



A Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy

Join Monsignor Luke Sweeney & Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Scarsdale, NY

The itinerary features six nights in Rome and two nights in Assisi, with a day-trip to Loreto built in as well. Daily Mass – the cornerstone of each day – will be complemented by a rich Catholic touring program designed to bring the pilgrims face to face with the great saints, martyrs, miracles and cultural heritage of Roman Catholicism. Highlights include St. Peter's Basilica, the Papal Basilicas, the Catacombs, the Roman Forum, the Pantheon, the Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square and many incredible saints, churches, basilicas and holy sites throughout Italy.

Roundtrip airfare and beautiful hotels have been arranged. A ProRome tour manager will accompany the group throughout the course of the trip, and private bus transportation, Catholic tour guides, all tours and tickets, daily breakfast and either daily lunch or dinner are included in the price.

October 9 - 18, 2025

\$3500 per person, Land Only \$4600 per person (includes airfare from John F. Kennedy Airport)

For more information or to register, please visit www.prorometours.com/IHMparish or contact ProRome Tours directly at (434) 953 1112 or by email at office@prorome.com

THE ITINERARY



Thursday, October 9 Departure From JFK

4:45 PM: Depart JFK American Airlines flight 236 to Rome (FCO). Buon viaggio!

Friday, October 10 Arrival | Tre Fontane | St. Paul's

7:05 AM, arrive FCO. Depart for the Grotto of Tre Fontane, the spot where St. Paul was beheaded. This is also the shrine of Our Lady of Revelation who in 1947 appeared to Bruno Cornacchiola, atheist, anarchist and would-be assassin of the Pope, resulting in his instantaneous conversion. Continue to the Papal Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, the burial place of St. Paul and the second largest Catholic church in the world. Time for lunch followed by a guided tour of the basilica and private Mass. Arrive at the hotel for check-in, free time and welcome dinner.

Holy Mass: Saint Paul Outside the Walls Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Saturday, October 11 Trastevere | Dr. Liz Lev

After breakfast, depart for Trastevere, the most popular neighborhood of the Eternal City, known for the history and relics of its saints, its medieval architecture and its bustling restaurants, bars and markets. In Trastevere, venerate the hand of St. Teresa of Avila at the lovely church of Santa Maria della Scala. The Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere is one of the oldest and most beautiful churches in Rome. The solemn interior of San Crisogono maintains its early Christian aura; here lies the incorrupt body of the mystic, Blessed Anna Maria Taigi. The beautiful and peaceful Basilica of Santa Cecilia in Trastevere is built over the house of the early Christian martyr St. Cecilia, and contains her relics.

In the afternoon, rendezvous with Dr. Liz Lev, one of the foremost art historians in the world, and in ProRome's opinion, the Eternal City's best tour guide, for a special coach tour of Rome followed by a special lecture on the Sistine Chapel. Dinner to follow in hotel.

** Optional visit to the North American College.

Holy Mass: Basilica in Trastevere Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Sunday, October 12 Basilicas & Catacombs

Early Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary Major followed by a tour and the veneration of the basilica's sacred relics: the Manger in which Christ was born, the Madonna Salus Populi Romani icon (Rome's most important Marian image) and the tomb of Pope St. Pius V. Around the corner from St. Mary Major is the ancient and artistically important Basilica of Santa Prassede, which houses the pillar at which Christ was scourged. Nearby is the Basilica of Santa Pudenziana which possesses the oldest (5th century) apse mosaic in Rome. From Santa Pudenziana continue "outside the walls" to the Catacombs of St. Sebastian to venerate this great martyr saint, together with the many other witnesses of the Faith buried there. Lunch at the nearby favorite, Ristorante Cecilia Metel-

After lunch depart for St. John Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome dedicated to Christ the Savior. It is the first Christian public house of worship, built after the legalization of Christianity in the 4th century by the Emperor Constantine. It is known as Mater et Caput - mother and head of all the churches in the world because it remains the offi cial seat of the Bishop of Rome since its founding. Visiting the Lateran provides pilgrims the opportunity to climb the Holy Stairs, on their knees in respect for Christ's suffering. This is the staircase of the Praetorium of Pontius Pilate that Christ ascended as he began His Passion, brought to Rome by St. Helen. The day concludes at the nearby Basilica of Holy Cross in Jerusalem which houses the relics of Christ's Passion, including a large piece of the True Cross and nails from the Crucifi xion. The evening is free with an independent

Holy Mass: Basilica of Saint Mary Major Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch

Monday, October 13 The Vatican

Mass in the Vatican Grottoes followed by a tour of the Scavi, the excavations under St. Peter's which reveal the ancient Roman cemetery where St. Peter was buried immediately after his martyrdom and where his relics have been venerated until our own day. Tour of the Basilica to follow.

After lunch, reconvene as a group to enjoy a private tour through the magnificent Vatican Museums. Highlights include Raphael's famous School of Athens and Disputa`frescoes, culminating with a visit to the Sistine Chapel, with Michelangelo's frescoed ceiling that depicts scenes from the Book of Genesis. Michelangelo's Last Judgment fresco on the altar wall is the most famous Last Judgment in the history of art. Group dinner.

Holy Mass: St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican Grottoes

Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Tuesday, October 14 Basilica of San Clemente | Roman Forum | Church of the Gesu`

Lunch and then depart for the Basilica of San Clemente, Mass. The visit includes a subterranean tour of 1st century Rome that is found two levels beneath the basilica. Afterwards, walk to the nearby Colosseum and Forum, the center of ancient Rome. Less than a kilometer walk from the Forum is the stunning church of the Gesu, burial place of St. Ignatius of Loyola and center of the Jesuit order. Return to hotel for dinner.



** Optional visit to the church of Sant'Ignazio.

Holy Mass: Basilica of San Clemente Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Wednesday, October 15Papal Audience & Centro Storico

Gather in St. Peter's Square for the Holy Father's Wednesday audience, at the conclusion of which the Pope will bless religious articles. Depart for Rome's historic center. The first stop is the Chiesa Nuova and the tomb of the "laughing saint" and "apostle of Rome" St. Philip Neri. Stroll through the Piazza Navona, once the stadium of the Emperor Domitian where the child St. Agnes was martyred in 304. The church of Sant'Agnese crowns the site and frames Bernini's magnificent Fountain of Four Rivers. The nearby churches of San Luigi dei Francesi and Sant'Agostino house some of Caravaggio's greatest paintings.

After lunch, the tour continues at one of the world's architectural wonders - the only fully intact building of antiquity, the Pantheon (a church since 609, it is dedicated to Our Lady of the Martyrs).

** Optional visits to the Trevi Fountain, the church of Sant'Andrea delle Fratte and the Spanish Steps. Holy Mass: Chiesa Nuova Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Thursday, October 16 Assisi

Early breakfast and departure for Assisi. Stop at the vineyard Montioni Frantoio e Cantina (or similar) for lunch and wine tasting. Afternoon arrival and check into hotel (TBD). Tour of the Basilica of San Francesco and Mass. Dinner and overnight.

Holy Mass: Basilica of Saint Francis Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Friday, October 17 Assisi & Loreto

After breakfast depart for Loreto, with a stop at Santa Maria degli Angeli and the Portiuncula of St. Francis of Assisi. Arrive at the Basilica of the Holy House; Mass and tour. Group lunch in Loreto. Return to Assisi in the afternoon. Free evening in Assisi.

**OR optional walking tour of Santa Chiara/Santa Maria Maggiore, Chiesa Nuova and San Rufi no (collectively, the historical center).

Dinner and overnight

Holy Mass: Sanctuary at Loreto Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Saturday, October 18 Departure

Early morning Mass and breakfast; depart for Rome FCO airport for return flight home. American Airlines flight 235 departs at 1:35 PM, with scheduled arrival at JFK at 5:05 PM.

Holy Mass: TBD Meals Included: Breakfast





Price Inclusions

Final Cost

- Eight nights lodging in double occupancy room
 - Six nights lodging at the four-star A Lifestyle Hotel in Rome
 - Two nights lodging at the four-star Valle di Assisi Hotel in Assisi
- ProRome Tour Manager throughout the course of the trip

\$990 - Single Occupancy Surcharge - Due June 10, 2025

- Professional English-speaking guides for all visits according to the above itinerary
- Tours and all entry-tickets
- Daily buffet breakfast (without choice of menus)
- Two three-course lunches (without choice of menus)
- Seven four-course dinners (without choice of menus)
- Water and house wine at included meals
- Deluxe a/c coach when required (note that we will still walk 5-7 miles per day)
- Audio guiding system throughout the course of the trip
- All gratuities

Price Exclusions

- Any personal expenses
- Beverages other than water and house wine at included meals
- One daily meal (either lunch or dinner)
- Trip Insurance (available for purchase through ProRome)



