



# PROROME



**A Spring Pilgrimage to Italy**

**REGISTER TODAY**

**Join Fr. Matthew Rensch and St. Andrew's, St. Patrick's  
and Our Lady of the Snows Parishes, Burlington VT**

This pilgrimage will immerse you in the vast cultural and Catholic heritage of Italy. The itinerary features four nights in Rome and five nights in Assisi. Day trips to Bagnoregio, Orvieto, San Galgano, Siena, Citta di Castello, Perugia, Cascia, and Norcia are also included. Daily Mass - the cornerstone of each day - will be complemented by a rich Catholic touring program that will bring the pilgrims face to face with the many shrines and sacred sites and relics found throughout the course of the itinerary. There will be ample opportunities to enter into the lives of many saints who either lived or died in the towns we will pilgrimage to. This pilgrimage specifically includes time for prayer and veneration at the Eucharistic Miracles of Orvieto and Siena, and at the bodies of three incorrupt saints: St. Rita of Cascia, St. Veronica Giuliani, and Bl. Carlo Acutis.

Round Trip airfare from Vermont 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 and tickets, daily breakfast and an additional daily meal are included in the price. One daily meal (either lunch or dinner) is the only item not included in the price.

**April 28 - May 8, 2025**

**\$4740 per person (includes airfare from Boston Airport)**

For more information or to register, please visit [www.prorometours.com/fr-matthew-reusch/](http://www.prorometours.com/fr-matthew-reusch/) or contact ProRome Tours directly at (434) 953 1112 or by email at [office@prorome.com](mailto:office@prorome.com)



# THE ITINERARY



## Monday, April 28 Departure

Flight information can be found on ProRome's trip webpage.

## Tuesday, April 29 Arrival In Rome

Welcome to Rome! After landing at Fiumicino, we will meet our tour manager and bus driver who will take us to our hotel. Here we will check in to our four-star hotel and get settled in. We will then proceed to a local restaurant for a welcome lunch all together. After enjoying our lunch, we will walk to St. Peter's Square where we will have our introductory tour to Rome, the Vatican and Christianity. Since this year is a Jubilee Year, we will have the opportunity to enter through the Jubilee Door at St. Peter's Basilica and receive a plenary indulgence! We will finish the day with Holy Mass at San Lorenzo in Piscibus before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Holy Mass: San Lorenzo in Piscibus**  
**Meals Included: Lunch and Dinner**

## Wednesday, April 30

### Rome: Saint Peter's Basilica | Saint Paul Outside The Walls | Saint Mary Major

Our first day in Rome begins with a visit to St. Peter's Basilica, where we have Holy Mass followed by a tour of the greatest church in the world - built over the tomb of St. Peter himself. Following the tour there will be free time for lunch in the lovely Borgo Pio neighborhood of Rome, adjacent to the Vatican City.

After lunch we will depart for the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, the burial place of Saint Paul and the second-largest church in the world, second only to St. Peter's. Here we will enjoy a guided tour of this incredible relic of early Christianity. Following our tour we will depart for the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major, one of the greatest churches in the world and still standing from the 5th century! On our tour of Saint Mary Major we will be able to venerate many sacred relics, such as the Manger in which Christ was born, the Madonna Salus Populi Romani (Rome's most important Marian image) and the tomb of Pope Saint Pius V. We will then return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

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

## Thursday, May 1

### Rome: The Lateran | Holy Relics | Centro Storico

After breakfast we're off 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.\* Following Mass and a 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 free time for lunch we will enjoy a walking tour through the "Centro Storico", the historic center of Rome, where we will explore Rome's most favorite and photographed places, such as the Piazza Navona, the Church of Saint Agnes, the Church of San Luigi dei Francesi, and the Basilica of Sant'Agostino. Our day then concludes with a visit to arguably the greatest building in Rome, the Pantheon. The Pantheon is the only fully intact building from Roman antiquity. It is a masterpiece of architecture and yet no architecture degree is necessary to appreciate

the simple beauty of this, now Catholic, church. For those interested, there will be the option to round the corner and go into Santa Maria Sopra Minerva and pray in the Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas.\*\* Santa Maria Sopra Minerva was where John Henry Newman attended his first Catholic Mass. We will then enjoy dinner together at the hotel.

\* This Year will be the 1700th birthday of the Basilica of St. John Lateran

\*\* This Year we celebrate the 800th anniversary of St. Thomas Aquinas' birth

**Holy Mass: The Lateran**  
**Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner**

## Friday, May 2

### Rome: Santo Spirito | Scavi Tour | Pontifical North American College | Borghese Gallery & Museum

We will begin our day with Mass at Santo Spirito, which houses the heart of St. Faustina Kowalska. After Mass, we will return to the Vatican where we will embark on the Scavi Tour, a unique subterranean tour that takes the visitor right to the tomb of St. Peter himself. Following the tour, all will walk to the nearby Pontifical North American College where we will have a chance to take in their breathtaking rooftop view of St. Peter's Basilica! We will then enjoy an independent lunch.

After free time for lunch, we will enjoy a tour through the rich and magnificent Borghese Gallery and Museum. As one of the most renowned art galleries in the world, the Borghese Gallery proudly houses paintings by artists such as Raphael and Caravaggio and sculptures by the one and only, Gian Lorenzo Bernini, among other wonders. Concluding our tour, we will then return to the hotel for dinner together.

**Holy Mass: Santo Spirito**  
**Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner**

## Saturday, May 3

### Bagnoregio | Orvieto | Assisi

This morning we will depart Rome and board our private motor-coach for Assisi. On the way there we will make two important stops. Our first stop will be the town of Bagnoregio, which houses the remains of St. Bonaventure. Our second stop along our journey will be the beautiful city of Orvieto, home to one of Italy's finest Gothic cathedrals, the Duomo of Orvieto, which 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 and a private tour.

After enjoying a nice lunch in Orvieto we are back on the bus and headed to Assisi. As we near Assisi, we will visit the original home of the Franciscan order, and the place of St. Francis's death at the Porziuncola chapel

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inside the great baroque Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. After some time to pray, we will drive two minutes down the street and check-in at our four-star hotel, Hotel Cenacolo. After some time to freshen up, we will then enjoy a group dinner together.

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

## **Sunday, May 4** **Assisi**

Today begins with Mass in the Basilica of St. Francis at the tomb of Saint Francis. We will then enjoy a guided tour of Assisi, which includes visits to the Basilica of Saint Clare, the Cathedral of San Rufino, the church of Saint Mary Major (where Bl. Carlo Acutis is buried), and many other sacred churches and burial sites found throughout the Seraphic City. On this tour you will explore the life and legacy of Saint Francis and Saint Clare, walking in their footsteps and praying at their tombs.

In the afternoon there will be free time for shopping, or for an optional hike from the convent of San Damiano (where Saint Clare lived and passed into eternal life) and up into the mountains to the very place where St. Francis first fled from the world - the hermitage of Assisi. In the evening we will enjoy a group dinner at Il Medioevo, one of Assisi's most authentic restaurants. We will then return to our hotel overnight.

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

## **Monday, May 5** **Abbey Of San Galgano | Siena**

Following breakfast we will depart for the Abbey of San Galgano. Here we will find a monastery with the very first gothic church ever built in Tuscany. We will also encounter the Hermitage of Monte Siepi which is home to the real Sword and the Stone of San Galga-

no. After taking in the history and beauty of the abbey, we will board our bus for the nearby town of Siena.

Siena is 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 tour in Siena features the Basilica of San Domenico (where we will have Mass), the Sanctuary House of Saint Catherine and the Basilica of San Francesco, which is home to a Eucharistic miracle. Along our tour we will enjoy some 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. When our tour has concluded, we will return to our hotel in Assisi for dinner and overnight.

**Holy Mass: Basilica of San Domenico**  
**Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner**

## **Tuesday, May 6** **Citta Di Castello | Perugia**

Today we will be taking a day trip to Citta di Castello. Here we will be learning about the life of the incredible mystic, St. Veronica Giuliani. We will have the opportunity to visit the Monastery of St. Veronica Giuliani where the Capuchin Poor Clares live and pray at the saint's incorrupt body! After a prayerful morning there will be free time for lunch, prayer and exploring. After lunch we will board the bus to return to Assisi. Along the way back, we will stop in the area of Perugia. Here we will have the opportunity to visit the Church of San Domenico in Perugia and the Church of the Holy Angels, which is almost a

thousand years old! Perugia is known for its beautiful architecture and piazzas so we will be sure to have some free time to wander the streets! We will then return to our hotel in Assisi for dinner and overnight.

**Holy Mass: TBD**  
**Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner**

## **Wednesday, May 7** **Cascia | Norcia**

Today we will board the motor-coach and travel to the town of Cascia, entering into the life of the incredible Saint Rita of Cascia. We will have the opportunity to pray and celebrate Holy Mass in the Basilica of Saint Rita, which holds her incorrupt body! We will then have the opportunity to visit the Monastery of St. Rita as well, before enjoying some free time for lunch and exploring. There will be the opportunity to visit and learn about a local Eucharistic miracle as well.

In the afternoon, we will leave Cascia for the nearby town of Norcia, the birthplace of Sts. Benedict and Scholastica. Here we will have the opportunity to visit the Benedictine Monastery of Norcia. We will enjoy a guided tour by the American monks here and take some time to pray in this incredible monastery. We will then return to Assisi for our final farewell dinner.

**Holy Mass: Basilica of Saint Rita**  
**Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner**

## **Thursday, May 8 - Departure**

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

**Meals Included: Breakfast**





### ► Final Cost

\$4740 per person (includes airfare from Boston Airport)

### ► Payment Schedule

\$200 - ProRome Registration Fee - Due upon Registration

First 50% Installment - Due October 28, 2024

Second 50% Installment - Due December 28, 2024

\$990 Single Occupancy Surcharge (If Applicable) - Due December 28, 2024

### ► Price Includes

- 9 nights lodging in double occupancy room
  - Four nights lodging at the four-star Hotel Villa Pamphili in Rome
  - Five nights lodging at the four-star hotel, Hotel Cenacolo in Assisi
- ProRome Tour Manager throughout the course of the trip
- Professional English-speaking guides for all visits according to the itinerary
- Tours and all entry-tickets
- Daily buffet breakfast (without choice of menus)
- Daily three-course lunch OR dinner - see itinerary (without choice of menus)
- Water and house wine at meals
- Deluxe a/c coach when required (note that we will still walk 3-7 miles per day)
- Audio guiding system throughout the course of the trip

### ► Price Exclusions

- Airfare (will be added 11 months prior to the date of return)
- Any personal expenses
- Daily lunch
- Beverages other than water 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 driver



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