

Join Fr. Gabriel Garcia on a Pilgrimage to

# Rome in the Jubilee Year

Rome - Papal Audience - Assisi - Montecassino - Naples - Siena



February  
10-21, 2025



Starting from  
**\$4499**  
Per Person

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## Day by Day Itinerary

February 10 Day 1: Depart USA: Today we board our flights to Rome with memories and keepsakes that will last a lifetime.

February 11 Day 2: Arrival in Rome Basilica of St Paul – Welcome to Rome, also known as, "The Eternal City". Upon arrival at Rome airport, collect our luggage in the baggage claim area, and continue to the Arrivals Hall, where we will be greeted by our tour manager. We will make our way to the bus, and we will drive to the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls to celebrate Mass. Enjoy time at leisure for lunch – Continue to the hotel, time permitting we will enjoy a panoramic tour of the Imperial Rome monuments, with stop at the Colosseum. Check in at the hotel, dinner and overnight.

**Overnight:** Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

February 12 Day 3 **Wednesday Papal Audience – Fountains & Squares** Transfer to the Vatican City to join pilgrims from around the world for an audience with His Holiness the Pope (subject to the Holy Father's schedule and health). After lunch at a local restaurant (included) we will enjoy a walking tour through the imposing baroque squares, fountains, and churches of Rome. We will start from Castel Sant'Angelo, then we cross the river Tiber and reach Navona Square with the famous Bernini's fountain of the Four Rivers. Continue to the Pantheon and the Basilica of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, where we can celebrate Mass- Balance of the afternoon at our leisure. Dinner is on our own tonight. Return to the hotel for overnight.

**Overnight:** Rome (Breakfast, Lunch)

February 13 Day 4 Christian Rome: Vatican Museums and Maior Basilicas – Today we tour the Vatican Museums, where we will marvel at the sight of the incredible collections of art, we will see the Tapestry Gallery, Raphael Rooms, and Sistine Chapel. After we continue to St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site where St. Peter the Apostle was martyred. Here, we will have the opportunity to pray at the tomb of St. John Paul II and view Michelangelo's Pieta sculpture. Break for lunch. In the afternoon we continue our guided tour to visit the Major Basilicas. -The ceiling of the Basilica of St. Mary Major is said to be decorated with gold that Columbus brought back from the new world. This basilica, the largest in Rome dedicated to the Blessed Mother, is part of the day's "Christian Rome" tour, and has beautiful Biblical mosaics, a marble floor, bell tower and one of the oldest shrines (containing a relic from the manger of the infant Jesus) dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. We will also visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran which is the oldest of the major basilicas and ranks first as the actual "parish church" of the Pope (Bishop of Rome). There we will learn about the *Scala Santa* (Holy Stairs). Tradition has it that these steps, said to be the staircase leading once to the praetorium of Pilate at Jerusalem, are sanctified by the footsteps of Jesus Christ during his Passion. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Overnight:** Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

February 14 Day 5 Jubilee & Vatican Scavi: Today we will start the Jubilee Procession and enter the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica. Here we will celebrate Mass. Then we will enjoy the guided tour of the Basilica and Vatican Scavi, the necropolis underneath the Basilica, where the tomb of St. Peter is located. Free afternoon at leisure for shopping or to discover the Eternal City on our own. Overnight in Rome.

**Overnight:** Rome (Breakfast)

February 15 Day 6 Rome – Montecassino – Napoli Breakfast and check out. We board our bus and enjoy the scenic route to Monte Cassino. During the bus ride, our tour escort will share interesting information regarding the spiritual, historical, and cultural aspects of Italy. Monte Cassino, the principal monastery of the Benedictine Order, was founded by Saint Benedict around 530 A.D. We tour the monastery. There will be an opportunity to visit the gift shop before we board the bus to continue towards Naples, where we will arrive in the early afternoon. Check in at the hotel. This afternoon, with our guide, we will enjoy a panoramic tour of Naples. We will visit the Basilica of San Paolo Maggiore to see the Presepe Nativity Scene. Next, we visit the Duomo to see the Chapel of St. Januarius (San Gennaro) the city's main patron saint. The best-known miracle, still ongoing, relates to the saint's blood - two vials contain San Gennaro's coagulated blood, which liquefies each year thrice. On September 19, the saint's feast day, the archbishop of Naples presides over a Mass and ritual marking the liquefaction. After the blood liquefies, the bishop places the vials on the altar for eight days so the faithful can venerate the relics. A 21-gun salute sounds off from the 13th-century Castel Nuovo near the port. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Overnight:** Napoli (Breakfast, Dinner)

February 16 Day 7 Napoli – Pompei –San Giovanni Rotondo: After breakfast, we set out for Pompei. There we will go on an archaeological journey through the ancient city. Buried under a layer of ashes and lapilli by a sudden eruption of

Vesuvius in 79 A.D, after 1700 years, the excavations have brought to light Pompei, a town whose daily light of Imperial Age has been petrified, as if under a spell. Furthermore, visiting the "frozen city", we will see houses, shops, temples, squares, streets and understand the way of living of the ancient Romans. After we break for lunch, we will celebrate Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine before heading to San Giovanni Rotondo. Check in at the hotel, dinner and overnight.

**Overnight:** Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

February 17 Day 8 San Giovanni Rotondo – Monte Sant'Angelo – San Giovanni Rotondo Following breakfast at the hotel, we will tour Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza, the hospital founded by Padre Pio and return to Santa Maria delle Grazie, to visit the church and confessional 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 will board the bus to travel along the beautiful area known as the Gargano Peninsula to Monte Sant'Angelo (grotto of St Michael) where St Michael is said to have appeared in the years 490, 492 & 493. Mass will be celebrated in the grotto this day. Lunch and free time in this charming and quaint area prior to returning to the hotel. This evening, as scheduling allows, we attend the weekly 9:00pm candlelight procession at the Sanctuary of Padre Pio following dinner at the hotel.

**Overnight:** San Giovanni Rotondo (Breakfast, Dinner)

February 18 Day 9 San Giovanni Rotondo – Lanciano –Loreto – Assisi We depart the hotel early this day following breakfast. On the way, we stop in the town of 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. At pronouncing the words of consecration, the host was miraculously changed into flesh and the wine into blood. Since that time, countless pilgrims have visited to behold the monstrosity which contains the miracle. After Mass and time at leisure for lunch, Continue towards Loreto (approx. two hours' drive). Where upon arrival we will visit the shrine of Our Lady of Loreto and the Holy House. Inside of the Basilica is a conserved part of the House of Joseph and Mary in Nazareth- Our last destination is Assisi.

**Overnight:** Assisi (Breakfast, Dinner)

February 19 Day 10 Assisi After Breakfast, our walking guided tour departs from Santa Chiara Church that honors St. Clare, the foundress of the Poor Clare Sisters. This Saint followed the teachings of St. Francis very closely by also living a life of poverty and humility. By walk we reach the Santuario Della Spogliazione where Blessed Carlo Acutis' tomb is placed. Carlo is the first millennial to be declared Blessed who loved the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. From there, we will continue a walking tour through this picturesque town, including the birthplace of St. Francis, and finally we will visit St. Francis Basilica. In the upper basilica, we will marvel at the site of the great frescoes from Giotto, which describes the life of St Francis, in the lower basilica we visit the tomb of St. Francis. We will also visit today San Damiano & the Porziuncola.

**Overnight:** Assisi (Breakfast, Dinner)

February 20 Day 11 Assisi – Siena – Castel Gandolfo Breakfast, and check out, followed by a scenic drive to the Tuscan city of Siena. (2 hrs. drive) This medieval city is the birthplace of St. Catherine "Doctor of the Church", and the Apostle of Italy, St. Bernardine. Visit of the Basilica of St. Catherine (which is also known as the Basilica of St. Domenico). St. Catherine passed a large part of her life inside the walls of this Basilica which today houses relics of the Saint. After, visit the Shrine of St. Catherine, which occupies the site of her family home. Enjoy your walking tour through the Siena including a visit to its Cathedral (Duomo di Siena). Conclude at one of Italy's finest squares, the Piazza Del Campo, where we will be given free time to spend at leisure. There are several restaurants surrounding the square to have lunch, as well as shops for gifts and souvenirs- In the afternoon we drive to Castel Gandolfo, a hilly village located on a lake, few miles south of Rome, where the popes used to spend their summer vacation. Here we will enjoy farewell dinner and overnight.

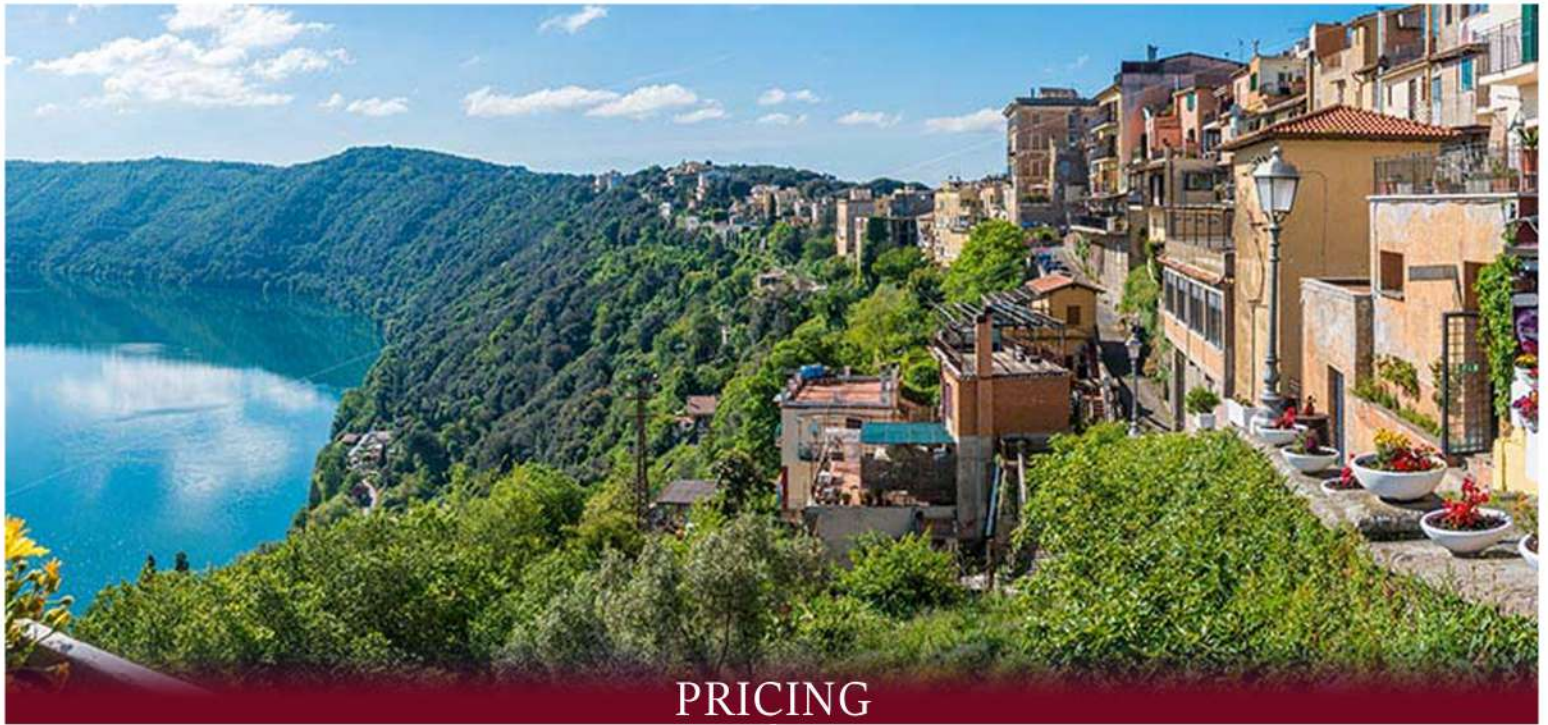
**Overnight:** Castel Gandolfo (Breakfast, Dinner)

February 21 Day 12: Return Home: Today we board our return flights home with memories and keepsakes that will last a lifetime!

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## PRICING

### BASE PRICE PER PERSON

\$4499.00\*

Double occupancy with base airfare

\*Discount cash/check price

### OPTIONS

- For a single room\*: add \$1000

\*Subject to availability

- Travel Insurance: Visit [www.holylandtc.com/travel-protection](http://www.holylandtc.com/travel-protection) for more information. Insurance ID: GG00210-12d

\*Available only for travelers with primary residence in USA or Canada

### BASE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare from San Francisco (SFO)
- Excursions per itinerary
- 10 Nights accommodation
- Meals per Itinerary
- Professional Catholic tour guides
- Spiritual director

FIRST PAYMENT	\$500.00	DUE: NOW
SECOND PAYMENT	\$1249.00	DUE: SEPT 13, 2024
THIRD PAYMENT	\$1000.00	DUE: NOV 12, 2024
FINAL PAYMENT	REMAINING	DUE: DEC 27, 2024

## Why Travel with Us?

The Holy Land Travel Center is a family-run business providing pilgrims with an unmatched religious group travel experience. Operated by a husband and wife team from the Qumsieh family, one of the oldest Christian families from the Bethlehem suburb Beit Sahour; the center offers a unique opportunity to be fully immersed in the Christian community of the Holy Land.

The tours are professionally organized to ensure that pilgrims receive the highest quality in travel and lodging. But we pride ourselves most on offering a personalized experience. From the first day you are treated like family, welcomed into the local Christian homes, offered stories of faith by residents, and unfettered access to holy sites.

# Terms & Conditions

By making any payments (cash, credit card or otherwise) towards any tour constitutes your unconditional acceptance of all the terms and conditions stated in this brochure. Holy Land Travel Center shall be referred to as HLTC within this document.

**DOCUMENTS:** US citizens require a valid passport. Other nationalities please inquire with the appropriate embassies.

**REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT:** Deposit of \$500 per person is required upon registration along with a signed copy of the registration form. Registrations are processed in the order received by HLTC. Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure. Late payments are subject to a \$50 late fee per week past the due date. HLTC reserves the right to cancel reservations whose payments are 30 days late and to apply applicable cancellation/penalties indicated below. No registrations can be made over the telephone.

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- 1) Minimum cancellation fee is \$500 from time of registration up to 120 days prior to the tour's departure date.
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**PAYMENT:** Advertised price is the cash/check discounted price. If paying with a card a processing fee will apply.

**TRAVEL PROTECTION:** Travel insurance is recommended to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer travel protection. If you do not wish to purchase now, the plan can be purchased any time before submitting your final payment. Coverage takes effect once payment is received. If you chose to purchase outside of the time sensitive period outlined in the plan, you will not be eligible for time sensitive benefits. All plan premiums are non-refundable. To view/download and purchase the plan, which provides the full coverage terms and details, including limitations and exclusion please visit our website: [www.holylandtc.com/travel-protection/](http://www.holylandtc.com/travel-protection/)

**MEDICAL CONDITION:** We endeavor to provide the highest level of service to all our passengers. Participants who require special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the participants' well-being. This pilgrimage demands a lot of walking and can be strenuous. HLTC is not responsible for any medical conditions that occur prior to, during, or after the tour.

**LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSFERS:** By private deluxe motor coach.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Tour prices are per person, based on two persons sharing double or twin-bedded rooms with a private bathroom with tub or shower. In the event that one does not sign up with a roommate and is not able to be paired with another traveler, there will be a single supplement charge to the account. Single rooms subject to availability and an additional cost indicated on the brochure. Accommodations are subject to change due to upgrade, size of group, etc.

**MOBILE APP:** Final pilgrimage details will be available through an app before departure. Please be aware that the information on the app is regularly updated and subject to change. HLTC (Holy Land Travel Company) holds no liability for errors or discrepancies in the app's content.

**MEALS:** Meals in accordance with the itinerary. All beverages are extra.

**TIPPING:** Unless it is specified in the tour brochure, the price of the tour does not include tips and gratuities. Tipping is recommended to the tour guide and motor coach driver approximately \$6 and \$4 per person, respectively, per day to each: Hotel tips are approximately \$2 per day per person. Tips may be pre-collected before the pilgrimage for your convenience.

**AIRLINE TICKETS AND ITINERARY LENGTH:** Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class aboard carriers utilizing non-refundable, non-amenable tickets. Preliminary international flight schedules are available 60 days prior to departure and may change before they are finalized. Therefore, if you book the domestic flight on your own, you will be responsible for changing your domestic flights and incurring any change fees that would be generated by this adjustment. We are not responsible for changes and delays in airline schedules and do not reimburse passengers for expenses resulting from such occurrences. Travelers making their own flight arrangements should not purchase non-refundable, non-changeable tickets. We cannot guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. If flight schedules change, we reserve the right to lengthen or shorten the itinerary accordingly, and if changes or flight schedules necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged at normal hotel rates. Land Only packages do not include airport-hotel transfers.

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Visa for Europe - ETIAS

-Starting in 2025, Americans, Canadians, Australians will need to apply online for travel authorization for Europe.

- This applies to all travelers, and all ages.

- Fee approx. \$9. Per Person

- The program is called ETIAS. Some refer to it as a "visa for Europe". It is not a traditional visa but needs basic details about the traveler and their trip.

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