

## Pilgrimage to Italy with Rev. Aaron Kelly May 13 - 22 2026



Day 1 Wednesday: Rochester / Rome Depart U.S. from Rochester for overnight flight to Rome.

Day 2 Thursday: Assisi - Arrive in Rome. Board our motor coach for Assisi, with a stop in Orvieto to visit the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena. Continue on to Assisi to check in to tour hotel. Enjoy dinner tonight at the Hotel. (The stop in Orvieto will depend on the flight schedule and our arrival time.)



Day 3 Friday: Assisi - This morning, begin the day with Mass in the Basilica of St. Francis, pending confirmation. Continue with a guided tour of Assisi including such sites as the beautiful Basilica of St. Francis, the Church of Santa Clara which houses her incorrupt body, Santa Maria Maggiore to venerate the Tomb of Saint Carlo Acutis and the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels which houses the Porziuncola. The remainder of the day is free to explore this lovely hillside town on your own. Dinner tonight at your hotel.

Day 4 Saturday: Day trip to Norcia - Today's excursion takes us to Norcia, the birthplace of St. Benedict and his sister St. Scholastica. We will celebrate Mass in the side chapel, in Santae Mariae Misericordiae, of Abbazia di San Benedetto in Monte, pending confirmation, then join the Monks for their prayers. Afterward, we will have an update on the rebuilding of the Abbey by the founder of the order, Fr. Cassian Folsom, (pending confirmation) followed by lunch, on your own, in a local Agriturismo, where we will have the opportunity to taste the Beer the Monks brew to support themselves.. Return to Assisi for dinner and overnight.

Day 5 Sunday: Assisi / Rome - This morning we will travel to Montepulciano, a small town in Tuscany for a visit and wine tasting. We will continue onto Rome for dinner and overnight.

Day 6 Monday: Rome - We begin the day with a guided tour of Christian Rome. Visit St. Mary Major, Holy Stairs (Scala Sancta), St. John Lateran, and St. Paul Outside the Walls. Complete our tour with a stop at the Catacombs. Return to hotel with the remainder of the afternoon free. Dinner and overnight in Rome

Day 7 Tuesday: Rome – This morning we will drive to the sea side town of Nettuno to visit the tomb of Saint Maria Goretti and the American Cemetery. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Day 8 Wednesday: Rome – This morning attend the Papal Audience, pending the Holy Father's schedule. This afternoon is free for shopping, exploring, or just enjoying the Eternal City. You may want to venture out to the historical centre of Rome to see the Trevi fountain, Pantheon and Navona square, or perhaps enjoy a gelato or glass of vine.

Day 9 Thursday: Rome – This morning, we will head to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel. This afternoon is free to do as you wish.

Day 10 Friday: ROME / USA – This morning depart for Rome airport for our return flight.

We will request the Scavi Tour once the group is full. If we are granted a reservation this will affect the free time available during the time in Rome. We may also need to rearrange the other visits scheduled for the group. (Estimated cost \$15-20, depending on the exchange rate at the time of the booking)

**NOTE:** While no changes are anticipated, there may be occasions when certain alterations become necessary to this itinerary due to changes beyond our control. *All Masses times and locations are subject to final confirmation*.

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Land Only Cost: \$ 3,819.00, per person, *Cash/Check*, based on 40 participants, & double occupancy. If less than 40 sign up price will be adjusted based on the total number of pilgrims.

Price could change, depending on the currency exchange rate in early 2026. We are unable to predict this aspect of the program so far in advance of travel.

To participate in the group air add: \$ 1,339.00, cash / check, to the above "Land Only Cost."

All pricing is discounted for cash payment. Credit cards accepted at the full price. Land only:\$ 4,009.00 Air fare: \$ 1,405.00

## Included

- 8 Nights accommodations
- Breakfasts & Dinners daily
- English speaking tour escort/ guide throughout
- Private motor coach throughout
- Transfers from international airport, for those on group air.
- Entrance fees as noted in itinerary
- Tips for Tour escort/guides & driver
- Private Mass arrangements, daily.
- Taxes and fuel surcharge (subject to increase 30 days prior to departure)

## **Not Included**

- Round trip airfare (Option to add Group air listed above)
- Optional Travel insurance: (strongly recommended & must be purchased independently
- Lunches & beverages w/meals other than those listed in "included"
- New ETIAS travel authorization (due to be required in 2026. The exact start date has yet to be announced
- Transportation to/from Domestic Airport
- Items of personal nature
- Mass donations
- Any Airline imposed baggage fees
- Any items not specifically mentioned
- Limited single rooms: call for cost & availability.

You must be physically fit and capable of walking on uneven terrain and being on your feet all day.

Foreign countries do not have the "American Disabilities Act".

You are responsible for handling your own luggage.

To register for this pilgrimage please read, complete and sign the registration form and return with your deposit.

I understand that countries may implement or change health requirements at anytime and I will abide by the requirements of the country I am in visiting and transferring through.

In todays uncertain times all prices are subject to change prior to departure due to major currency fluctuations, changes in fuel prices and/or unforeseen economic circumstances beyond our control

I understand that Catholic Faith Journeys, LLC is not responsible for any changes/cancellation/ interruptions cause by force majeure.

Terms and conditions are on the back of the registration form.

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