



PROROME



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A Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy

Join Fr. Bryan Lowe, Fr. Bryan Jerabek and Catholics from the Diocese of Birmingham, AL

This pilgrimage features two nights in Siena, two nights in Assisi, two nights in San Giovanni Rotondo and four nights in Rome, with day-trips to Orvieto, Lanciano, and the Sanctuary of Saint Michael 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 an Audience with the Holy Father in Saint Peter's Square, the Papal Basilicas of Rome, the Colosseum, the Duomo of Orvieto, the Basilicas of Saint Francis and Saint Clare in Assisi and the Eucharistic Miracles of Lanciano and Siena.

Roundtrip airfare and centrally-located four star hotels (TBD) 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 and tickets, daily breakfast and daily dinner are included in the price. One daily meal (lunch) is the only item not included in the price.

February 4 - 15, 2025

\$4890 per person (includes airfare from ATL Airport)

For more information or to register, please visit www.prorometours.com/birmingham2025 or contact ProRome Tours directly at (434) 953 1112 or by email at office@prorome.com

THE ITINERARY



Tuesday, February 4 Departure

Departure information TBD.

Wednesday, February 5 Orvieto | Siena

Upon arrival in Rome we will be met by our Tour Director and private bus and depart immediately for Siena. On the way there, we will stop in the beautiful city of Orvieto, home to one of Italy's finest Gothic cathedrals, the Duomo of Orvieto. This cathedral serves as a solemn reliquary for the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena, the first Church-approved Eucharistic miracle and the impetus behind the institution of the Feast of Corpus Christi! Here we will have Holy Mass.

After enjoying free time for lunch in Orvieto, we are back on the bus and headed to Siena. Upon arrival, we will check into our beautiful four-star hotel and take some time to freshen up. We will then enjoy a group dinner together at our hotel before retiring for the evening.

Holy Mass: The Duomo (Cathedral) of Orvieto
Meals Included: Dinner

Thursday, February 6 Siena

Following breakfast, we will begin our day with a walking tour through Siena, found in the heart of the Chianti region of Tuscany. Here we will explore the life and legacy of Saint Catherine of Siena, the great mystic and Doctor of the Church. Saint Catherine helped to restore the faith of the people of Europe following the 14th century Black Death, through her incredible preaching, miracle work and mission to bring the Pope back to Rome. Our morning tour in Siena features the Basilica of San Domenico (where we will have Holy Mass), the Sanctuary House of Saint Catherine and the Basilica of San Francesco, which is home to another Eucharistic miracle.

Following our morning tour, the group will enjoy free time for lunch in the Piazza del Campo, Italy's most celebrated medieval square known for the famous "Palio," a horse race in which ten of Siena's neighborhoods send a jockey and a horse to compete in a bareback race three times around the square. We will then rendezvous for an afternoon tour through the Duomo of Siena, one of Europe's greatest Cathedrals which is full of incredible works of sacred art. We then return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Holy Mass: Basilica di San Domenico (Siena)
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Friday, February 7 Assisi: Saint Francis & Saint Clare

Following breakfast, we will depart Siena for the Basilica of Saint Francis in Assisi, where we will celebrate Holy Mass. We will then enjoy a guided tour of the Basilica with a Franciscan friar. Beginning in the crypt, where Saint Francis is buried and culminating in the upper Basilica where we will explore in detail the life of Saint Francis, vividly displayed in Giotto's great frescoes adorning the walls of the church. There will then be free time for lunch.

Following lunch our tour of Assisi continues, first with the Basilica of Saint Clare where we will venerate the incorrupt body of Saint Clare, as well as the San Damiano crucifix from which Christ spoke to Saint Francis more than 800 years ago, asking him to "repair the Church which is falling into disrepair." Our tour then features visits to the church of the Chiesa Nuova, built over the childhood home of Saint Francis, the church of Santa Maria Maggiore where Blessed Carlo Acutis is entombed, and the Cathedral of San Rufino, where Saint Francis and Saint Clare were baptized. There will then be free time in the city before rendezvousing for dinner together before retiring for the night.

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

Saturday, February 8 Assisi: Santa Maria Degli Angeli

Following breakfast, we will depart down the hill for the great baroque Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli. Here we will visit the original home of the Franciscan Order, and the place of Saint Francis' death at the Porziuncola Chapel. We will celebrate Holy Mass, enjoy a guided tour of the basilica, and then have time for personal prayer. We will then have the rest of the afternoon at leisure to enjoy an independent lunch and spend our free time as we wish.

In the late afternoon we will convene in the church of Saint Mary Major, the resting place of Blessed Carlo Acutis, for a Holy Hour. We will then enjoy our delicious dinner to celebrate our last night in Assisi before retiring for the evening.

Holy Mass: Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Sunday, February 9 San Giovanni Rotondo

After breakfast we will depart Assisi on our six hour bus ride to San Giovanni Rotondo. Along the way we will stop in Lanciano, the site of a Eucharistic Miracle that took place in the 8th century to a monk who doubted Christ's true presence in the Eucharist. Following the prayers of Consecration, this monk watched as the host was changed into living flesh and the wine was changed into living blood, which coagulated into five balls, irregular and differing in shape and size. Scientific studies have proven that this is in fact living human flesh of muscular tissue from the heart. Here we will celebrate Holy Mass together.

Following Mass, we will continue on our journey to San Giovanni Rotondo. Upon our arrival we will receive a guided tour. We will visit the friary where Padre Pio lived and worked many miracles. Our tour will conclude with the opportunity to pray in front of the incorrupt body of St. Padre Pio. In the evening, we will enjoy dinner and an overnight stay at our hotel..

Holy Mass: Lanciano
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Monday, February 10 Sanctuary Of St. Michael The Archangel

Our day begins with Holy Mass at San Giovanni Rotondo. We will then take a day trip to the nearby Sanctuary of St. Michael the Archangel, a medieval sanctuary built into the rocky summit of a mountain overlooking the Adriatic Sea. In the 5th century, when barbarian invasions were unsettling many parts of the European continent, the local bishop saw a miraculous apparition of Saint Michael on this site. For over a thousand years it has been one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Europe. We will then return to San Giovanni Rotondo for a free afternoon before everyone returns to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

ITINERARY CONTINUED



Holy Mass: San Giovanni Rotondo
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Tuesday, February 11 **Rome: City Of Peter & Paul**

After breakfast we will depart San Giovanni Rotondo for Rome. Once outside the walls of Rome, we will visit the Papal Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, the burial place of Saint Paul and the second-largest Catholic church in the world. Located just south of the historical center on the banks of the Tiber river, Saint Paul's is a peaceful refuge and the perfect place to begin our Rome portion of the pilgrimage. Upon arrival, we will enjoy a guided tour of the Basilica and a private Mass in one of the Basilica's chapels.

We will then depart for our beautiful four-star hotel, where we will check-in and enjoy some free time to freshen up. From there we will depart for Saint Peter's Square for an introductory tour of Rome. The Eternal City would not be eternal were it not for the Church and the efforts made by her countless holy saints and martyrs to persevere in the Faith and pass it down. After a walking tour through Saint Peter's Square, the Via della Conciliazione and the Bridge of the Angels we will return to the Vatican area for dinner and overnight at our four-star hotel.

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

Wednesday, February 12 **Rome: Papal Audience |** **Vatican Museums**

Following breakfast we will attend an Audience with the Holy Father in Saint Peter's Square. Make sure to bring religious articles which the Pope will bless at the conclusion of the Audience! After the audience, we will attend Mass in the church of San Lorenzo in Piscibus, followed by free time for lunch. You might

consider strolling through the medieval Borgo Pio neighborhood and stopping in one of the Borgo's many quaint restaurants for a sumptuous Italian pranzo. Our favorites? I Tre Pupazzi and Arlu.

In the afternoon we will rendezvous in St Peter's Square and depart for the Vatican Museums. Here our guide will take us through the most incredible collection of ancient, medieval and sacred art found anywhere in the world which concludes in the Sistine Chapel. We will then return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Holy Mass: San Lorenzo in Piscibus
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Thursday, February 13 **Rome: St. Peter's Basilica | Colosseum** **Museums**

Following an early breakfast, we depart for Saint Peter's Basilica for Mass followed by a guided tour of the basilica. Following the tour, you might consider climbing to the top of Michelangelo's dome - nearly 450 feet above the streets below! There will then be free time for lunch.

After lunch we will depart for the Colosseum for a guided tour. This incredible amphitheater once hosted gladiator games, mock sea battles, and public executions. Thousands of Christians were martyred here, and the Colosseum is therefore a sacred place, a reminder for us that the blood of the martyrs is indeed the seed of the Faith. We will then return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Holy Mass: St. Peter's Basilica
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Friday, February 14 **Rome: Basilicas | Centro Storico &** **Counter Reformation**

Today we will visit the great Basilica of Saint Mary Major where we will have Holy Mass

followed by a tour. Following our time here we will make our way to the Cathedral of Rome, "the Lateran." Built by Constantine in the 4th century, this church is known as the "Mater et Caput" - the mother and head of all the churches in the entire world, as it officially became the seat of the Bishop of Rome upon the legalization of Christianity under the Emperor Constantine the Great. After the tour everyone will have the opportunity to climb the Holy Stairs - the very stairs that Christ once walked in the Praetorium of Pontius Pilate. The stairs must be climbed on one's knees out of respect for our Lord and the suffering he endured. We will then walk down the street to venerate the most Holy Relics of Christ's Passion, including a large relic of the True Cross, kept in the Basilica of Holy Cross in Jerusalem.

After a leisurely independent lunch, we will learn all about the Catholic Counter-Reformation, highlighting the saints, religious orders, art and architecture that all played a part in this great movement. This tour will take us through the "Centro Storico," the historic center of Rome, where you will explore Rome's most favorite and photographed places such as the Piazza Navona,

artwork by Bernini and Carravaggio, the Pantheon, the Trevi Fountain and more! We will then return to our hotel for dinner and some much needed rest.

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

Saturday, February 15 **Departure**

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

Holy Mass: TBD
Meals Included: Breakfast



▶ **Final Cost**

\$4890 per person, airfare & bus transfer to ATL Airport included

▶ **Payment Schedule**

\$200 - ProRome Registration Fee - Due upon Registration

\$2345 - Due August 2, 2024

\$2345 - Due September 27, 2024

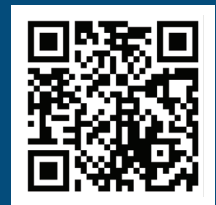
\$990 - Single Occupancy Surcharge (if applicable) - September 27, 2024

▶ **Price Includes**

- Roundtrip airfare on Delta Air Lines in Economy Class
 - One checked-bag, one carry-on and one personal item permitted
- Ten nights lodging in a double occupancy room
 - Two nights lodging at the four-star Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Siena
 - Two nights lodging at the four-star Hotel Cenacolo in Assisi
 - Two nights lodging at the four-star Hotel Gran Paradiso in San Giovanni Rotondo
 - Four nights lodging at the four-star Starhotels Michelangelo in Rome
- ProRome Tour Manager throughout the course of the trip
- Professional qualified English-speaking guides for all visits according to the above itinerary
- Tours and all entry-tickets
- Daily buffet breakfast (without choice of menus)
- Daily three-course dinner (without choice of menus)
- Water and house wine at meals
- Deluxe A/C coach when required (note that we will still walk 3-5 miles per day)
- Audio guiding system throughout the course of the trip

▶ **Price Exclusions**

- Any personal expenses
- Daily lunch
- Beverages other than water and house wine at included meals
- Trip Insurance (available for purchase through ProRome)
- Gratuities for the Tour Manager and Driver
 - Suggested \$20-\$30 per person for both the tour manager and the bus driver



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