



PROROME

CLIENT ADVISORY

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Regarding Current Events in the Middle East & Your Upcoming Pilgrimage

Dear Pilgrims,

We understand that the unfolding events in Iran and the broader Middle East may be causing concern as you prepare for your upcoming pilgrimage. We want to address this directly and equip you with both reassurance and practical tools so that you can travel with confidence and peace of mind.

Your Destinations Are Safe

First and most importantly: none of our tours travel to or through the Middle East conflict zone. Your pilgrimage destinations are located in Western, Southern, and Central Europe — thousands of miles from the areas of active conflict. These countries remain stable, fully operational tourist destinations with no disruptions to daily life, flights, or ground transportation.

As of today, the U.S. State Department advisory levels for our destinations (in the next 6 months) remain unchanged from before the current crisis:

Level 1 — Exercise Normal Precautions (the lowest and safest rating):

Greece, Ireland, Poland, Portugal

Level 2 — Exercise Increased Caution (standard for most of Western Europe, due to general terrorism awareness — the same rating in place for years):

Austria, England/Scotland (United Kingdom), France, Germany, Italy, Spain

To put this in perspective: Level 2 is the standard, longstanding advisory for virtually every major Western European tourist destination. It has not changed as a result of the current situation in Iran. Millions of Americans travel safely to these countries every year under this same advisory level.

What We Are Doing

ProRome Tours is actively monitoring the situation through the U.S. State Department, our on-the-ground partners across Europe, and international security channels. Our team has decades of combined experience operating pilgrimages across the continent, and your safety is always our highest priority. Should conditions change in any way that affects your itinerary, we will communicate with you immediately.

What You Can Do to Prepare

We recommend the following practical steps for every international traveler, regardless of world events:

1. Enroll in STEP (Smart Traveler Enrollment Program)

This is a free service from the U.S. State Department that registers your trip with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. You'll receive real-time security updates, travel alerts, and it helps the Embassy locate and contact you in an emergency.

Enroll at: step.state.gov

2. Save U.S. Embassy & Consulate Contact Information

Program the number for your destination country (our destinations in next 6 months) into your phone before departure. In an emergency abroad, the Embassy is your lifeline.

Country	Embassy / Consulate	Phone Number	Website
Italy	U.S. Embassy Rome	+39 06 46741	it.usembassy.gov
Greece	U.S. Embassy Athens	+30 210 721 2951	gr.usembassy.gov
Spain	U.S. Embassy Madrid	+34 91 587 2200	es.usembassy.gov
France	U.S. Embassy Paris	+33 1 43 12 22 22	fr.usembassy.gov
England & Wales	U.S. Embassy London	+44 20 7499 9000	uk.usembassy.gov
Scotland	U.S. Consulate Edinburgh	+44 131 556 8315	uk.usembassy.gov
Ireland	U.S. Embassy Dublin	+353 1 668 8777	ie.usembassy.gov
Poland	U.S. Embassy Warsaw	+48 22 504 2000	pl.usembassy.gov
Germany	U.S. Embassy Berlin	+49 30 8305 0	de.usembassy.gov
Austria	U.S. Embassy Vienna	+43 1 31339 0	at.usembassy.gov
Portugal	U.S. Embassy Lisbon	+351 21 727 3300	pt.usembassy.gov

After-hours emergencies (from anywhere): Call the State Department's Overseas Citizens Services at +1 (202) 501-4444 or toll-free from the U.S. at 1-888-407-4747.

3. Confirm Your Travel Insurance

Review your policy and make sure it covers trip interruption, medical evacuation, and emergency assistance abroad. If you purchased travel insurance through ProRome Tours, you are already covered. If you have questions about your coverage, contact our office.

4. Make Copies of Key Documents

Carry photocopies (or digital copies on your phone) of your passport, insurance card, and itinerary separate from the originals. We also recommend emailing yourself a scanned copy of your passport photo page so you can access it from anywhere.

5. Stay Informed, but Stay Calm

It is natural to feel uneasy when watching the news. We encourage you to check the State Department's travel advisory page at travel.state.gov for official, up-to-date guidance rather than relying solely on cable news or social media, which can amplify anxiety beyond what the facts on the ground warrant. If the State Department were to change the advisory level for any of our destinations, we would notify you immediately.

6. Know How to Reach Your Tour Manager

Your Tour Manager will be fully briefed on the current situation and will be available throughout your pilgrimage to address any concerns. Before departure, make sure you have your Tour Manager's local contact information saved in your phone.

A Word of Encouragement

Pilgrimages have always taken place against the backdrop of an imperfect world. The saints whose footsteps we follow traveled through far more uncertain times than our own. We encourage you to entrust your journey to Our Lord and Our Lady, to pray for peace in the world, and to look forward with joy to the graces that await you at the holy sites.

If you have any questions or concerns about your upcoming trip, please do not hesitate to contact our office. We are here to serve you.

Yours in Christ,

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