

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY



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Father in Heaven

May the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

The Jubilee of Missions is a momentous occasion to recognize and celebrate the global mission of the Church. Join USCMA on this holy pilgrimage to Rome, where we will represent the Church in mission, reconnect with our missionary roots and answer the Holy Father's invitation to "drink from the wellsprings of hope" during the Jubilee Year.

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DAY 1: FLIGHT TO ROME, ITALY

Your pilgrimage begins today as you board your international flight to Rome!

DAY 2: ROME

Welcome to the Eternal City! We will meet our Nativity Pilgrimage Tour Manager and board our private motor coach. We catch our breath with a prayer of gratitude and enjoy a panoramic tour of Rome and Mass at the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome. Worshiping in the oldest and highest-ranking of the four major papal basilicas is a wonderful way to begin our Jubilee of the Missions pilgrimage. We check in to our hotel followed by a welcome dinner with wine. Overnight accommodations at your hotel in Rome.

DAY 3: ROME

How special to begin our Jubilee pilgrimage with a **Papal audience with His Holiness Pope Francis** (schedule pending). Next, we dive into Roman culture with a Pizza and wine tasting on the Borgo Pio, followed by **Mass and a tour of St. Peter's Basilica**. The evening is FREE to explore the sites and flavors of Roma! Dinner on your own. Overnight accommodations at your hotel in Rome.

DAY 4: ROME | ASSISI

Today, we will explore the wonders of the **Vatican Museum** and the **Sistine Chapel**. This afternoon, we will drive through the hills of Umbria to Assisi and enjoy an early dinner with wine. Tonight, we will **celebrate Mass at Santa Maria Maggiore, pray** with **Blessed Carlo Acutis, and savor time for Adoration**. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be in Assisi.

DAY 5: ASSISI

This morning, we will celebrate Mass at the Basilica of San Francesco, followed by a tour. We will also visit the Basilica of St. Clare and Reliquary. Lunch will be on your own. This afternoon, we will visit the Cathedral of San Rufino, Santa Maria del Angeli,

and the **Porziuncola of St. Francis**. We will have a local encounter at the Nuccia Pottery Studio. Then, we will have dinner and return to Rome. Overnight in Rome.

DAY 6: JUBILEE OF THE MISSIONS

Today, we **celebrate the ministry of the USCMA** as we join pilgrims from around the world in special Jubilee events, including:

- 11 AM: Meeting with the Holy Father (location and schedule pending) followed by lunch and time for leisure
- 3 6 PM: Jubilee rites with spiritual and cultural events throughout Rome
- 6 PM: Prayer vigil, dinner, and overnight in Rome

DAY 7: JUBILEE OF THE MISSIONS

This morning, the **celebration of Missions concludes** with a 10 AM Mass (Location pending). In the afternoon, we will encounter the major basilicas of **Santa Maria Maggiore** and **St. Paul Outside the Walls**. This evening, we will join our USCMA partners for dinner. Overnight in Rome.

DAY 8: ANCIENT ROME

Today, history and Roman culture come alive as we encounter the **Capitol Hill**, the **Roman Forum**, the **Colosseum**, and the **Vittorio Emmanuel Monument** with FREE time for leisure and GELATO! Overnight accommodations at your hotel in Rome.

DAY 9: CATACOMBS | VATICAN BEHIND THE SCENES

As our pilgrimage draws to a close, we drive along the ancient Appian Way for our final **Mass in the Catacombs of St. Calixtus**. This setting is a powerful reminder of our vocare to the work of USCMA and the challenge of Jesus in the Gospel of John 15:13, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (NAB). This afternoon, we will enjoy a **private tour of the Vatican Gardens** (schedule pending) with the rest of the day at leisure to visit your favorite piazza and savor one more gelato! This evening, we share a bit of mystagogy on pilgrimage highlights and a farewell dinner at Tanagra Dinner Theatre.

DAY 10: RETURN FLIGHT HOME

Following breakfast, we drive to Roma Airport for our return flight to the USA. This has been a week that will last a lifetime! Celebrating the grace of Jubilee in the Church has reminded us that we are in Communion for Mission (St. John Paul II). We return to our communities and ministries with a renewed commitment to be good stewards of God's gift in our lives. Our journey as Pilgrims of Hope continues!





Basilica of St. John Lateran



St. Francis of Assisi Basilica



St. Mary of the Angels — Assisi

BINFO

INCLUDED

- * Round-trip airfare
- * All airport taxes & fuel surcharges
- * First-class hotels (price based on double occupancy)
- * Luxury motorcoach transportation as per itinerary
- * Daily breakfast and dinner
- * Sightseeing/admission fees as per itinerary
- * Daily masses
- * Professional tour guide
- * Medical protection plan

NOT INCLUDED

- * Trip cancellation insurance (strongly recommended)
- * Nativity offers a comprehensive policy at an additional charge.
- * Passport / Visa costs (if any)
- * Tips for tour manager, guide, and driver
- * Personal items/expenses
- * Meals not specified in your itinerary
- * Items not specifically mentioned above

REGISTRATION

- * A non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 is due at registration, along with a completed registration form and passport copy.
- * The names on the registration form and passport must match exactly, and passports must be current six months after the return date.
- * We are not responsible for Visa procurement.
- * Full payment is due 100 days before departure on 07/04/25.



TERMS & 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 private, luxury Deluxe Motor Coach with A/C and Wi-fi.

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

Meal Plan: Daily breakfast / 7 dinners / 1 lunch / 1 wine & pizza tasting in Rome.

Baggage: Nativity Pilgrimage limits 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, porterage, fuel surcharges and security fees.

Medical Protection Plan is provided during the trip.

Your Package Does Not Include

Cancellation Protection Plan: We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance upon

Passport Expenses: Passports or any additional documents that may be required. Passports must be valid 6 months after your return date.

Personal Items: Laundry, other beverages (wines, liquors, mineral water, tea, coffee, etc.) and food that are not on the menus of your included meal package, and any additional luggage.

Non-itinerary fees: Any sightseeing fees, other services, or personal items that are not specifically mentioned as being included in your itinerary.

Non-included meals: You are responsible for any meals not specified in this program.

Tips for your tour guide & driver: The recommended amounts of tips per person are \$7.00 -\$9.00 per day for guides, \$5.00 - \$7.00 per day for drivers, \$1.00 - \$2.00 per day for hotels, and \$1.00 - \$2.00 per day for restaurants.

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 rate, ticketing method, or airline. Additional fees and charges may apply. Group air flights are confirmed 60 - 90 days prior to departure.

Single Room: Tour price 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.

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. 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

Important Nativity Pilgrimage Policies

The airline selects seat assignments for group air. We do not. 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.

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 100 days before departure on 07/04/25. 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. You may use any major credit card to pay your deposit online. There is an additional 3% fee for each credit card transaction. We also accept checks, money orders, Zelle payments, and ACH transactions.

Late Payment Policy

Customers will receive late fees if they are not paid in full:

100 days - 61 days prior to departure.....\$150

60 days - 30 days prior to departure......\$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

We hope that nothing will prevent you from taking your pilgrimage with Nativity Pilgrimage. However, should you need to cancel your trip, your cancellation must be in writing via email or letter. It will be effective on the date of receipt. The following cancellation fees will apply:

Days Prior to Departure	Charge
100 + Days	Lose Deposit
99-50 Days	50% of trip cost
49 Days	100% of trip cost

Insurance premiums are non-refundable. We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance to avoid these cancellation fees.

Protect Your Trip



Follow the link or scan the QR code to view our Travel Protection Plan details.

https://nativity.trawickinternational.com

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 be 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, 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.





