

# Nativity Pilgrimage

Where Faith  Meets Adventure



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2025 JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE  
Shrines  
of Italy &  
Medjugorje



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13-Day Pilgrimage

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FLIGHTS DEPARTING FROM CHICAGO, IL  
**\$5,699**  
per person

# Experience the **THE HOLY DOORS** in Rome

## ✓ INCLUDED

- \* Round-trip airfare
- \* All airport taxes/fuel surcharges
- \* First-class hotels
- \* Land transportation
- \* Meals as per itinerary
- \* Sightseeing/admission fees
- \* Daily Masses
- \* Professional tour guide
- \* Medical protection plan

## ✗ NOT INCLUDED

- \* Trip-cancellation insurance (Nativity Pilgrimage offers a comprehensive policy at an additional cost.)
- \* Passport/Visa costs
- \* Personal items/expenses
- \* Tips for tour guide and driver
- \* Meals not specified in the itinerary
- \* Items not specifically mentioned above.

## 📄 REGISTER

- \* Submit a non-refundable \$300 deposit along with a copy of your registration form and passport or use the QR code below to register online.
- \* Names on the registration form and passport must match exactly.
- \* U.S. passports must be current up to six months after the return date.
- \* We are not responsible for Visa procurement.
- \* Full payment is due 100 Days before departure (05/09/25).



### DAY 1: FLIGHT TO ROME

Your pilgrimage commences today as you board your flight to Rome. All travel arrangements have been meticulously prepared for you, allowing you to relax and focus on the spiritual journey that lies ahead.

Trevi Fountain



### DAY 2: ARRIVE IN ROME

Upon our arrival in the enchanting city of Rome, our dedicated guide and driver will warmly welcome us. We will then proceed to our comfortable touring vehicle, which will transport us directly to our hotel. After settling in and unpacking, you can enjoy a delightful dinner before an evening of rest in the hotel accommodations.

### DAY 3: PAPAL AUDIENCE / ST. PETER'S / VATICAN MUSEUMS / SISTINE CHAPEL

Begin your day with an early departure for the Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square to see the Holy Father. Afterward, explore St. Peter's Basilica and enjoy a guided tour of the Vatican Museums, concluding with the stunning Sistine Chapel, featuring Michelangelo's frescoes. Finish your day with a delightful dinner and overnight accommodations at your hotel.

### DAY 4: ST. PAUL OUTSIDE THE WALLS / ANCIENT ROME

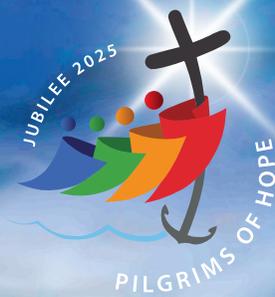
Embark on a visit to St. Paul Outside the Walls, one of Rome's four ancient major basilicas, where the remains of St. Paul are interred. Following a celebrated Mass, you will have free time for lunch. In the afternoon, experience a guided tour of Ancient Rome, culminating in a visit to the iconic Coliseum. The remainder of the day is yours to explore the city at your leisure, with dinner and overnight accommodations provided at your hotel.

### DAY 5: ST. MARY MAJOR / ST. JOHN LATERAN / HOLY STAIRS / TREVI FOUNTAIN

We begin at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, home to a relic from the Manger. Next, we visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran, where St. Francis received approval for his Order. Participants can also choose to ascend the Scala Sancta. The day includes a panoramic tour of Rome with the Trevi Fountain, lunch, and a walking tour of the Pantheon, Spanish Steps, and Piazza Navona. We end with dinner and overnight accommodations at our hotel.



St. Paul Outside the Walls



**DAY 6: ROME / ASSISI**

This morning, we will journey to Assisi, starting with the Basilica of Santa Maria Degli Angeli to visit the Porziuncola. We will then honor St. Francis at his tomb in the Basilica of St. Francis and celebrate Mass. Afterward, you can explore Assisi's charming streets, enjoy lunch on your own, and take some time for personal reflection. Our itinerary includes the Basilica of St. Clare and the Chapel of San Damiano, key sites in St. Francis and St. Clare's lives. The day will end with dinner and overnight accommodations at our hotel.



**DAY 7: ASSISI / SIENA / ROME**

Our journey to Siena includes the stunning Romanesque-Gothic cathedral completed in 1380 and the Sanctuary of St. Catherine, featuring the Miraculous Crucifix. We stroll through Piazza del Campo, admire the Palazzo Pubblico and Torre Del Mangia, and visit the Basilica of St. Dominic to see the relics of St. Catherine. We then head to Rome for dinner and overnight accommodations at our hotel.

**DAY 8: ROME / DUBROVNIK**

We will embark on a transfer to the airport to board our flight to Dubrovnik, Croatia. Upon arrival, a seamless transfer will be arranged to our hotel for check-in. Guests will enjoy dinner and overnight accommodations at the hotel, ensuring a comfortable stay.

**DAY 9: DUBROVNIK**

Embark on a walking tour of the Old City, starting at the Baroque St. Blasius Church, designed by Marino Gropelli in 1715. Visit the historic Rector's Palace, now housing the Museum of Dubrovnik's History Department, and stroll past the Bell Tower Clock and Orlando's Column. Don't miss the Sponza Palace, a key cultural site, and conclude your tour at the Dominican and Franciscan Monasteries, the latter featuring a historic pharmacy. Enjoy lunch at a family-run restaurant, attend Mass, and return to your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.



**DAY 10: DUBROVNIK / MEDJUGORJE**

After enjoying breakfast, we will depart for Medjugorje, where you will have the opportunity for personal devotion upon arrival. This will be followed by a celebration of Mass at the local church. The day concludes with dinner and overnight accommodations at your hotel, ensuring a comfortable and spiritually enriching experience.

**DAY 11: MEDJUGORJE**

During your pilgrimage to Medjugorje, you will deepen your faith and connect with fellow pilgrims. Participate in Mass and hike up Apparition Hill, where the visionaries first saw Our Lady. Visit the Blue Cross, a historic site of her appearances. Enjoy personal devotion time, lunch, shopping, and the opportunity to pray with the Rosary. Evening meals and accommodations will be provided at your hotel.

**DAY 12: MEDJUGORJE / MOSTAR / SARAJEVO**

We will depart for Sarajevo with a scheduled stop in Mostar for a guided tour of the city's key landmarks. Mostar showcases a vibrant mix of global influences. During our visit, we will explore the iconic Old Bridge, the Old Bazaar, and the historic Old Town, gaining insights into the city's rich cultural heritage. Afterward, we will continue to Sarajevo for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant, followed by overnight accommodations at your hotel.



**DAY 13: RETURN HOME**

This morning, we will proceed with our scheduled transfer to the airport to board our return flight home, ensuring all necessary arrangements are in place for a smooth and efficient departure.

# 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 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:** 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, Portage, Fuel Surcharges and Security Fees

**Medical Protection Plan** During the Trip

## Your Package Does Not Include

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

**Passport Expenses:** Passports or any additional documents that may be required Passports must be valid after 6 months of 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, other services, or personal items that are not specifically mentioned as being included in the itinerary.

**Extra food/beverage:** You are responsible for any meals not specified in your itinerary.

**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 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. 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 Supplement:** Tour price based on double-occupancy. If you wish to stay in a single room, there is an additional single room supplement of \$1,100, as stated on your 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 100 Days before departure (05/09/25). 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.

You may use any major credit card to pay your deposit online. There is an additional 3% late 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 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 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.