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October 17 – 25, 2025

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

The Essentials

Early Bird Price – Valid through July 14, 2025

\$4,300 per person in a shared room if paid by check, cash, or zelle

\$4,500 per person in a shared room if paid by credit card

Standard Price – as of July 15, 2025; Deadline for sign up September 1, 2025

\$4,500 per person in a shared room if paid by check or cash

\$4,750 per person in a shared room if paid by credit card

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

\$750 supplement for a single room. Single rooms are not guaranteed and should be requested as soon as possible.

\$1,000 deposit required to register

Final payment due date: September 1, 2025

Credit Card payments can only be made on our website, not by phone.

Questions? travel@myperegrinotour.com or call **847-713-1723**

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See the Questions & Answer below for more specific information.

Itinerary

The itinerary is subject to change due to weather, site & ticket availability, long lines, the papal schedule, traffic, etc... We promise that if any of the sites or experiences listed below are not possible, they'll be replaced by a similar site or experience.

Day 1: Friday, October 17:

Depart Chicago O'Hare Airport on flight to Rome Fiumicino Airport. The flight will depart in the afternoon U.S. central time and be a direct flight. No layover.

Day 2: Saturday, October 18:

Flight arrives in the morning hours. A coach bus will pick up the group at the airport and head directly to the enchanting hill town of Assisi. A professional guide will take you on a deep dive into both the lower town with its Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels and then the upper town. Assisi's upper town contains the Basilica of St. Clare, the body of St. Carlo Acutis (to be canonized in September 2025) and the tremendous Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, where Assisi's great namesake lies in peace. The tour will conclude with Mass and a delicious group dinner (1) in the upper town. Overnight in Assisi.

Day 3: Sunday, October 19:

Breakfast at the hotel. Leave Assisi by 8:00 a.m. to arrive at St. Peter's Square for the Sunday 12:00 Noon Angelus with Pope Leo XIV. After soaking up the atmosphere of the huge square, a private guide will lead you through the streets of Rome to see Castel Santangelo, Piazza Navona, and the surrounding area of the historic center of Rome. Group lunch (1) in the center of Rome. In the late afternoon, return to the hotel near the Vatican. The evening will be free for needed rest with dinner on your own.

Day 4: Monday, October 20:

Breakfast at the hotel. Then tour the Basilica of St. Mary Major with a professional guide, praying at the tomb of Pope St. Francis and drinking in all the beauty of this ancient space. Your guide will then walk you to the nearby ancient minor Basilica of St. Prassede to see some of the oldest mosaics in Rome. The group will then walk to the Church of Saint Peter in Chains to see Michelangelo's sculpture of Moses and the very chains which tradition says held St. Peter bound in Rome. A group lunch (2) will follow near the Colosseum. A guided tour of the incredible Colosseum and the Roman Forum will follow. For those who have already seen the Colosseum an alternative tour of the nearby Caelian Hill could be organized. After the forum and a full day of sightseeing, head back to the hotel. The evening will be free with dinner on your own.

Day 5: Tuesday, October 21:

Breakfast at the hotel. Travel to the catacombs on the Appian Way for a guided visit of this vast underground cemetery. Lunch (3) as a group after the Catacombs and then head to the Basilica of St. Paul outside the Walls, an immense and elegant basilica where the remains of St. Paul the Apostle repose. Then bus will then take the group and its guide to the Basilica of St. John Lateran Basilica. Visit St. John Lateran's ancient baptistry and then the nearby church of the Santa Scala, which tradition says houses the very steps from Jerusalem's Praetorium which Christ himself stepped on when he was brought to Pontius Pilate. After getting back to the hotel, dinner is on your own.

Day 6: Wednesday, October 22:

Breakfast at the hotel. Leave the hotel by 8:30 to attend the Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square. After the audience there will be free time for shopping in the many shops and boutiques near the Vatican. 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. Lunch on your own 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. At the conclusion of the Vatican tour, enter through the Jubilee Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, concluding the group's visit to the Holy Doors of all four of Rome's Major Basilicas. There will also be time for a guided tour of the vast interior of St. Peter's Basilica After a long day of touring, the evening will conclude with a group dinner (2) after some free time.

Day 7: Thursday, October 23:

ROAD TRIP TO NAPLES! We'll spend the day visiting the historic center of one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It's the birthplace of some important saints and of....pizza. We'll leave Rome in the morning, enjoy a group lunch (4) and return in the evening. Exact times will be announced during the pilgrimage.

Day 8: Friday, October 24:

Breakfast at the hotel. Then a guided tour of some of the most significant and beautiful sites and churches in the heart of ancient Rome: San Ignazio, Il Gesù, where St. Ignatius of Loyola is buried, San Andrea Della Valle, San Lorenzo in Damaso, and Chiesa Nuova, where the body of St. Philip Neri lies in peace in a glass coffin. Group lunch in the center of Rome (5). The tour will end in the charming Trastevere neighborhood of Rome with a visit to the Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere. Back to the hotel for a group "last supper." (3)

Day 9, Saturday October 25:

Departure from the hotel in the morning to check-in for your direct flight to Chicago O'Hare, arriving in the afternoon.

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Questions and Answers

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

What does the cost *not* include? City occupancy taxes levied per person (not per room) per night for hotel stays. In Rome this tax will total 5-7 Euros per person per night. The tax must be paid before hotel departure by each guest, along with any incidental hotel costs such as laundry service or room 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 August 1, \$500 is non-refundable, but transferable to a person replacing the person cancelling, for the same tour and dates.

From August 1 until payment deadline, \$1,000 is non-refundable, but transferable to a person replacing the person cancelling, for the same tour and dates.

As of September 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 please go to the webpage for this pilgrimage and click where indicated. You can also send an e-mail to travel@myperegrinotour.com or call 847-713-1723 with any questions about registration. 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 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. A new, online, and required pre-approval process for European visas may be active by October 2025. Peregrino will keep all registrants informed.

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 \$750 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 or fly apart from the group? Peregrino prefers that all pilgrims fly together both to and from their destination and arrive at, and leave from, their hotel together. However, we do offer a ground-only price for those who cannot fly from Chicago or for those who want to use reward points. Please contact us for more information.

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 the 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. ATMs 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 onto 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.

What if I have more questions? Most questions about this pilgrimage can be answered by consulting this information sheet. You can also contact us at travel@myperegrinotour.com or at 847-713-1723.