

# JUBILEE OF THE MISSIONS

**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**

Today, you will depart on your international flight to the eternal city of Rome!

## **DAY 2: ARRIVE IN ROME**

Welcome to the Eternal City! We will meet our Nativity Pilgrimage Tour Manager, board our private motor coach, catch our breath with a prayer of gratitude, and enjoy a panoramic tour of Rome. We'll celebrate Mass in 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. Afterward, we'll check in to our hotel, followed by a welcome dinner with wine and overnight in Rome.

## **DAY 3: JUBILEE OF THE MISSIONS**

Today, we celebrate the ministry of the USCMA with pilgrims from around the world.

- 10:00 am: Meeting with the Holy Father followed by lunch and time for leisure.
- 12:00 PM: Pilgrimage to the Holy Doors of St. Peter's Basilica and afternoon Jubilee events throughout Rome.
- **6:00 pm:** Cultural Concert by the Republic Bank Steel Orchestra from Trinidad and Tobago.

Enjoy dinner on your own. Overnight in Rome.

## **DAY 4: JUBILEE OF THE MISSIONS**

- 9:00 am: Visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls and pray at the Jubilee Doors.
- 10:00 am: The Missions celebration concludes at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls with Mass presided by Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization.
- Following lunch, we encounter the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore and Jubilee Doors
- 4:00 pm: International Missionary Meeting at Aula Magna Urbaniana
- 5:30 pm: Depart for Assisi and enjoy dinner with local wine.

Finally, we will check in at our hotel. Overnight in Assisi.

## **DAY 5: ASSISI - ROME**

Enjoy a special celebration of Mass at the Basilica of San Francesco, followed by a guided tour! Next, we will visit the Basilica of St. Clare and Reliquary, followed by prayer at Santa Maria Maggiore, where we will view the tomb of Saint Carlo Acutis. Following a visit to the Cathedral of San Rufino, we'll encounter the Nuccia Pottery Studio. Our Assisi adventure ends with prayer at Santa Maria del Angeli and the Porziuncola of St. Francis, dinner, and a relaxing return to Rome.

## **DAY 6: ROME**

Today, we'll explore the wonders of the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel. Afterward, we'll dive into Roman culture with a pizza and wine tasting at the Borgo Pio.

## **DAY 7: ROME**

Today, we will pass through the Holy Door of St John Lateran, followed by a guided tour. Afterward, we will pass through the Holy Door of St Mary Major followed by another guided tour. Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

### **DAY 8: ANCIENT ROME**

Today, history and Roman culture come alive as we encounter Capitol Hill, the Roman Forum, the Colosseum, and the Vittorio Emmanuel Monument with FREE time for leisure activities and lots of gelato! Overnight in Rome.

## DAY 9: CATACOMBS / VATICAN BEHIND THE SCENES

Today, we'll 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 enjoy a private tour of the Vatican Gardens 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 HOME**

Following breakfast, we drive to the Rome Airport for our return flight home. This has been a week that will last a lifetime! Celebrating the grace of Jubilee has reminded us that we are in Communion for Mission (St. John Paul II). We return to our communities 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



## **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**

- **x** Trip cancellation insurance (available at an additional cost)
- **x** Passport / Visa costs
- **x** All tips /gratuities
- **x** Personal items/expenses
- **x** Meals not specified in your itinerary

## REGISTRATION

- \* Submit your non-refundable \$300 deposit with your registration form and passport copy to Nativity Pilgrimage.
- \* 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 06/24/25.



## 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 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, Porterage, Fuel Surcharges and Security Fees

Medical Insurance: Coverage for the duration of your 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/Gratuities: Tips for tour guides, drivers, and wait staff for included meals.

## **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 variety 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:** Tour price is 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.

**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 06/24/25(100 Days before departure). 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.

**Payment Methods:** We accept major credit cards, checks, money orders, Zelle payments, and ACH transactions. There is an additional 3% fee for each credit card transaction.

### **Late Payment Policy**

Customers will receive Late Fees if they are not paid in full:

Days Prior to Departure	Fee
100 - 61 days	\$150
60 - 30 days	\$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	Penalty who
100 + days Sierra Leone	Lose deposit
99 - 50 days	50% of trip cost
49 days or less	100% of trip cost

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

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

### 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.

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