



PROROME



A Spring Pilgrimage to Italy

With Tyburn Academy & Holy Spirit Prep (Atlanta)

This pilgrimage features six nights in Rome, with a day trip to Assisi along the way. Daily Mass – the cornerstone of each day – will be complemented by a touring program that will immerse the pilgrims in the incredible history, heritage and relics of our Catholic Faith. Highlights include the Angelus with the Holy Father in Saint Peter's Square, the Papal Basilicas of Rome, the Catacombs, the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, the Pantheon, and the Basilicas of Saint Francis and Saint Clare in Assisi.

Round Trip airfare and centrally-located accommodations will be arranged. A ProRome tour manager will accompany the group throughout the course of the pilgrimage, and private bus transportation, Catholic tour guides, all tours, tickets and gratuities, and daily breakfast and daily dinner are included in the price.

May 15-22, 2026

\$2400 per person, land-only

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



The Itinerary

Every day of pilgrimage will include the celebration of Holy Mass, locations to be determined based on availability. Additionally, every day will include breakfast and either lunch or dinner. Thus pilgrims will be provided two meals daily.

Friday, May 15 Departure

Departure information TBD.

Saturday, May 16 Rome: Arrival & Saint Peter's Basilica

Late morning arrival in the city, check in at religious guesthouse and free time for lunch. Afternoon tour of St. Peter's Square and St. Peter's Basilica. After a guided tour of the basilica with its artistic, historic and spiritual riches, there is the option to climb to the top of Michelangelo's dome to experience the singularly most incredible panorama of

Rome!

Evening welcome dinner together.

Sunday, May 17 Rome: Angelus & Centro Storico

After attending Mass (church TBD), the group will rendezvous in St. Peter's Square for the Angelus with the Holy Father.

A leisurely Sunday afternoon will be marked by a walking tour of Rome's centro storico, the historic city center, with an emphasis on monuments of the Catholic Counter-Reformation. Rome was the epicenter of religious renewal sparked by the Council of Trent, as saints, popes and religious orders sponsored magnificent works of architecture and art that still proclaim the message of Catholic truth and tradition to the world.

The Chiesa Nuova is the burial place of Saint Philip Neri. Nearby is the Piazza Navona, which in Roman times was the Stadium of Domitian, where the child Agnes was martyred in the year 304. Today she is honored at the Baroque church of Sant'Agnese which crowns the piazza. Opposite the church is Bernini's exuberant Fountain of Four Rivers. The nearby churches of San Luigi dei Francesi and Sant'Agostino are embellished with masterpieces by Caravaggio. Sant'Agostino is dear to Pope Leo XIV; it houses the tomb of St. Monica and is the headquarters of the Augustinian Order.

A highlight of any visit to Rome is the Pantheon, one of the most fascinating buildings ever constructed. Originally a temple to the planetary deities, it was completed around 125 AD under the Emperor Hadrian. In the year 609 it was consecrated as a church and dedicated to Saint Mary and the Martyrs. This Christianized pagan temple is the only fully intact building from Greco-Roman antiquity. The immense circular structure is a wonder of Roman engineering while its religious history reflects Rome's "eternal" character.

Evening dinner together.

Monday, May 18 Rome: St. Paul's | Catacombs | St. Mary Major | The Lateran | Holy Cross In Jerusalem

Morning departure for the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls for Mass. This is the second largest church in Rome, built over the tomb of St. Paul, which is visible from the confessio situated in front

of the high altar. A tour of the basilica recalls the story of St. Paul and his martyrdom and burial in Rome. The basilica itself has a fascinating history, from its consecration in the year 402, to the year 1823 when it was almost lost to fire, to its subsequent rebuilding which was aided by gifts and donations from world over.

Journey from St. Paul Outside the Walls to the Via Appia Antica (also "outside the walls") and the Catacombs of St. Sebastian, named for the soldier-martyr buried and venerated there. Group lunch on the Via Appia at Ristorante Cecilia Metella.

After lunch, visit one of Rome's most beloved churches, the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, with Holy Mass near the tomb of Pope Francis. Touring the basilica is a call to prayer: the miraculous icon Madonna Salus Populi Romani (Rome's most important Marian image) has been at St. Mary Major since the 6th century; the manger in which Christ was born was brought to the basilica in the 7th century; many pray at the tomb of St. Pius V to ask the intercession of this pope of Lepanto and the Counter Reformation.

Later in the afternoon visit the Cathedral of Rome, the "Lateran Basilica," built by the Emperor Constantine in the 4th century. This church is known as mater et caput - mother and head of all the churches of the world because it remains the official seat of the Bishop of Rome since its founding. This is also the site of the Holy Stairs, the very stairs that Christ ascended when He was brought to trial at the Praetorium of Pontius Pilate. The stairs are climbed on one's knees out of respect for our Lord and His Passion. A short distance away is the Basilica of Holy Cross in Jerusalem where more relics of Christ's Passion are safeguarded, including a large piece of the True Cross and nails from the Crucifixion.

Tuesday, May 19 Assisi: Saint Francis & Saint Clare

Breakfast, then early departure for the Basilica of Saint Francis in Assisi for Mass. After Mass, everyone will receive a guided tour of the Basilica, beginning in the crypt where Saint Francis is buried and culminating in the upper basilica. The basilica is a wellspring of medieval art, but the greatest achievement is found in the upper basilica: Giotto's renowned fresco cycle of scenes narrating the life of St. Francis. Free time for lunch after the tour.

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The afternoon will further reveal Assisi's sacred character. At the Basilica of Saint Clare, Clare's incorrupt body is venerated. Here also hangs the San Damiano crucifix that spoke to Saint Francis, asking him to "Rebuild my Church which is falling into disrepair." The Chiesa Nuova is built over the childhood home of Saint Francis. The church of Santa Maria Maggiore is where Blessed Carlo Acutis is entombed. The Cathedral of San Rufino is where Saint Francis and Saint Clare were baptized. Free time to stroll through Assisi before returning to Rome.

Wednesday, May 20

Rome: Papal Audience & Vatican Museums

Day begins with the Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square with the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. Group Mass to follow.

Free time for lunch before touring the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel. Founded in the 16th century, the Vatican Museums preserve the world's greatest collections of Early Christian, Medieval and Renaissance art. Dinner together in the evening.

Thursday, May 21

Rome: Trastevere & Centro Storico

A morning spent in Trastevere, Rome's most popular neighborhood, reveals legendary churches, relics and art, as well as bustling restaurants, bars and markets. The counter-reformation Spanish saint, Teresa of Avila, is venerated at the church of Santa Maria della Scala which houses the relic of her hand. Yet an aura of early Christian antiquity also permeates Trastevere, particularly in its basilicas: Santa Maria in Trastevere was the earliest site of Christian worship in Rome; the Basilica of San Crisogono dates to the 4th century (it also houses the shrine and incorrupt body of the mystic Blessed Anna Maria Taigi); finally, the monastery and basilica of Santa Cecilia in Trastevere are an oasis of tranquility. The church is built over the house of the early Christian martyr Cecilia. In the year 821 St. Cecilia's incorrupt body was transferred from the Catacombs of Callixtus to this church built in her honor.

After lunch, cross the Tiber and climb the Capitoline Hill to visit St. Helen's burial place in the Basilica of Ara Caeli. Visit the Jesuit churches celebrated for their astonishing illusionistic ceilings: the church of the Gesu - where St. Ignatius of

Loyola is buried, and the basilica of Sant'Ignazio - where St. Robert Bellarmine and St. Aloysius Gonzaga are buried.

Wrap up the day with visits to the famous piazzas of the Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps, as well as the nearby church of Sant'Andrea delle Fratte where our Lady appeared to the Jewish anti-Catholic Alphonse Rattisbonne, who was instantly converted and became a priest.

Farewell dinner in the evening.

Friday, May 22

Departure

Following breakfast we will depart for Rome FCO airport for our return flights home. Buon viaggio!





More Details

► Final Cost

\$2400, land-only

► Payment Schedule

- \$1200 - Due December 15, 2025
- \$1200 - Due January 15, 2026

► Price Inclusions

- Six nights lodging in double occupancy rooms at the three-star Casa per Ferie Santa Maria alle Fornaci (or similar) in Rome
- ProRome Tour Manager throughout the course of the trip
- Professional English-speaking guides for all visits according to the above itinerary
- Tours and all entry-tickets
- Daily buffet breakfast (without choice of menus)
- Three three-course dinners (without choice of menus)
- One three-course lunch (without choice of menus)
- Water and house wine at meals
- Deluxe a/c coach when required (note that we will still walk 4-8 miles per day)
- Audio guiding system throughout the course of the trip
- Gratuities for the tour manager and bus driver

► Price Exclusions

- Any personal expenses
- Any meals not listed above
- Beverages other than water at included meals
- Trip Insurance (available for purchase through ProRome)



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