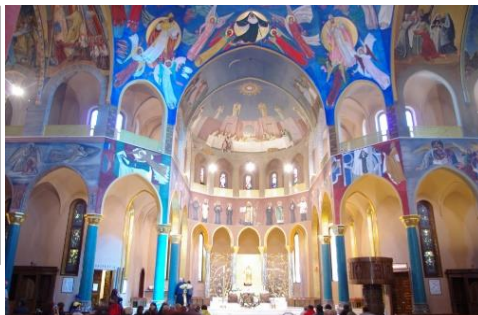


JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY 2025

Rome – Assisi – Cascia – San Giovanni



25th May – 1st April 2025

Depart London Gatwick

£1,789_{pp}

twin sharing

8 days & 7 nights

Half-board breakfast and dinner
in a 3-star Hotels

Led by Fr Domenico Zanre

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PRICE INCLUDES

Direct flight from London Gatwick to Rome (easyJet); Direct flight from Bari to London Gatwick (easyJet). Half board (breakfast and evening dinner); Transfers between airport and hotel; Executive coach for touring; Professional local guided tours as per itinerary; UK Airport taxes and Government charges; Check-in luggage (23 kg); Personalised ID badge and luggage label; Hymn booklet and Prayer booklet; ATOL Protection Contribution

NOT INCLUDED

Travel Insurance (compulsory); Single room supplement of £425pp; Lunches and in-flight meals; Tips & Gratuities - £40 per person, to be added to your invoice.

HOW TO BOOK

To secure your place at best price please book by **30th September '24**.
Submit a booking form online: <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/RP0907/>.
Deposit of **just £350** to confirm your place.



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Day 1, Tuesday 25th March

UK – Rome

Fly to Rome on our direct flight from London with easyJet. Upon arrival transfer to our hotel in Rome where we will stay for three nights.

Day 2, Wednesday 26th March

Rome - Papal Audience & St Peter's Basilica

After breakfast, we meet our tour escort in the hotel lobby and we leave the hotel for St Peter's Basilica to attend the Papal Blessing in the Square (subject to the Holy Father being available). Free time for lunch and then afterwards we have a guided tour of St Peter's Basilica, the largest of all the Catholic churches. We explore this wonderful basilica and the grounds and visit the Crypt and view the tombs of St Peter and recent Popes. We spend the rest of the afternoon here before returning to the hotel. Evening dinner.

Day 3, Thursday 27th March

Full day of touring in Rome

Today we will have a guided visit of four of the major basilicas in Rome. Firstly, the Basilica of St Paul outside the Walls, the second largest church in Rome, which houses the tomb of St Paul kept under the main altar. Secondly the Basilica of St Mary Major, which houses the true relics of the manger from Bethlehem in which Jesus was laid following his birth. Thirdly St Peter's in Chains Basilica to view Michelangelo's famous Statue of Moses and lastly St John Lateran, the cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome which is the oldest, and the first among the four great "patriarchal" basilicas of Rome. Across the road from here we make a quick visit to the Holy Stairs (Scala Santa). According to tradition these are the steps our Lord walked up on his way to trial before Pontius Pilate. Return to our hotel. Evening dinner.

Day 4, Friday 28th March

Rome - Cascia – Assisi

Check-out of our hotel after breakfast and travel to Assisi. To break up our journey to Assisi, about halfway, we stop and visit the Shrine of St Rita in Cascia. Pope Leo XIII canonized Rita in 1900 and she was bestowed the title "Patroness of Impossible Causes." Mass here, followed by lunch in this stunning location. We then continue our journey to Assisi. Upon arrival, we check-into our hotel for 2 nights. Evening dinner.

Day 5, Saturday 29th March

Assisi

After breakfast, we will have a walking tour of Assisi. Firstly to the Basilica of St Clare which houses her incorrupt body. Clare of Assisi left her family's palace in 1212 and was received by St Francis (with other young women) at the Porziuncola, thereafter establishing the Order of Poor Clares. One of the chapels here contains the crucifix that bowed its head and ordered St. Francis to "repair God's Church." Afterwards, we visit St Mary Major Parish in Assisi, also known as the Shrine of the Renunciation, which refers to the time when St. Francis stripped himself of his clothing in front of his father as a way of renouncing his wealth. Blessed Carlo Acutis' tomb currently resides here (today being Aug 2024); Carlos Acutis, who had a passion for computers and the Eucharist, died at the young age of 15 in 2006 from leukemia and we are all awaiting news of his upcoming canonization which is expected at some point in 2025. We will then tour the Basilica of St Francis, built in 1228 to house the Relics of the saint. The "upper" basilica houses beautiful frescoes of Giotto. Mass here followed by lunch.

We then drive to the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels (Basilica di Santa Maria degli Angeli), a papal minor basilica situated in the plain at the foot of the hill of Assisi. The basilica was constructed around the very ancient chapel; the Porziuncola, named after the piece of land it was built on, was venerated for an apparition of angels within it and was originally the property of the Benedictines of Subasio. After a long period of abandonment, the little church Porziuncola was restored by St. Francis. It was here the young Francis of Assisi understood his vocation to live in poverty amongst the poor. It was here he founded the Order of Friars Minor (1209), "establishing here his home" and the church thus became the most sacred place for the Franciscans. St Francis died here in 1226. After our tour, we return to the hotel for evening dinner.

Day 6, Sunday 30th March

Assisi - St Michaels Cave - San Giovanni

After breakfast we leave Assisi and head to San Giovanni Rotondo. We stop via the Sanctuary of St Michael the Archangel and visit St Michael's Cave where the Angels appeared three times in the years 490, 492 and 1656. Mass here. After, we check-in to our hotel in San Giovanni for two nights. Evening dinner.

Day 7, Monday 31st March

San Giovanni

After breakfast, we visit The Shrine of St Pio, the second most visited Shrine in the world (second only to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico). Here we visit Santa Maria Delle Grazie (Our Lady of Grace) where St Pio's Tomb is kept and on view in the crypt; his Cell; his Confessional from where he performed so many of his miracles, and the choir loft where he received his Sacred Stigmata in 1918 - he suffered from these wounds until his death on September 23, 1968. His well-preserved personal belongings can be viewed here including thousands of letters he received for just one year displayed on the wall. Mass will be arranged and we will do stations of the Cross. Dinner at the hotel.

Day 8, Tuesday 1st April

San Giovanni Rotondo - London

Breakfast in the hotel. Mass if time allows. Transfer to Bari airport for our direct flight back to London.