

Dear Friends,

We are approaching the year 2025, which marks the Jubilee Year, commemorating 25 years since the Great Jubilee of 2000 with Pope Saint John Paul II and a decade since the extraordinary Jubilee year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis in 2015. Since the year 1300, Jubilees have always held profound spiritual and inspirational significance in the life of the Church.

Pope Francis has chosen "Pilgrims of Hope" as the motto for the Holy Year. It begins before Christmas Day in 2024 and concludes on the Feast of the Epiphany in 2026. The Holy Father believes that this year "can greatly contribute to restoring a climate of hope and trust" after two years of pandemic and suffering.

My dear friends, I truly believe that it is a great invitation for all of us to participate in the renewal that the Year of Hope is bringing.

The dates for the pilgrimages are from April 28, 2025, to May 10, 2025. Our Pilgrimage to Italy we will begin in Venice and Padova. We will visit Padua, Ravenna, Assisi, Loreto, San Giovanni Rotondo, and Lanciano. Then, we will spend our final four days in Rome, where we will visit St. Peter's Square, participate in an audience with the Pope, visit the Vatican, the Sistine Chapel, and tour the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, where six Popes are entombed.

During our pilgrimage, we will also visit the Holy Staircase, where many pilgrims climb the stairs on their knees. Additionally, we will explore the largest Marian Church in Rome and take a tour of Rome itself. The last day will include a visit to the Church of San Luigi dei Francesi and a chance to see the Spanish Steps and the Fontana di Trevi. It promises to be a spectacular journey that will be cherished by all who attend. I invite you to join me and other pilgrims as we embark on this religious journey during the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope.

To be a part of this wonderful pilgrimage, please contact phone. 352-347-9317  
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In Christ, Fr. Rafal Kandora

Our Pilgrimage  
will be led by



Fr. Rafal Kandora

## PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Deposit - \$400 (Payable on booking)  
Second Payment due - Nov 25, 2024 50%  
Full balance due - Jan 25, 2025

Each tour member must hold a U.S.  
passport valid up to 6 months after the  
scheduled return. The passport must be  
valid until Nov 5, 2025

Application forms are available at your  
local passport office or U.S. Postal  
Service. Any required visas will be  
processed for US citizens only. Non-US  
citizens are solely responsible for  
obtaining any required visas.

Rates based on Double-occupancy, the  
airline tax and fuel surcharge and  
currency exchange rate(s) at the date of  
quotation to your host. Subject to change  
up to 30 days prior to departure.

## YOUR PILGRIMAGE FEATURES

- + Round trip air transportation from departure city to ITALY.
- + Land transportation via deluxe private motor coach
- + Taxes, Fuel Surcharges, City Tax and Tips
- + Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- + Entrance fees to all sites on itinerary
- + Daily Masses
- + Professional Christian English-speaking guide
- + The Itinerary is subject to change
- + Porterage includes one bag per pilgrim
- + Single occupancy supplement \$700
- + Land only price \$4,000



# HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

## The Jubilee of Rome 2025

Saint Mark Thr Evangelist Roman Catholic Church Pilgrimage



# ITALY

# PILGRIMAGE

## APR 28 - MAY 10, 2025

Price \$4,900  
All inclusive  
FROM ORLANDO, FL (MCO)  
(Except lunches)



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**DAY 1: U.S.A. / EUROPE. –Monday, 28 April**  
Tour members will depart to Venice. Dinner and breakfast will be served aboard the flight.

**DAY 2: PADOVA – Tuesday, 29 April**  
Arrival at Venice airport, meet with the Tour Guide and driver and transfer to Padova.  
Accommodation in our hotel. Time to rest. Dinner and overnight.  
Mass at Padova – Church of Santa Margherita upon arrival

**DAY 3: PADOVA/VENICE – Wednesday, 30 April**  
Breakfast in hotel and transfer to Venice. Transfer to the center of the city by boat and meeting with our day guide. Half day Guided walking tour of the City of Venice passing by the Rialto Bridge, The Canal Grande, San Marco Square and San Marco's Cathedral. Visit of the St Marco's Cathedral. Free time for lunch and time to glance at the center of the city. We return to Tronchetto parking by boat and transfer to Padova. Dinner and overnight  
Mass: Venice – Church of Santa Maria della Salute after the guided visit

**DAY 4: PADOVA/FERRARA/RAVENNA –Thursday, 01 May**  
Breakfast in hotel. Then we visit the Center of Padua. We will continue with the visit of the Basilica of Saint Anthony built to house his remains starting from 1238. It's an imposing spiritual monument blending several architectural styles – Romanesque, Gothic, Byzantine, Moorish – which houses many splendid works of art. Today, the church is a center of pilgrimage from all over the world. Time for lunch and departure to Ravenna with a stop in Ferrara for a visit. Ferrara is one of the most important cities of the Italian Renaissance. The House of the Estensi shaped this medieval jewel. There is so much to see in the city, from the majestic Castello Estense and the Cathedral. Accommodation in our hotel. Dinner and overnight.  
Mass : Padova – St. Anthony Basilica

**DAY 5: RAVENNA/ASSISI– Friday, 02 May**  
Breakfast in hotel and guided visit of the City of Ravenna. We will begin our visit with the Mausoleum of Teodoric. It's the most important burial monument built by the Ostrogoths in Italy. We will end then our visit with the Church of Sant' Apollinare in Classe. At the end of the visits, we transfer to Assisi. Accommodation in our hotel. Dinner and overnight.  
Mass: Ravenna – St Mary the Major church after the visit

**DAY 6: ASSISI – Saturday, 03 May**  
Breakfast in hotel and a full day visit of Assisi with our guide. Visit the Church of St. Clare which houses her incorrupt body. One of the chapels contains the crucifix that bowed its head and ordered St. Francis to “repair God's Church”. Then, we tour the Basilica of St. Francis built in 1228 to house the Relics of the Saint. The “upper” basilica houses beautiful frescoes of Giotto. Time for lunch.  
In the afternoon, we visit St. Mary of the Angels Basilica. This basilica is where St. Francis spent most of his life, and is made up of two structures.  
During this visit, you will have the opportunity to visit the beautiful Rose Garden where St. Francis and other friars lived, as well as the cave where the Saint retired to pray. At the end of the visit. Dinner and overnight.  
Mass : Assisi – Santa Maria degli Angeli after the visit

**DAY 7: ASSISI/LORETO/SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO – Sunday, 04 May**  
Breakfast in hotel and then departure for Loreto. Visit of the Basilica. The basilica construction begun in 1469 and sponsored by Paul II. The Heart of the Basilica is the Shrine of the Holy House. It consists of three walls which - according to the ancient and authoritative tradition - would be the walls in front of the Cave of Nazareth where the Blessed Virgin Mary was born, lived and received the Annunciation. At the end of the visit. Time for lunch and depart to San Giovanni Rotondo. Accommodation in our hotel. Dinner and overnight.  
Mass: Loreto - Basilica of the Holy House after the visit

**DAY 8: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO – Monday, 05 May**  
Breakfast in hotel. Then, we visit the Shrine of San Pio. The Church of San Pio



da Pietrelcina was strongly desired by the Minor Capuchin Friars, brothers of Padre Pio, and by his numerous devotees, in order to best accommodate the relics of the Saint and at the same time give dignity to the Eucharistic celebrations, especially those on Sundays with large attendances.

Time for lunch. In the afternoon, we visit Monte Sant'Angelo. Monte Sant'Angelo as a town appeared only in the eleventh century. Dinner and overnight.

Mass : San Giovanni Rotondo – St. Pio Shrine after the visit

**DAY 9: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO/LANCIANO/ MANOPELLO/ROMA – Tuesday, 06 May**

Breakfast in hotel and departure to Lanciano. Lanciano is famous for the Miracle of Lanciano which dates back to the eighth century. Time for lunch. We will continue our journey to Rome. Stop in Manoppello to visit the Shrine of the Holy Face located on the Tarigni Hill, about 1 km from the historic Centre of Manoppello. The Sanctuary of the Holy Face was founded in 1620 together with the Capuchin Convent and initially entitled to San Michele Arcangelo. After the visit, we will continue our way to Rome. Accommodation in our hotel. Dinner and overnight.

Mass: Lanciano – Church of the eucharistic Miracle

**DAY 10: ROME –Wednesday, 07 May**

After Breakfast, we will transfer to St. Peter Square for the Audience with the pope\*\*. Afterward, we have free time for lunch and then visit the Vatican Museum, The Sistine Chapel and St Peter's Cathedral. Michelangelo painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel between 1508 and 1512, and later painted The Last Judgment between 1535 and 1541 for Popes Clement VII and Paul III. The primary function of the chapel is the Papal Conclave, providing the place where the College of Cardinals of the church gathers to select a new Pope. Then walk through Saint Peter's Basilica. The present structure completed in 1590 was built over the Byzantine and Middle Ages structures that marked the tomb of Saint Peter. There are more than 100 tombs within the basilica, including most recently Saint John Paul II. Celebrate.

Mass : Rome – Church of Santo spirito in Sassia after the Vatican visit

**DAY 11: ROME –Thursday, 08 May**

Breakfast in hotel. We will then have a guided tour of the Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran. Six Popes are entombed here. Next door is the Holy Staircase (Scala Santa) brought from Pilate's Palace in Jerusalem by Saint Helena in the 4th century. Climbing the stairs on your knees is a devotion that many pilgrims perform, and a plenary indulgence is granted for completing this feat. Time for lunch. In the afternoon, we will continue on your pilgrim journey to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major (Maria Maggiore). This is the largest Marian Church in Rome. Its construction began after the Council of Ephesus in 431 proclaimed that Mary was the Mother of God. Saint Jerome, translator of the Bible into the Latin Vulgate, is buried here. Afterward, we have guided tour of ancient Rome. We will start with the visit at the Coliseum, also called Anfiteatro Flavio. Then we will proceed through Via dei Fori Imperiali and we will end the visit with the Carcere Mamertino where St. Peter was imprisoned. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Mass : Rome – St Mary the Major after the visit

**DAY 12: ROME – Friday 09 May**

Breakfast in hotel. We will visit of Saint Paul outside the wall. Time for Lunch. In the afternoon, we have a guided visit of the center of Rome where we can admire Piazza Navona and the Pantheon, The Church of St. Agostino where is conserved the Michelangelo famous painting “The Pilgrim's Virgins”, The Church of San Luigi dei Francesi where we can admire the other famous Caravaggio Painting “The Conversion of St. Matthew”. We will end with Fontana di Trevi and The Spanish Steps. Farewell dinner in restaurant and overnight.

Mass: Rome – Basilica of st Paul outside the Wall

**DAY 13 ROME/USA – Saturday, 10 May**

Breakfast in hotel and transfer to the airport for the departure.

