

JUBILEE: THE HOLY YEAR

This once-in-a-lifetime tour will send you on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi during the Holy Year 2025! Visit inspiring religious sites like The Sistine Chapel and the Vatican City, and even receive a blessing from the Pope!

1 // **Overnight Flight** Board a flight to Rome where we will take part in the "Jubilee", a tradition with biblical roots and re-established in AD 1300. Renew your Faith and join the multitudes of pilgrims who have been traveling to Rome for centuries for the chance to receive the plenary indulgence.

2 // **Rome, Italy** After we arrive in Rome, join your fellow travelers for a welcome **dinner** at your hotel, featuring regional delicacies and Italian wine.

3 // Rome, Italy This morning, begin your pilgrimage of the Seven Jubilee Churches with a visit to Rome's cathedral: the Basilica of St. John Lateran – the former residence of the popes. Continue to the Scala Sancta, the Holy Stairs which tradition believes are the steps that Christ climbed when he appeared before Pontius Pilate. This afternoon, enter the Marian Basilica of St. Mary Major, where art and spirituality meet. Celebrate Mass before returning to the hotel for an evening at leisure.



4 // Rome, Italy Today, venture beyond ancient Rome's city limits, though still within the modern city center. Visit the Basilica of Saint Lawrence Outside the Walls, built over the shrine of Saint Lawrence, one of the earliest martyrs of the Catholic Church. Continue to St. Paul Outside the Walls and pause in reverence at the tomb of the Apostle. This afternoon, celebrate Mass at the church of St. Sebastian Outside the Walls. Then, follow the steps down to the catacombs underneath the basilica, for a touching visit to the tombs of early Christians, martyrs, and saints.

5 // Rome, Italy This morning, celebrate Mass at the Shrine of the Divine Mercy. Afterward, walk on to St. Peter's Square to await the Papal Blessing. Every Sunday when in residence, His Holiness pronounces a brief reflection on the Gospel of the day before reciting the Angelus prayer from his window overlooking St. Peter's Square. This afternoon, visit the Shrine of our Lady of Divine Love, added to the Seven Pilgrim Churches of Rome by Saint John Paul II during the Jubilee of AD 2000.

6 // Rome, Italy Early this morning, travel north to Assisi, where St. Francis spent most of his life. Here we will visit St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, built on the founding site of the Franciscan Order. Pause at the Chapel of the Porziuncola, the rose bush, and the cave where the Saint prayed. After an included lunch, join a local expert on a tour of the 13th-century basilica of St. Francis, where you can see many of St. Francis' possessions and a series of frescoes. Celebrate Mass in the basilica before returning to Rome in the evening for a late dinner at your hotel.

7 // Rome, Italy This morning explore the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel where the Pope is elected and where Michelangelo's famous Last Judgment mural is located. End your visit of the Vatican City in St. Peter's Basilica, the world's largest church. Feel the grace around you as you meander

MAR. 26-APR. 3, 2025

Departs: Wichita, OKC

Included Meals:

7 Breakfasts



- 1 Lunch
- 3 Dinners

Activity Level



\$4579 Double pricing is per-person



\$700 Non-Refundable Deposit Per Person Optional Travel Protection Reommended, offered through Collette for **\$479**/person Call to purchase at time of booking Final Payment Due 100 days before departure

Cancellation Policy E

NOTES:

This tour may be unsuitable for passengers with mobility restrictions of any kind.

You must be able to walk up to four miles over the course of a day and climb 2-3 flights of tall stairs at some of the religious sites.

Expect large crowds and possible long lines and wait time at religious sites.

*The Papal Blessing and Papal Audience are subject to change and are, at times, unavailable due to the Pope's travel schedule.

along towering marble columns and stand in awe before La Pietà, Michelangelo's renowned sculpture. This afternoon, visit the **Basilica of the Holy Cross** in Jerusalem, another of the seven pilgrimage churches of the Jubilee and where you celebrate **Mass**.

8 // Rome, Italy Early this morning attend the weekly **Papal audience at the Vatican City*** to receive the blessing given by His Holiness the Pope. The afternoon is yours to do as you wish. You may choose to cross the Holy Door of St. Peter's to seek jubilar absolution if you have not done so yet. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell **dinner** at a local restaurant celebrating the end of a memorable pilgrimage to Italy.

9 // **Home** Your spiritual journey to Rome and Assisi comes to a close. Return home with renewed faith as a Pilgrim of Hope.