundable, but transferable to a person replacing the person cancelling, for the same tour and dates.

As of June 1, 2025 100% of the tour price is non-refundable and non-transferable per person.

Is there a registration form? There is no registration form. Peregrino tries to make registration as easy as possible. To register for the pilgrimage send an e-mail to travel@myperegrinotour.com with the name, address, phone, and e-mail for each pilgrim who would like to go. Please indicate the parents or legal guardians of minor travelers. You will be officially notified of your registration via e-mail the day your check is deposited or your credit card payment clears. After sending your check, please allow one week for us to confirm your registration via e-mail.

Do I need a passport? Yes, you will need a passport to travel to Italy. Passports are required for everyone, even children and infants. The expiration date of the passport must be beyond six months after the date of re-entry into the U.S. A scan of the ID page of your passport must be received by e-mail at travel@myperegrinotour.com or a copy must be sent via mail to Peregrino Tours prior to the final payment deadline. The copy of the passport and its information will be shared with no one. All documentary or digital traces of the copy of the passport will be destroyed at the conclusion of the tour.

Do I need to obtain a visa? U.S. citizens do not need a visa to enter Italy for fewer than 90 days. Non-U.S. citizens must verify with an Italian consulate if they need a visa to enter Italy, and with U.S. State Department regarding their ability to re-enter the U.S.

Is there any chance the trip would be cancelled? In the remote possibility that the trip is cancelled, the entire cost of the trip will be reimbursed. An extraordinary event such as an airline strike, weather event, act of God, or international incident will not necessarily cause the trip to be cancelled. Trip insurance would provide total protection against such unlikely eventualities.

I'd like to go, but I don't have a roommate to share the cost. What can I do? You can either pay the single occupancy supplement of \$700 or be willing to be assigned a roommate if one is available. That will depend, of course, on the number of solo travelers of the same sex, but Peregrino will keep track of who needs roommates and coordinate as needed. If a roommate is available but is refused, the traveler will be required to pay the single supplement. And if there is an odd number of pilgrims and no roommate can be found for a single traveler, the single supplement must be paid, with the latest registrant being obligated to purchase a single room. If non-spouses or non-family members would like to share a room with another pilgrim, they must each communicate such to Peregrino in an email.

What about travel insurance? Peregrino Tours does not offer travel insurance. But for the protection of our pilgrims, we recommend they purchase travel insurance. Information is readily available online and some recommendations are linked on our website. These recommendations are not an endorsement of any company but only the result of prior traveler's experiences.

Why would I want travel insurance? Insurance is a good idea for those who have an unpredictable medical condition and for those who have a family member whose ill health, or even death, may preclude going on the pilgrimage. Travel insurance must normally be purchased shortly after registering for the trip. It normally cannot be purchased close to the date of departure, or it may be priced exorbitantly.

Can I use airline miles or points? Peregrino prefers that all pilgrims fly together both to and from their destination and arrive at, and leave from, their hotel together. Based on experience, we do not allow pilgrims to be part of our pilgrimages if they travel apart from the group.

Can I upgrade my plane seating or otherwise arrange to sit with family and friends?

Peregrino organizes its tour pricing based on economy seating. Any desire for economy plus, business or first class, aisle seats, or other upgrades must be communicated to Peregrino via e-mail by the individual traveler. All costs related to upgrades or special seating must be paid in full *before* the upgrade will be implemented by Peregrino. We also try to accommodate friends and family who request to sit together on flights. But plane seating is ultimately a decision for each airline and airlines are not always transparent about how seating is apportioned.

Where can I exchange U.S. dollars for Eurodollars? Talk to your local bank to see if they offer that service. Otherwise you can change money at O'Hare airport or in Rome. ATM machines in Italy also accept Visa and Mastercard credit cards and dispense Eurodollars. To use a credit card at an ATM in Italy will require a PIN. Almost all American banks charge a fixed fee for foreign ATM withdrawals and/or a percentage of the amount withdrawn. ATM's in Italy will normally not accept debit cards from American regional banks. Credit cards are accepted everywhere in Italy. You will not need to exchange much cash.

What about travelers with special needs? Any pilgrim with special needs or dietary restrictions must inform Peregrino at the time of registration. There will be considerable walking on the tour so being able to stand for long periods and to walk long distances is presumed upon registering. A physically capable companion must accompany travelers who need assistance. Coach buses are not equipped with ramps, so all travelers must be able to mount steps into a bus. European buildings are also less handicap accessible than American buildings. Taking the occasional taxi can greatly alleviate a day's number of steps.

Can anyone go on the trip? Although this will be a Catholic focused pilgrimage, non-Catholics are welcome to come. Minors are welcome provided they travel with family. In order to ensure a rewarding, positive, and faith filled experience for all pilgrims, Peregrino reserves the right to reject any guest, either before or during the trip, whose comportment contradicts or is otherwise harmful to the interests of the group.

What if I have more questions? Most questions about this pilgrimage can be answered by your group leader or by consulting this information sheet. You can also contact us at travel@myperegrinotour.com or at 872-227-0988.