

Join Kuya Roger & Friends on a Pilgrimage to

Rome, Milan & Venice In the Jubilee Year

Under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. Alex Aquino

Rome - Bologna - Verona - Padua Turin - Milan - Venice



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Inside!



February 24-
March 5, 2025



Starting from
\$5299
Per Person

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Day by Day Itinerary

February 24 Day 1: Depart USA: Today we board our flights to Rome with beverages and snacks served aloft.

February 25 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. Transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Rome (Dinner)

February 26 Day 3 **Wednesday Papal Audience & St. Mary Major Basilica & St. John Lateran Basilica:** 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, 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, Lunch)

February 27 Day 4 Christian Rome: Vatican Museums and St. Peter Basilica: 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 enter the Holy Door here for the Jubilee! We will also have the opportunity to pray at the tomb of St. John Paul II and view Michelangelo's Pieta sculpture. In the afternoon we will take a walking tour of Rome where we will go past the Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, Roman Forum and more!

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

February 28 Day 5: Bologna: We depart Rome for Bologna, arriving ready for an exciting walking tour. Our first stop is the Basilica di San Petronio, a stunning Gothic church

renowned for its vast size and unfinished façade. We then visit the ancient Quadrilatero market, exploring its historical shops and vibrant atmosphere. Following this, we enjoy an external look at the iconic Le Due Torri, the Two Towers that are among the most recognizable symbols of Bologna. Finally, we conclude with a visit to the charming Piazza Santo Stefano, a picturesque square surrounded by beautiful medieval buildings and home to the complex of the Seven Churches. We then transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Bologna (Breakfast, Dinner)

March 1 Day 6: Venice: Padua: Cathedral of St. Anthony: Depart Bologna to Padua, where we will visit the famous Cathedral of St. Anthony, guarded by Donatello's "Gattamelata". We will also visit the Basilica of Saint Giustina, the second most important pilgrimage site in Padua after St. Anthony's. Here, the tomb of Luke the Evangelist is housed. We then continue to Venice where we have a free afternoon to explore Venice.

Overnight: Venice Area (Mestre) (Breakfast, Dinner)

March 2 Day 7: Venice: Today we take our private boat to San Marc's Square and explore Venice, nicknamed "la Serenissima". We begin with a guided walking tour of St. Mark's Square, one of the largest open spaces in Venice. We visit two of its landmark buildings, the Basilica of San Marco and the Bridge of Sighs. Dinner will be at leisure tonight.

Overnight: Venice Area (Mestre) (Breakfast)

March 3 Day 8: Milan: Depart Venice for Milan. On the way we stop in Verona where we visit Juliet's Balcony. Upon arrival in Milan, we take an orientation tour of Milan and a visit to Milan's beautiful Cathedral, or "Duomo", where Saint Ambrose baptized Saint Augustine. Following Mass at the Duomo, we transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Milan (Breakfast, Dinner)

March 4 Day 9: Turin: This morning we depart Milan and daytrip to Turin. Today we visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Christians, the church founded by St. John Bosco. It is rumored that for the Jubilee year the Shroud of Turin will be on display in which case we will visit the exhibition, however this has not been confirmed. Afterwards, we return to Milan for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Milan (Breakfast, Dinner)

March 5 Day 10: Milan: After morning Mass we have a free day for shopping in Milan.

Overnight: Milan (Breakfast, Dinner)

March 6 Day 11: Return Home: Today we board our return flights home with memories and keepsakes that will last a lifetime.



PRICING

BASE PRICE PER PERSON

\$5299.00*

Double occupancy with base airfare

*Discount cash/check price

OPTIONS

- For a single room*: add \$950

*Subject to availability

- Travel Insurance offered through Travelex

Visit www.holylandtc.com/travel-protection for more details

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

FIRST PAYMENT	\$500.00	DUE: NOW
SECOND PAYMENT	\$1249.00	DUE: SEPT 27, 2024
THIRD PAYMENT	\$1000.00	DUE: NOV 26, 2024
FINAL PAYMENT	REMAINING	DUE: JAN 10, 2025

BASE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip from San Diego, CA (SAN)
- Excursions per itinerary
- 9 Nights accommodation
- Meals per Itinerary
- Professional Catholic tour guides
- Spiritual director
- Pilgrims' Backpacks
- Entry Fees

\$300 DISCOUNT!

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USING CODE **EARLYBIRD300**

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.

INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION FEES & REFUNDS: Upon cancellation of participation of tour by you, the registrant, for any reason, and only after HLTC receives your written cancellation via email used to register or by US mail., HLTC will then refund your payment for services not received by you, minus applicable cancellation fees per person, according to the following schedule:

- 1) Minimum cancellation fee is \$500 from time of registration up to 120 days prior to the tour's departure date.
- 2) From 119 to 60 days prior to departure day, the cancellation fee is \$500 + 20% of total price.
- 3) From 59 days to 31 days prior to departure day, cancellation fee is \$500 + 50% of total price.
- 4) From 30 days prior to departure day onward, no refund is possible.

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/

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.

SEAT ASSIGNMENT: THERE IS NO ADVANCE SEAT SELECTION FOR TOUR DEPARTURES. HLTC cannot guarantee specific seats, which are at the discretion of the airline and are pending availability. When HLTC disperses travel packages, you will receive your record locator. You can use this locator to do online seating arrangements, if permitted by the airline, any additional costs for seat selection are your responsibility. If your airline ticket is canceled for any reason, you must directly contact the airline to request a refund for your seat selection. The refund will be processed to your original form of payment, subject to the airline's terms and conditions."

BAGGAGE: Transatlantic and transpacific flights to and from the USA allow the passenger to bring one (1) checked bag, which may have a maximum weight of 50 lbs., and maximum combined dimensions of 62 inches. Also, one (1) "carry-on" with maximum dimensions of 8"x12"x20" is permitted. Luggage on domestic flights including Mexico & Canada will cost extra. Luggage is the passenger's responsibility and that of the airlines. For lost luggage, the passenger is responsible for notifying the airline directly. Check with your carrier regarding carry-on luggage rules and regulations.

PRICES: All prices are based on exchange rates and fares applicable at time of quotation and based on minimum number of paying passengers stated in the brochure and are therefore subject to change if fares change (including fuel surcharges increase), if group does not reach minimum or if exchange rates fluctuate. Minimum number of paying passengers is 30.

NOT INCLUDED: Passport and Visas, exit taxes, meals not mentioned, beverages with meals, extra beyond standard menu, excess baggage, luggage on domestic flights, telephone calls, fuel surcharges increase.

VISAS: When and if a visa or visa waiver is required, it is the passenger's responsibility to obtain one. HLTC, owner, agent, or employees cannot be held liable for clients not having proper passports, visa, visa waiver, or other travel documents. Cancellations or changes to schedule due to a lack of appropriate documents will incur usual penalties.

PASSPORTS: Passports are required to travel with Holy Land Travel Center. A Passport Card is not useful for International Air Travel. Attempting to use this instead of a Passport Book will result in a denial of boarding by the airlines and entry by the legal authorities.

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.

LIABILITY DISCLAIMER: HLTC hereby expressly disclaims any liability for any personal injury, property damage, Loss of baggage, accident, delay or irregularity, any claim for special or consequential damages or any other loss which may be occasioned by the acts and/or omissions, whether negligent, intentional, wrongful or otherwise, of any air carrier, hotel/motel or other lodging operator, railroad operator, bus operator, public transportation, sea carrier, local sightseeing company, tour operator, tour leader or spiritual director, any employees thereof, or any other entity or individual not under the direct supervision and control of HLTC when engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour, or otherwise in connection therewith. HLTC likewise expressly disclaims any responsibility for losses or expenses incurred, or inconvenience caused, due to delay or changes in schedules, defaults, over booking of hotels or airlines, sickness, weather, strikes, quarantines, pandemics, epidemics, acts of terrorism, constructions, war, force majeure or other such events which are beyond HLTC's control. HLTC likewise hereby expressly disclaims any liability for statements, actions or inactions of any intermediary agents such as group administrators, spiritual directors or tour leaders, travel agents or any other intermediary involved with the selling, promotion or operation of its tours. Group administrators, spiritual leaders and tour leaders likewise hereby expressly disclaim any liability for the acts and/or omissions of any of the above entities and/or individuals not directly under their supervision or control. Please be advised that the liability of carriers as well as providers of hotel and lodging accommodations is limited by law and you may thus wish to consider purchasing additional insurance to protect yourself against any losses or injuries suffered as a result of their acts and/or omissions. In all instances, HLTC's liability shall be limited to the amounts paid by you for participation in the tour, and subject to the provisions and cancellation fees as set forth in the 'Brochure Terms and Conditions'. In the event that the tour leader and/or spiritual director named in a brochure or itinerary does not travel with the group, and a substitute is not named to replace such person(s), then HLTC reserves the right to make substitutions of its choosing for such person(s) in the operation of the tour. Tour

Cancellation Due to Low Participation: On rare occasions, a tour departure may be canceled due to lack of participation. In the event that HLTC would decide to cancel a departure, a full refund will be issued (not including travel insurance). HLTC is not responsible and does not assume responsibility for any additional costs or any fees relating to the cancellation of air tickets or other arrangements not made through HLTC.

FORCE MAJEURE: Cancellations due to state advisories and/or state warnings, Pandemic, Epidemic, Acts of War, War, Terrorism, Acts of God, Natural Disaster, Force Majeure or any other circumstance outside the control of HLTC, are not the fault of HLTC. Great effort will be made to accommodate passengers on another trip, a postponed date, or to revise itinerary, however, cancellation for any of these reasons will not be eligible for refund and are subject to cancellation fees as stated above.

Note: While no changes are anticipated, there may be unforeseen occasions when certain alterations become necessary, either due to changes to the airline schedule, government regulations, travel restrictions, or any other reason. Holy Land Travel Center reserves the right to change the itinerary or name alternate dates due to such unforeseen circumstances or emergencies