

DECEMBER 5-14, 2025

PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI & ROME IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF *St. Francis of Assisi*

with Fr. Ben Berinti C.PP.S



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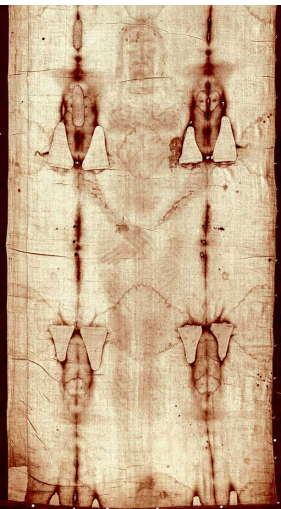
ITINERARY

I am thrilled to invite you to an Advent journey of faith, culture, and celebration of life as the Jubilee Year 2025 enters its final weeks. As "pilgrims of hope," what a glorious time and special grace to visit the sacred sites and sounds of Assisi and Rome during the Advent Season, a preparation for Christmas as you've never experienced before! From the beautiful hills of Tuscany and Umbria to the vibrancy of the Eternal City, our pilgrimage promises a renewal of your soul. I am also excited to share with our pilgrims two sacred sites dear to the hearts of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood—the Abbey of San Felice in Giano, where St. Gaspar Del Bufalo inaugurated my missionary congregation, and the Church of Santa Maria in Trivio, adjacent to the famous Trevi Fountain, where St. Gaspar is buried.

A one-of-a-kind experience of faith, prayer, fellowship, fascinating sites, and fabulous food awaits us on this Advent journey to Assisi and Rome, both alive in seasonal splendor, in December 2025!

Fr. Ben Berinti, C.P.P.S.,

Missionary of the Precious Blood & Pastor, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Melbourne Beach, FL



December 5 – Depart the USA

Our Italian adventure begins as you depart the USA on your international flight.

December 6 – Arrive in Italy - Free day in Assisi

On arrival at Rome airport, you will be met and transferred north by coach through the stunning countryside to your hotel in Assisi. After checking in, explore the city on your own today.

December 7 – Orvieto, Assisi

Travel to Orvieto. Pope Nicholas IV laid the cornerstone for the Cathedral of Orvieto in 1290, dedicating it to the Assumption of the Virgin. Orvieto served as a Papal residence through the Middle Ages, Pope Clement VII being one of the last to stay in Orvieto in 1527. The Feast of Corpus Christi is celebrated here, marching from the Duomo. Return to your Assisi hotel for dinner and an overnight stay. (D)

December 8 – Assisi

This morning, wake up to the atmospheric sounds of chapel bells, footsteps on cobblestones, and a tangible spirit of St. Francis preserved within the walls of this holy town. In the morning, you will visit the lower city. The Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels stands at the foot of the hill of Assisi over the Porziuncola, which is Saint Francis' Church, given to him by the Benedictine monks. The Church and Convent of St. Damiano is where, in 1205, St. Francis received his calling to "Rebuild My Church." St. Claire would later lead her Order of the Poor Ladies from here until her death in 1253. You will have time for private devotion and leisure before returning to your hotel for dinner and your overnight stay. (B, D)

December 9 – Assisi

After breakfast, you will walk to the Papal Basilica of St. Francis, the mother church of the Franciscan Order and the burial place of St. Francis. This basilica, which was begun in 1228, is built on the side of a hill and comprises an Upper and Lower church. These are decorated with numerous frescoes by late medieval painters, including Giotto. Celebrate Mass here. Continue your guided pilgrimage of the town's highlights featuring the Basilica of St. Clare, where you can kneel before the famous crucifix from which Jesus spoke to St. Francis. This afternoon, travel to the Abbey of San Felice for Mass on your way to Rome. Enjoy a visit to the Forum and the Colosseum, once the heart of ancient Rome and a place of martyrdom for the early saints. Explore the romance of Rome as you stop at the famous Trevi Fountain. Legend says those who toss a coin into the fountain will one day return to Rome to toss another into the waters of Trevi. Check into your Rome hotel for dinner and your overnight stay. (B, D)

December 10 – Vatican

Enjoy a guided tour of the Vatican's Museums and the Sistine Chapel. Built by connecting portions of the old papal residence with newer structures, the museum houses a world-renowned collection of art and antiquities. Michelangelo painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel between 1508 and 1512 and later painted *The Last Judgment* between 1535 and 1541 for Popes Clement VII and Paul III. The primary function of the chapel is the Papal Conclave, providing the place where the College of Cardinals of the church gathers to elect a new pope. Then, walk through St. Peter's Basilica and celebrate Mass here. The present structure completed in 1590 was built over the Byzantine and Middle Ages structures that marked the tomb of Saint Peter. There are more than 100 tombs within the basilica, including most recently, Saint John Paul II. Finish the day at the Pantheon, built by Marcus Agrippa during the reign of Augustus (27 BC to 14 AD). Emperor Hadrian rebuilt it around 126 AD. The building was given to Pope Boniface IV, who converted it into a church - Saint Mary and the Martyrs (Santa Maria Rotonda). Celebrate Mass at Santa Maria in Trevio. (B, D)

December 11 – Rome

After breakfast, enjoy the opportunity to join in prayer with Pope Francis and receive his greeting, blessing, and prayers. Begin your afternoon with Mass at St. Gaspar del Bufalo. Visit the Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran, where six popes are entombed. Next door is the Holy Staircase (Scala Santa), brought from Pilate’s Palace in Jerusalem by Saint Helena in the 4th century. Climbing the stairs on your knees is a devotion that many pilgrims perform, and a plenary indulgence is granted for completing this feat. Next is the Basilica of Saint Lawrence Outside the Walls (San Lorenzo). Saint Lawrence was one of the first seven deacons of Rome, martyred in 258. The church is built next to catacombs that lead down to his grave. The relics of Saints Justin Martyr and Stephen are also enshrined here. Continue your pilgrim journey to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major (Maria Maggiore). This is the largest Marian church in Rome. Its construction began after the Council of Ephesus in 431 proclaimed that Mary was the Mother of God. Saint Jerome, translator of the Bible into the Latin Vulgate, is buried here. Celebrate Mass in one of the churches here. (B, D)

December 12 – Pilgrimage in Rome

This morning, you will begin your day at the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls. The present structure stands over the place where Constantine built the first church, which is over Saint Paul’s grave. The church features a portrait of every pope who has served the church, with the face of Pope Francis I illuminated as the present pontiff. Step beneath the surface into the Catacombs of Callixtus, built along the Appian Way. Here, sixteen popes from the 2nd through 4th centuries were interred, though they have been removed to various churches over the centuries. San Sebastian Outside the Walls is another of the seven Pilgrimage churches built over the Catacombs of Saint Sebastian. The remains of Peter and Paul were temporarily protected here during the Valerian Persecution of 258. Our seventh and final pilgrimage stop is the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem. Saint Helena brought Passion relics here, and the floor was covered with soil from Jerusalem. Relics here include the index finger of Thomas that touched the wounds of Christ after His resurrection and a piece of the Good Thief’s Cross. Those who want to complete the seven-church pilgrimage as declared by Saint John Paul II in 2000 can continue to one more stop at the Shrine of Our Lady of Divine Love. Here, a pilgrim pursued by dogs appealed to Our Lady and she intervened for his safety. Pilgrims began to frequent the site and a chapel was built here in 1745. Celebrate Mass in one of the churches. (B, D)

December 13 - Free day in Rome

Travel outside of Rome to celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the Crowned Mother of Good Counsel. The church has its roots in two miracles observed by local girl Maria di Gesù Landi (January 21, 1861 – March 26, 1931). Known for her devotion to Our Lady of Good Counsel (Madonna del Buon Consiglio), she created a painting of the saint in 1884, which stopped an outbreak of cholera in the city that year. Twenty-two years later, the same painting appeared to clear the ash clouds from the 1906 eruption of Mount Vesuvius. After visiting the church, return to Rome and enjoy your own time exploring the city.

December 14 - Return to the USA

Return home with memories of the people and places of Assisi and Rome,



Starting at **\$5,298***
from Melbourne, FL

YOUR PRICE INCLUDES:
Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing,
Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees,
Hotel Gratuities & Program Fees,
Meals as Listed in the Itinerary,
Deluxe Motorcoaches,
First-Class Hotels & much more!

Travel Protection is highly recommended
and can be obtained on an individual basis
through Global Tours and Travel.

*See back for pricing details



FLIGHT SCHEDULE							
1	DL	3118T	05 DEC	F	MLB/ATL*	HK35	1120A - 1253P
2	DL	214T	05 DEC - 06 DEC	F	ATL/FCO*	HK35	0435P - 0755A
3	DL	215T	14 DEC	S	FCO/ATL*	HK35	1015A - 0350P
4	DL	2435T	14 DEC	S	ATL/MLB*	HK35	0915P - 1046P

PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

Round-trip international airfare • Fuel surcharges • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Meals as Listed in Itinerary • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Miscellaneous fees i.e. individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages & baggage fees • Visas for non-US citizens • Visas and Transfers for all ground only passengers • Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Tips for guide (\$6/day) & driver (\$3/day) • Required vaccinations - Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While we will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$1,050 during the basic tour.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Deposit	Payment Amount	Due Date
Registration Deposit	\$1000	At time of registration
Final Payment	Full payment	08/22/25 If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.
Travel Protection	Travel Protection is highly recommended. For more information contact your travel advisor.	

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after August 22, 2025:

We welcome registrations after 08/22/25. Registrations received between 08/23/25-09/06/25 will incur a fee starting at \$100 per person. Registrations received between 09/07/25-09/21/25 will incur a fee starting at \$200 per person. Registrations received between 09/22/25-10/06/25 will incur a fee starting at \$400 per person. Registrations received on or after 10/07/25 will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program, provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

We do not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. We reserve the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by us, and we reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of us, we will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. We reserve the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in our sole judgment, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please contact us for more details.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 08/22/25. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date.

PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, we do not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact your travel advisor for further details.

FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. We are not responsible for such changes or delays and do not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines. You will receive your flight information 60-30 days prior to departure. Final documents are sent approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. You may also incur optional fees i.e. food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.

DEVIATIONS AND AIR UPGRADE REQUESTS:

Deviation and Air Upgrade requests must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees. Deviations and Air Upgrades are not always possible given the group schedule and time of ticketing. Passengers who are ticketed with air deviations and/or upgrades will likely not fly with the group and will therefore need to provide their own transfers.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While we will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour.

Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until **07/31/25**. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION:

Payment of deposit indicates permission for us or our agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which we or our agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies us in writing prior to departure.

Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Passenger Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation.

Except where otherwise stated, we act only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall we be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. **The passenger agrees that we assume no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service.**

We do not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold us harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party.