Jubilee Year Trip: Sacred Italy

By Inside Italy Tours March 5-15, 2025

The Jubilee Year in Italy is sacred to both Catholics and other faiths alike. During 2025 the Vatican celebrates this special year of grace. Join pilgrims from all over the world for this unique tour of the most sacred sites in Italy. This small group tour is designed especially for those who want to tour the sacred sites of Italy and enjoy the culture and history of this amazing land.



Air transportation on your own. Fly first class or use miles to fly whatever airline you choose. Beth can help arrange flight and transportation to the city of Rome. Fly out on March 5.

Itinerary: (may be slightly revised based on availability and cost)

<u>Thursday. March 6</u> - Meet your tour guide, Beth Watts, in Rome at our centrally located hotel. Enjoy a stroll through the Piazza Navona, Campo di Fiori, and the ancient Pantheon. Meet the rest of the group at dinner. <u>Group dinner</u>.

Overnight in Rome



Friday, March 7- After breakfast at the hotel, we will take private vans



to visit the other three papal basilicas in Rome. Santa Maria Maggiore, the future burial site for Pope Francis, St. John Lateran, and St. Paul outside the Walls. Evening free for shopping or people watching near the Spanish steps. Overnight in **Rome**.

<u>Saturday. March 8</u> - Today we visit the heart of the Catholic church, St. Peter's Basilica and the **Vatican Museum**. View masterpieces such as Michelangelo's Pieta, the Roman Laocoon, and Raphael's School of Athens, culminating in the magnificent Sistine Chapel. Dinner on your own. Overnight in **Rome**

<u>Sunday, March 9</u> - Wear some comfortable walking shoes as we traverse the steps of the ancient Romans in the **colosseum** and the **Roman Forum**. We will also visit the Mamertine prison where the apostle Paul was imprisoned.

We will finish the day with a <u>group dinner</u> and a visit to the Trevi Fountain where you can toss in your coins to guarantee a return trip. Overnight in **Rome**

Monday, March 10 - We will say goodbye to Rome today and load up in private mini vans for a day trip to <u>Assisi</u>, a Unesco Heritage Site. Explore one of the best-preserved medieval towns in the world and one of Italy's most captivating little towns. After visiting St. Francis's home church, we will continue on to Florence.

Dinner on your own. Overnight in Florence.





<u>Tuesday. March 11</u> - Today will be all about the Renaissance as we explore the Uffizi Gallery and the Accademia. Trace the transformation of sacred art of the medieval period to the humanism of the Renaissance and gaze upon the grandeur of Michelangelo's David.

Dinner on your own.

Overnight in Florence.



<u>Wednesday. March 12</u> - Visit the heart of Florence - the cathedral and baptistery, optional climb to the top of Brunelleschi's dome. We will also visit the church of Santa Croce and see the tombs of Michelangelo and Galileo.

Group Dinner.

Overnight in **Florence**.

<u>Thursday, March 13</u>- Enjoy the day outside of Florence as we take a trip to Lucca and Pisa and explore the cathedrals in these cities.

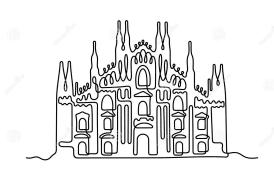
Overnight in Florence.

<u>Friday, March 14</u> - We will board an early train to Milan so we can explore one more Gothic cathedral in the heart of Milan. We will also view Da Vinci's Last Supper mural.

Group Dinner

Overnight in Milan

<u>Saturday, March 15</u> - Transportation to Milan airport to catch your flight back to USA.



TOTAL: \$4890 (double occupancy) \$800 single supplement

Price includes 9 nights accommodation in centrally located, three star hotels, 9 generous breakfasts, 4 group meals (4 meals included with wine/water. Soft drinks extra), admission to all planned activities, bus/train transportation within Italy, and tour guide and concierge services of an experienced guide 24/7. Does <u>not</u> include plane tickets, snacks, souvenirs, dinners on your own, taxis, unplanned activities, airport transfers, travel insurance or tips.

Payment:

\$500 deposit due with registration form to hold your spot Please pay by August 1.
The balance of \$4390 payable in three methods:
full payment (\$4390) (total minus \$500 deposit) Due September 1.
3 payments (\$1145 each due September 1, November 1, and January 1)
contact Patsy Ricks to work out a payment plan.

Please make checks payable to Inside Italy Tours. You may give to Beth Watts or mail to Patsy Ricks, Inside Italy tours, PO Box 16124, Jackson, MS 39236.

*Please save this for reference.



Fine print:

What else can I expect to pay? I would budget (per person) approximately \$50/dinner; \$25/lunch; \$25/day miscellaneous (water, snacks, gelato, taxi). Plane ticket - varies widely, approximately \$1900 (from JAN). Transportation from airport to Rome - \$50. Souvenirs - depends on what you intend to buy! Some people come home with a Prada purse or Gucci wallet, spending hundreds, some with only a magnet and a t-shirt.

Other info: You will need a current passport, valid for 6 months past the date of travel. At this time, no covid vaccination or testing is required.

Cancellation Policy: \$500 is nonrefundable. Before November 1, full refund (less deposit); Nov. 1-Jan. 1: 75% refund; March 1-April 1: 50% refund. After May 1, no refund. You may purchase travel insurance that offers a cancellation policy. If you can find a replacement for you, full refund less deposit.

What if I need to arrive late or leave early or want to stay longer? Just talk to Beth, and she will work out the arrangements and provide a specific price for you.

Health considerations: This trip involves walking 5-10 miles/day. You will also need to carry your own luggage (to/from hotel; on/off train, etc.) I recommend only bringing a carry-on suitcase and a backpack. You should be in reasonably good health to enjoy the active days. But don't worry, we'll fuel up on plenty of carbs and wine!

First time international travelers: Beth will guide you every step of the way from what to read before you go and how to pack to tips for long flights and adjusting to a different culture.

Why travel with Beth Watts of Inside Italy tours?

Beth has had over 20 years of experience leading tours to Italy and planning trips for families. A teacher of Latin and Greek, Beth is an expert in classical history and art, and she speaks Italian.

"From my first trip to Italy, the magic and beauty of the country has captivated me. The more I visit Italy, the more its language, its history, its natural beauty, and its art charm me. I love taking people to Italy and sharing that same wonder with them."

Ready to Enroll? Fill out the following form and return with \$500 deposit.

Questions? Contact Beth at beth@insideitalytours.com or (601) 383-2942.



Enrollment Form May 2024

 $\mbox{\rm ***}$ To reserve your spot, please return this completed form along with \$500 deposit (payable to Inside Italy Tours).

Name of Passenger (first, middle, last):
**This name should match your passport EXACTLY. (if you do not have a current passport, apply for one immediately).
Address:
e-mail address:
cell number: [This is an important means of communication about the trip. Please put all applicable numbers/addresses.]
Passenger's Date of Birth: Passenger's City of Birth:
Passport number: Date of Expiration: if you don't have this info, turn into me asap. Please make a copy of your passport to give to me. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months AFTER date of travel. Allergies/health conditions that tour leader might need to know:
Is there any reason that you can't walk distances? If yes, please explain.
I have read all the attached information and agree to the payment deadlines, cancellation policy, and other information.
Passenger signature:
Please make check payable to Inside Italy Tours. Deposit paid: check #:

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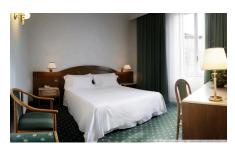
— FRANCES MAYES - AMERICAN NOVELIST, MEMOIRIST AND PROFESSOR



HOTEL INFORMATION:

All hotels are centrally located, safe, and clean, and they have AC and WIFI. Click on the websites to view more information.

ROME:
Hotel Santa Chiara
https://www.albergosantachiara.com/en/





Located directly behind the Pantheon, in the middle of historic Rome.

FLORENCE: Antica Torre Tournabouni https://www.tornabuoni1.com/en/





Milan: B&B St. Ambrogio https://www.hotel-bb.com > hotel





