



CATHOLIC  
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# Christmastide & New Year in Italy

with Rev. Adam Hertzfeld

December 27, 2026- January 4, 2027

Day 1- Sun Dec 27 – Depart USA from Detroit for your overnight flight to Rome.

Day 2 – Mon Dec 28 – Rome/Assisi: Upon arrival in Rome we will meet our guide and board the bus for the transfer to Assisi & check in at the Hotel. Enjoy dinner tonight at the Hotel. (Schedule for today will depend on arrival time) (D)

Day 3 – Tue Dec 29 - Assisi: This morning, begin the day with Mass in the Basilica of St. Francis, pending confirmation. After breakfast, you will participate in 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, visit the tomb of Carlo Acutis, as well as the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels which houses the Porziuncola. The Remainder of the afternoon is free to explore this lovely hillside town on your own. (B, D)

Day 4 – Wed Dec 30 - Norcia: Today's excursion takes us to Norcia, the birthplace of St. Benedict and his sister St. Scholastica. We will join the Monks for their prayer, visit the gift shop, and enjoy a tasting of the beer which the Monks brew, pending confirmation. Enjoy a lunch of local foods at the Casale Amici Agriturismo, on your own. Return to Assisi. (B, D)

Day 5 – Thu Dec 31 – Assisi/Orvieto/Rome: Today we travel to Orvieto, the town that sits on a 1,000-foot high rock formation, poetically crowned by Italy's most renowned Gothic cathedral. Because of its strategic location, Orvieto for centuries served as a refuge for the popes in troubled times. We visit the famous Cathedral housing the corporal of the Miracle of the Eucharist in Bolsena. Continues on to Rome for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 6– Fri Jan 01 – Rome: Experience the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God in Rome. Full day at your leisure for last minute exploring or shopping before dinner this evening. Overnight. (B, D)

Day 7– Sat Jan 02– Rome: After breakfast tour of the vast collections in the Vatican Museums including a visit to the Sistine Chapel where you will see Michelangelo's famous frescoed ceiling and "Last Judgment" and St. Peter's Basilica. In the afternoon explore Ancient Rome with a tour that includes a visit inside the Coliseum, Capitol Hill, the Vittorio Emmanuel Monument, the Roman Forum and the Circus Maximus. Dinner/ overnight. (B, D)

Day 8 – Sun Jan 03 – Rome: After breakfast, take a Christian Rome Tour, including St. Mary Major and John in Lateran, which is the Cathedral of Rome. Then see the Holy Steps climbed by Christ in Jerusalem, and the Basilica of the Holy Cross where some of Christianity's most important relics are housed, including a piece of the True Cross, thorn and nails. Remainder of the day at leisure. (B, D)

Day 9 – Mon Jan 4 - Rome/USA - Transfer to Fiumicino airport. (B)

**NOT INCLUDED: New ETIAS travel authorization (due to be required in the fall of 2026. The exact start date has not yet been announced.)**

**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 are subject to final confirmation.

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**\* LAND ONLY DISCOUNTED FOR PAYING CASH/CHECK/ZELLE: \$4,499.00** per person, based on 25 participants, & double occupancy.

**CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED FOR FULL PRICE: \$ 4,723.00**

*\* Price could change depending on the currency exchange rate mid to late 2026 We are unable to predict this aspect of the program in advance of tour travel dates.*

### Included

- 7 Nights accommodations
- 7 Breakfasts & 8 Dinners
- 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
- Taxes and fuel surcharge  
*(subject to increase 30 days prior to departure)*

### Not Included

- **Option to add Round trip Group Air DTW/FCO: \$ 1,880.00, cash / ck. \$ 1,974.00 with a credit card.**
  - Optional Travel insurance:  
*(strongly recommended)*
  - Lunches & beverages w/meals
  - Transportation to/from Domestic Airport
  - Items of personal nature
  - Any airline imposed baggage fees
  - Any items not specifically mentioned
- Limited Single rooms: Call for cost and availability.**

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*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 “Americans with Disabilities Act.” or (ADA).  
You are responsible for handling your own luggage.*

*To register for this pilgrimage please read, complete and sign the registration form, and return it 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.*

I understand that Catholic Faith Journeys, LLC is not responsible for any changes/cancellations/interruptions caused by forced majeure.

*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*

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

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