

Join Fr. Thomas Thodukulam, SDB on a Pilgrimage to  
**France, Spain, Portugal  
& Italy in the Jubilee Year**

Rome - Jubilee - Lourdes - Barcelona - Madrid - Avila - Fatima



**November**  
3 - 15, 2025



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## Day by Day Itinerary

**November 3 Day 1: USA/ Rome:** Today we board our flights to Rome with meals and beverages served aloft.

**November 4 Day 2: Arrive Rome: St. Paul Basilica:** Upon arrival in Rome, we are greeted by our tour escort. We transfer to the St. Paul Outside the Walls and after a short tour we celebrate Mass. We then transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Overnight:** Rome (Dinner)

**November 5 Day 3: **Wednesday Papal Audience** – St. Mary Major & St. John Lateran:** 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). 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)

**November 6 Day 4: Christian Rome: St. Peter's Basilica:** Today we visit St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site where St. Peter the Apostle was martyred. Here we will walk through the Holy Door for the Jubilee and receive our plenary indulgence. Later, we will have the opportunity to pray at the tomb of St. John Paul II and view Michelangelo's Pieta sculpture. Free afternoon to explore and shop in Rome on our own.

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

**November 7 Day 5: Rome/Lourdes:** This morning we transfer to the airport in Rome to take an early flight to Lourdes. Upon arrival we transfer to our hotel for dinner. In the evening, we join the candlelight processional.

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

**November 8 Day 6: Lourdes:** This day we start with mass at the Grotto of Massabielle, where our Lady appeared to Bernadette in 1858. Later we take our official group photo in front of the Basilica, followed by our guided tour of Lourdes: The sanctuary of the Basilica of St. Pius X, the world's largest underground church. The Basilica, The Baths, where thousands of miraculous cures have taken place is the most respected shrine and sanctuary in France. Also to be visited are sites associated with the life of Saint Bernadette, like the Boly Mill - where she was born; the Locale Mill - residence of her parents; the Cachot - formerly used as a jail where she lived at the time of the Apparitions; the Chapel - where she received her first Holy Communion; and the Parish Church - containing the baptismal font where she was baptized. We will have our dinner and overnight.

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

**November 9 Day 7: Lourdes: Free Day:** Today is yours to spend in prayer, reflection, and exploration in the sacred town of Lourdes. You may choose to spend more time in the Grotto of Massabielle, participate in the Baths, and attend Mass.

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

**November 10 Day 8: Andorra La Vella:** After breakfast we depart Lourdes and drive over the Pyrenees to Andorra la Vella and view Romanesque churches and stone houses in the city's quarter along with a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Meritxell. Continue on to Barcelona.

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

**November 11 Day 9: Barcelona:** This morning we visit the most famous Holy family church, La Sagrada Familia. La Sagrada Familia is an unfinished Catholic Basilica in Barcelona designed by the celebrated Art Nouveau architect Antoni Gaudi. We enjoy a full guided tour of the Basilica before we celebrate Mass. We will then continue to Park Guell before we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

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

**November 12 Day 10: Transfer to Madrid:** Today, we depart Barcelona and travel westward toward *Madrid*, passing through the scenic landscapes of Spain's heartland. As we leave the Mediterranean coast behind, the terrain transforms into rolling hills, fertile vineyards, and vast plateaus dotted with charming villages and historic castles. Along the way, we witness the changing colors of the Spanish countryside, from the golden wheat fields of *Castile-La Mancha* to the rugged mountains in the distance. Upon arrival in Madrid, we check into our hotel, and the evening is free to explore Spain's vibrant capital at our leisure—perhaps strolling through *Plaza Mayor*, visiting the iconic *Puerta del Sol*, or enjoying tapas in one of the city's bustling neighborhoods.

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

**November 13 Day 11: Avila:** After breakfast, we travel to the city of Avila, a UNESCO World Heritage site, surrounded by the best-preserved medieval walls in Europe. Here the atmosphere has changed very little since the days of St. Teresa, to whom the city is dedicated. St. Teresa, a great mystic, was the first woman to be named a Doctor of the Church. We will view the Cathedral and visit the Convent of St. Teresa, built on the site where she was born, and the Monastery of the Incarnation, where St. Teresa lived, wrote and had many mystical experiences. Here we will celebrate Mass and have time for reflection and to visit the comprehensive museum dedicated to her life. On a hill outside the city walls, we will visit the Cuatro Postes (four columns) monument where St. Teresa, at the age of seven, was found by her father after attempting to run away with her brother to die as martyrs in the land of the Moors. After our tour and lunch, we will head for Alba de Tormes, where Saint Teresa died in 1582 and is buried. The museum of the Carmelite Convent of the Annunciation here contains her incorrupt heart and left arm. We then transfer to Fatima for overnight.

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

**November 14 Day 12: Fatima:** This day is dedicated to exploring Fatima, one of the most revered Marian pilgrimage sites. Our Blessed Mother appeared here to three shepherd children—Lucia Santos and her cousins, Bl. Jacinta and Bl. Francisco Marto, in 1917. Explore the Chapel of the Apparitions, the heart of the sanctuary, and visit the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary, where the tombs of the visionaries rest. Participate in prayer and reflection as we walk the Via Sacra (Stations of the Cross), a moving spiritual experience in this holy place. In the evening we join the candlelight processional.

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

**November 15 Day 13: Return Home:** Today we board our return flights home with memories and keepsakes that will last a lifetime.

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### BASE PRICE PER PERSON

**\$4799.00\***

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- For a single room\*: add \$1095

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### BASE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip from San Francisco (SFO)
- Excursions per itinerary
- 11 Nights accommodation
- Meals per Itinerary
- Professional Catholic tour guides
- Spiritual director
- Pilgrims' Backpacks
- Entry Fees

### TOUR COORDINATORS

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Pax Via Tours specializes in providing pilgrims with transformative religious travel experiences. Our tours are meticulously crafted to ensure the highest quality in travel and lodging, while offering the same personal touch that makes every journey uniquely meaningful. Guests are treated like family as they explore holy sites, engage with local Christian communities, and immerse themselves in the profound spiritual and cultural heritage of each destination.

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# **Terms & Conditions**

Below are the general terms & conditions. Dates and fees may change from tour to tour. For tour-specific information please refer to the terms and conditions on the travel brochure specific to your tour.

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. Pax Via Tours & Travel Inc. shall be referred to as PVTT 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 PVTT. Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure. Late payments are subject to a \$50 late fee per week past the due date. PVTT 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 PVTT receives your written cancellation via email used to register or by US mail, PVTT will then refund your payment for services not received by you, minus applicable cancellation fees per person, according to the following schedule: All refunds will be processed via check. Credit card fees are collected by the payment processor and will not be refunded.

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. Card processing fee is nonrefundable.

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**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. PVTT 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. PVTT 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

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

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