

# HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

*including Orvieto, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo,  
Loreto, Lanciano, and Rome*

**with Dr. Marcellino and Susan D'Ambrosio**

**11 Days  
April 29-May 9, 2025**



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## WHAT'S THE COST?

Total Trip Cost from JFK  
**\$5895.00**

Total Trip Cost from DFW  
**\$6095.00**

Land Only\*  
**\$4895.00**

Solo Traveler  
(Additional Cost)  
**\$995.00**

Prices are per person

\*Land Only - Option to purchase air on your own  
and meet the group at the airport on  
April 30, 2025

Group Air Price based on a minimum  
of 10 passengers

Prices are valid only if the deposit is  
received no later than December 8, 2024

Final payment is due January 29, 2025

TRIP CODE: 25JA04ITMD



### ACCORDING TO NEW RULES

Tickets for museums and the Scavi  
can be purchased once all group  
participant names are provided.  
We will make all efforts to secure  
entrance to the space within 90 days  
of departure or when we have  
the names.

This active program  
requires walking ten  
to twelve thousand steps  
daily, often on uneven  
surfaces, cobblestones,  
and some stairs.

Enroll online to guarantee  
your spot immediately. You can  
manage your trip, see your  
documents and itinerary, and view  
or pay your invoice, from any  
computer or mobile device.



## PLENARY INDULGENCE

A Jubilee, a Holy Year, is a great religious event. It is a special holy year of grace and pilgrimage in the Catholic Church. It typically takes place once every 25 years, though the pope can call for extraordinary Jubilee years more often, such as in the case of the 2016 Year of Mercy or the 2013 Year of Faith.

It is a year of forgiveness of sins and also the punishment due to sin; it is a year of reconciliation between adversaries, of conversion and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and consequently of solidarity, hope, justice, commitment to

serve God with joy and in peace with our brothers and sisters. A Jubilee year is, above all, the year of Christ, who brings life and grace to humanity. The origin of the Christian Jubilee goes back to Bible times.

A central part of any Jubilee are the Holy Doors. They are ceremoniously opened during Jubilee years, so that pilgrims who enter through these doors may piously gain the plenary indulgences ...The four main Holy Doors are St. Peter's Basilica, Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, Basilica of St. Mary the Great, Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

*Our pilgrimage will include all four Holy Doors.*

## Daily Itinerary

### ✚ April 29, Tuesday, DAY 1: DEPART THE USA

Depart on an overnight flight from New York or Dallas to Rome. Dinner and breakfast will be served on the flight. Quotes for add-on flights, optional premium economy, and business class upgrades are available upon request. Group airfare does not permit us to assign specific seats. If specific seating on the airplane is an important feature of the trip for you, please purchase your own flights and purchase the land-only portion of the trip with us.

### ✚ April 30, Wednesday, DAY 2: ARRIVE ROME – ORVIETO – UMBRIA

We arrive in Rome in the morning and are greeted at the airport by our English-speaking tour guide, who will accompany us during the pilgrimage. We board the bus and drive north for approximately 2 hours to reach Orvieto, where we visit the Gothic cathedral built to house the holy relics of the Eucharistic Miracle of Orvieto. This miracle occasioned the proclamation of the Feast of Corpus Christi and inspired St. Thomas Aquinas to write the famous hymn "Tantum Ergo." After lunch, we celebrate Mass. Continue to Umbria, where we will spend the next two nights. Check-in at the hotel for dinner and an overnight. (L.D)

### ✚ May 1, Thursday, DAY 3: ASSISI

After an early breakfast, we transfer to Assisi. We start at the Basilica of St. Francis to Celebrate Mass at the Tomb of St. Francis. Our local guide will take us to explore the Basilica complex, which is composed of two churches built atop each other. Beneath both churches is the crypt that houses the tomb of St. Francis. The lower Basilica dates from 1228 to 1230 and is richly decorated with beautiful stained glass windows and paintings done by some of the most important artists of the 13th and 14th centuries. In the upper Basilica, built from 1230 - 1253, we will marvel at the monumental frescoes painted by Giotto, which depict scenes from the saint's life. Continue to visit the Basilica of St. Clare, the Franciscan movement's first and most important heroine, view her remains, and see the miraculous Crucifix. After lunch on your own, we will visit San Damiano Sanctuary. "One day in the autumn of 1205, the Lord was waiting here for Francis, and on a morning in April of 1211, the Lord welcomed Clare together with her first sisters. They encountered each other and thus began their Christian adventure. Next, we will visit the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli. Crowned by the magnificent dome designed by Alessi, this great Basilica was built in 1569. It enclosed the shrine of the Porziuncola or the Little Portion Chapel, around which the first Franciscan community was centered, where Clare received the habit from Francis, and the Capella Del Transito, which marks where the Saint died. We will also visit Blessed Carlo Acutis's grave at the Renunciation Shrine. Return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight. (B.D)

### ✚ May 2, Friday, DAY 4: ASSISI – LORETO – PESCARA

After breakfast, we board our motorcoach and drive towards the Adriatic Coast. Our first stop is Loreto, where we see the Holy House of Nazareth transported here from the Holy Land, as tradition tells us. In it, we view the most reproduced Madonna in the world: the Black Madonna of Loreto. We celebrate Mass and then have lunch in Loreto before heading south to our hotel in Pescara. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Pescara. (B.L.D)

## ✚ May 3, Saturday, DAY 5: PESCARA – LANCIANO – WINERY VISIT IN ORTONO – ADRIATIC COAST

After breakfast, we depart for Lanciano to visit the Church of St. Longinus, the site of what many believe is the greatest Eucharistic Miracle of the Catholic Church. In the 8th century, a monk offering mass was said to be plagued by doubts regarding transubstantiation. When pronouncing the words of consecration, the host miraculously changed into flesh and the wine into blood. Since that time, countless pilgrims have visited to behold the monstrosity which contains the miracle. We celebrate Mass before departing for Ortono, where we will have a wine tasting and lunch at a local winery. We continue towards the Adriatic Coast where we will spend the next two nights. Dinner is at the hotel. Overnight along the Adriatic Coast. (B.Special Lunch with wine tasting,D)

## ✚ May 4, Sunday, DAY 6: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO – ST. MICHAEL'S GROTTA

Following breakfast at the hotel, we travel to San Giovanni Rotondo, where we visit places associated with Padre Pio, the old church where he received the stigmata, and the new Santa Maria Delle Grazie church, where Padre Pio committed himself to hours of listening to Confession as he was incredibly devoted to the sacrament. It was said that he could read souls, and pilgrims have long been known to leave tiny papers with intentions near his confessional. At this shrine, we will also see the incorrupt body of this great saint, along with his living quarters. Next, we travel along the beautiful Gargano Peninsula to Monte Sant Angelo (grotto of St. Michael), where St. Michael is said to have appeared in the years 490, 492, and 493. We celebrate Mass at the Grotto. Lunch is on our own, and we have free time in this charming and quaint area before returning to the hotel. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight along the Adriatic Coast. (B.D)

## ✚ May 5, Monday, DAY 7: ANAGNI – ROME

We depart the hotel after an early morning breakfast and drive towards Rome. We stop in Anagni (5 hrs drive). Also known as the City of Popes (four Popes hailed from the town), Anagni is crowned by its beautiful Romanesque cathedral dating back to the turn of the 11th and 12th centuries. Under the cathedral floor, the magnificent crypt of Saint Magnus provides an extraordinary example of 13th-century medieval religious art called the Middle Ages Sistine Chapel. We enjoy lunch in a restaurant followed by a guided tour. We celebrate Mass. Upon arrival in Rome, we check-in and have time at leisure to explore Rome, perhaps see the Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps and have dinner at one of the many small family-owned restaurants which line the streets of Rome. Overnight in Rome. (B.L)

## ✚ May 6, Tuesday, DAY 8: CHRISTIAN ROME

This morning, we visit the Basilica di Santa Croce in Gerusalemme, where we see the relics of the True Cross. Next, we enter the first Holy Door of our pilgrimage at St. John the Lateran. This Basilica is where the Pope is installed and officiates as the Bishop of Rome. We proceed to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, where we enter through the second Holy Door on our trip. This Basilica contains a relic from the Manger of the Infant Jesus. After a break for lunch on our own, we continue to the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls, where we enter through the Third Holy Door. We tour the Basilica of St. Paul and Celebrate Mass. We end our day with a visit to Tre Fontane Convent to see where St. Paul was beheaded. Tonight, enjoy dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Rome. (B.D)

## ✚ May 7, Wednesday, DAY 9: PAPAL AUDIENCE – ANCIENT ROME

Early this morning, we are transferred to St. Peter's Square for the Papal Audience with the Holy Father. We stop at the Vatican post office, where we can post and mail prayer petitions for the Holy Father to pray over. Enjoy time at leisure for lunch or return to the hotel to rest. We will be transferred to the Ancient Rome area this afternoon for a guided walking tour. We reach the area called Velabro, the site of the birth of Rome. We start at the Church of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, with its impressive Bell Tower. Entering this church, we will be welcomed by the Gregorian Chants performed by the Greek Orthodox community that worships orthodox rites in this church. Here, we see the famous La Bocca della Verita, or the Mouth of the Truth, and the skull of St. Valentine, the patron saint of love. In the crypt of the church are relics from the catacombs. Continue passing by the Teatro Marcello (one of the best-preserved Roman theaters) and reach Capitol Hill. Continue till the Colosseum (outside view) and the Arch of Constantine. Our motorcoach takes us to the Basilica of St. Lawrence, where we celebrate Mass. Dinner and overnight in Rome. (B.D)

## ✚ May 8, Thursday, DAY 10: VATICAN – FOUNTAINS AND SQUARES

Following an early breakfast, we drive to St. Peter's Basilica, where we celebrate early morning Mass, followed by a visit to St. Peter's Basilica, the largest Christendom Church, for a guided tour. The Basilica was built on the site where St. Peter, the first Pope and Bishop of Rome, was martyred. Here, we view Michelangelo's Pieta and pray at the tombs of St. Peter and Pope St. John Paul II. This is the fourth of the Holy Doors we pass through. After lunch, on our own, we walk past Castel St Angelo, over the Bridge of Angels to Piazza Navona, where we see the magnificent fountain by Bernini. Next is a visit to Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, the resting place of St. Catherine of Siena and the Pantheon. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore Rome on our own. Tonight, our farewell dinner will be at a local restaurant. Overnight in Rome. (B. Special dinner)

## ✚ May 9, Friday, DAY 11: RETURN TO USA

We are transferred to Rome airport and our flight home. Lunch and snacks will be served on the flight. (B)

### YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- Roundtrip airfare from New York or Dallas to Rome
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- First-class hotels for nine nights
- Service charges and hotel taxes
- Buffet breakfast daily
- 4 restaurant lunches accompanied by wine
- Wine tasting
- 7 Hotel dinners (standard 3-course menu; beverages may be purchased at an additional cost)
- Farewell dinner in a restaurant accompanied by wine
- All transfers with a private A/C motor coach as per itinerary
- Professional English-speaking Christian tour guide throughout
- Entrance fees are included to sites specifically listed (outside view means no entrance is included)
- Luggage handling at hotels (one piece per person in/out)
- Select International Tours Travel Portfolio
- Confirmation of daily private Mass
- Whisper sets

### RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Travel protection -we recommend you consider purchasing CFAR Travel Protection
- Tipping /Gratuities for the guide(s), driver, and wait staff (please refer to the suggestions we will provide for you with your final documents) Suggested budget \$200- \$220.00
- Any items not explicitly mentioned in the listed inclusions
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted
- Meals not specifically listed at the end of each day (B. L. D.)
- Church donations (budget \$2.00 - \$5.00 per Mass)
- Airport transfers for land-only passengers unless at the airport at the same time as the group
- Personal expenses
- ETIAS European Travel Authorization

### BAGGAGE CHARGES NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP COST:

- Any airline baggage charges
- Baggage handling at train stations, airports, and hotels in excess of one suitcase per person
- Any charges incurred due to excessive luggage including the cost of an additional baggage vehicle or portage charges

**DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENT:** This is an exclusive, by invitation-only, pilgrimage hosted by Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, who reserves the right to approve all requests to participate in the tour. A **deposit of \$750.00** per person by check should accompany the enrollment form and a copy of your passport picture page by **December 8, 2024. Final payment is due by January 29, 2025. A late payment fee of \$100.00 will be charged per person for all payments received after the final payment date.** Please mail your payment to: **Select International Tours, 85 Park Ave., Flemington, NJ 08822 Attn: Jane Allison, 800-842-4842, jane@select-intl.com. Your passport must be valid through November 9, 2025. Reservations will not be processed until we have passport copies.** Prices quoted are based on payments by check. Prices: **\$6,095.00** for total trip cost from DFW; **\$5,895.00** for total trip cost from JFK; **\$4,895.00** for land only\* (air not included, option to purchase air on your own and meet the group at the airport); **\$995.00** for solo traveler, additional cost, (in room by yourself). For credit card prices add 4%.

**PILGRIMAGE PRICES:** Prices are based on minimum 20 passengers. Prices may be adjusted in the event of fewer than 20 passengers, changes in currency conversion rates, or amendments in local government taxes and/or fuel surcharges. Prices are in US dollars. For European travel an exchange rate of US \$1.15 per Euro is assumed.

**SOLO TRAVEL:** A limited number of single rooms are available. Prices are based on two people per room. We do not guarantee roommates but will do our best to connect you with someone willing to share.

**LAND ONLY OPTION:** Land only services start and end at the hotels and do not include any airfare. You are welcome to transfer from the airport with the group if you arrive at the same time, otherwise, transfers are not included.

**TOUR CANCELLATION POLICY:** Individual deposits are refundable except for a **\$500.00 per person handling fee for cancellations made 121 days or more before departure. A \$750.00 non-refundable fee will be assessed if the reservation is canceled between 120 and 90 days prior to departure. Within 90 days of departure all payments are non-refundable regardless of reason for cancellations. All airline tickets are non-refundable once issued. All cancellations must be in writing. Unused portions of the trip are not refundable. If a roommate cancels, the cost of a solo supplement will be added to your invoice. You may be eligible for a refund through your travel protection. Refer to the U.S. Policy by State on our website.**

**TRIP CANCELLATION PROTECTION:** We strongly encourage you to purchase a **Travel Protection Plan**, for the protection of your travel investment. Please consider purchasing this plan at the time of initial deposit in order to be covered for pre-existing conditions.

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**AIRLINE, SEATING AND SPECIAL REQUESTS:** To best accommodate our pilgrims, we often utilize Group Air Reservations. These allow more predictable

transfer and tour schedules. However, when booking Group Air, the airline (not Select International Tours) controls seating assignments. If you require very specific seats, we suggest that you book your own airfare and take advantage of our "Land Only" options. You may communicate directly with the airline to request seating changes, provide mileage program information, or change passenger contact information once you receive ticket numbers—approximately three (3) weeks prior to departure. We work with instant purchase airline tickets and or group rates. Due to airline utilization fees switching reservations from air and Land to Land only within 100 days of departure will incur a minimum fee of **\$150.00 per person.** All special needs and requests due to medical or dietary restrictions must be requested in writing at least 60 days prior to departure. Quotes for Business class and Premium Coach seats are available upon written request; as are add-ons from your hometown airport. If you require very specific airlines or schedules, we suggest that you book your own airfare and take advantage of our "Land Only" options.

**WALKING:** Our trips require daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, steps, and uneven terrain. We recommend preparing oneself, by walking before the trip. Anyone needing assistance is required to be accompanied by a qualified and physically-able travel companion. We are not responsible for any medical condition that occurs prior, during or after the trip.

**SAFETY PROCEDURES:** Select International Tours has undertaken a reasonable inquiry, with all the suppliers (including airlines, hotels, bus companies and other service providers) used on our trips to ensure they have instigated the best available procedures regarding the pandemic- protective policies advised by local government and health authorities. The client understands and agrees that the supplier(s) may not apply those policies as diligently as the policies suggest. In addition even if the supplier makes a good faith effort to enforce its good practices, some travelers may simply refuse to cooperate. Therefore the client agrees not to hold Select International Tours or group leaders responsible should they or anyone on the trip contract COVID-19 or any other illness during or after the trip

**RESPONSIBILITY:** By accepting this confirmation, you agree that the Group Leaders and Select International Tours, Inc. have no responsibility for any acts or omission of the travel suppliers in your itinerary and during your trip. We have no special knowledge regarding the financial conditions of the suppliers, unsafe travel conditions, health hazards, or weather hazards at locations traveled. We are not responsible for flight delays or cancellations or any charges incurred due to unforeseen circumstances. Unused portions of the trip are non-refundable. For information about destination climate, risks, and safety please consult the appropriate on-line resources. For health information consult the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. You are responsible for checking passport, visa, vaccination, or other entry requirements of your destinations. Itineraries are subject to change. We are not responsible for any damaged, lost, or stolen articles. We are not responsible for any sickness, injury, or death during or after the trip. Travel documents will be mailed out approximately three (3) weeks before departure. Please review them carefully for any errors.

**SHIPPING & HANDLING:** \$15.00 per person—not included in package price—will be added to each invoice. Your invoice will confirm the trip registration.

**Holy Year Pilgrimage to Italy with Dr. Marcellino and Susan D'Ambrosio**  
**Trip Code: 25JA04ITMD**

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## THE BENEFITS OF REGISTERING ONLINE FOR YOUR PILGRIMAGE:

Over the last several years, our clients have requested more control over the trip booking process, payments, and, most importantly, communication about the trips. Our response to these comments and requests took two years to implement, but we are happy with the results. Select has committed to a major financial and time investment in building an online reservation system that is easy to navigate using your home computer, tablet, or smartphone. We have addressed most of the requests and suggestions provided by clients. The benefits of the new system to you are a simplified registration process, the ability to access your information at your convenience, review your payment history and get trip information while easily communicating with your Account Manager and group leader.

When you register online, you will receive regular email updates about your trip and useful tips and tricks for making your international travel more comfortable and enjoyable. And best of all, you can register online even if you prefer to pay by check or wire transfer; just choose that option upon checkout.

We understand that some people are not comfortable with technology and prefer to register via mail-in paper registration, regardless of the many benefits of registering online. To make that easy, we have created a generic registration form on our website at <https://selectinternationaltours.com/register-online/>. You may download and print the form, fill it out and mail it with your check to Select International Tours. However, before you choose to register by mail, please know that we cannot communicate with people who do not register online as frequently and seamlessly. And you may miss some important communication regarding balances and trip preparation, as well as communication from your group leaders. We want you to be in charge and be comfortable with the registration process; our job is to inform you so you can choose the best system for you.

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