

EXPERIENCE IT! THE HOLY DOOR AT ST. PETER'S BASILICA

During the Holy Year 2025, the Holy Door (or 'Porta Sancta') at St. Peter's Basilica, as well as the doors of the three other major papal basilicas in Rome, will be opened. This door is typically only opened for the Jubilee, every 25 years. On the first day of the Holy Year, the Pope will symbolically strike the brick wall covering the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica with a silver hammer, opening it to the pilgrims. In this tradition dating back to the 15th century, the Holy Door symbolizes the redemption of man's sins and starting anew.



PLEASE NOTE:
Book Now rates valid until Feb 23, 2025, valid on air inclusive packages only.

IDENTIFICATION:
Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in May 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

**The Papal Blessing and Papal Audience are, at times, unavailable due to the Pope's travel schedule. Both the Blessing and Audience take place in Italian, at times with brief salutations in English and other languages.

***Vatican Museums are not available on most Sundays and Catholic holidays. Dates and times are all subject to change based on availability of reservations.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Modest dress (covering your knees and shoulders for women and long trousers for men) is required when visiting religious sites, sanctuaries, basilicas, etc.

If you are traveling in a group without a priest, we cannot guarantee daily Mass. However, you'll be able to attend Mass on most days, but the Masses will be in public churches and with rare exceptions, will be presented in Italian.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. Some of the most unique sightseeing require accessing locations that restrict motor coach access, especially in historic areas such as Assisi, Rome, and the Vatican City. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. In particular, the visits to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica require climbing 2-3 flights of tall stairs and walking over cobblestoned streets for a distance of a minimum 4 miles. Large crowds are expected at all churches and religious sites during the Holy Year. The crowds may induce the city government of Rome to introduce additional limits to motor

coach circulation determining the need to use public transportation. In addition, long lines are expected for the crossing of all Holy Doors. The program allows time for the crossing of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica but you must be prepared to stand in line for 2 to 4 hours. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

*For a carefree stay in Rome, you can opt to add 4 dinners to your trip, enhancing your stay at the hotel to a half-board arrangement. The additional dinners will be 3-course meals including water and a choice of wine or beer. This optional supplement can be booked up to 30 days prior to your trip.

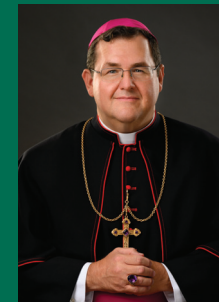
Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of February 16, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by July 23, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until February 23, 2025.

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October 22-30, 2025



HIGHLIGHTS

9 Days • 11 Meals Total • 7 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 3 Dinners

- Rome • Basilica of St. John Lateran & the Holy Stairs • St. Mary Major Basilica
- St. Paul Outside the Walls • Catacombs • Papal Blessing in Saint Peter's Square
- Assisi & Basilica of Saint Francis • Vatican City • Sistine Chapel
- St. Peter's Basilica & Holy Door • Papal Audience

DOUBLE \$4,299 ⇒ Double \$3,999* | **SINGLE \$4,899 ⇒ Single \$4,599** | **TRIPLE \$4,269 ⇒ Triple \$3,969**

**For bookings made after Feb 23, 2025 call for rates.*

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Cincinnati Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$449 per person

*All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from CVG

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Day 1: Wednesday, October 22

Overnight Flight. Become "Pilgrims of Hope" during the Holy Year 2025.

Join a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, experiencing some of the most fascinating religious sites and relics in the world. 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.

Day 2: Thursday, October 23

Rome, Italy - Tour Begins. Your tour opens in Rome, the spiritual center of the Catholic faith during the Holy Year. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at your hotel, featuring regional delicacies and Italian wine. (D)

Day 3: Friday, October 24

Rome. 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. Or opt to enhance your Roman sojourn with a half-board dinner supplement at your hotel.* (B)

Day 4: Saturday, October 25

Rome. 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. (B)

Day 5: Sunday, October 26

Papal Blessing & Prayer. 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. (B)

Day 6: Monday, October 27

Assisi - Rome. Early this morning, travel north to Assisi, where St. Francis spent most of his life. 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. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Tuesday, October 28

Vatican City - Rome. 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 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. (B)



Day 8: Wednesday, October 29

Papal Audience. 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. (B, D)

Day 9: Thursday, October 30

Rome - Tour Ends. Your spiritual journey to Rome and Assisi comes to a close. Return home with renewed faith as a Pilgrim of Hope. (B)

Optional:

3 Days & 2 Night Venice & St. Anthony of Padua Post Tour Extension

Per Person Rates:

\$999.00 USD double
\$1,299.00 USD single • land only
3 Meals: 2 Breakfasts and 1 Dinner

Day 9: Thursday, October 30

Rome - Padua - Mestre. Start your morning with a transfer to Padua and spend time in the Basilica of Saint Anthony. A sprawling church of iconic domes, this Franciscan sanctuary is visited by millions of pilgrims each year. You will have the option of celebrating

Mass here. End your day in the city of Mestre, nestled along the coast of mainland Venice. Settle in for a 2-night stay, your gateway to the Venetian lagoon. This evening, experience the flavors of the region with a relaxing dinner at your hotel. Today dinner will be included.

Day 10: Friday, October 31

Murano Island - Venice - Mestre. Enjoy a full day tour of Venice. Start your day with a boat trip* to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration. After getting a glimpse into the local culture, make your way to St. Mark's Square and

join a local expert for a walking tour. You'll explore this famous square and the St. Mark's Basilica, which enshrines the body of Saint Mark the Evangelist under the high altar. Although Saint Mark was originally buried in Egypt, legend claims that two Venetian merchants stole the saint's body from Alexandria and relocated him to Venice in the early 1800s. You will have the option of celebrating Mass here. Enjoy free time in the afternoon to explore the canals on your own before returning to your hotel on the mainland. Today breakfast will be included.



Day 11: Saturday, November 1

Mestre - Tour Ends. Say goodbye to Italy as your tour comes to a close today. Today breakfast will be included.

Please Note:

The space on this extension is limited. Applicable charges may apply at time of request. Extension space may be increased to accommodate large groups, but it is not guaranteed.

When travelling in a group of less than 16 people, Wi-Fi may not be available on the motorway transfers.

*Your visit to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice in the event of inclement weather.



Fully-guided extensions are perfect for travelers who want the complete experience of a new destination and local experiences. Travelers will have a dedicated guide throughout this entire extension.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 6 passengers is not met to operate.

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Air inclusive rate is valid for guests who have



purchased our air package for the full tour. Rate may vary for those who have purchased their own air.

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