

# St. Francis Pilgrimage to Italy

March 1-9, 2026

Chaplain: Fr. Anacleto Asebias Jr.  
Pastor of Ascension Roman Catholic Church, 86-13 55th Ave, Elmhurst, NY 11373  
Hosted by: Hilda Mantalaba



Daily Mass will be celebrated at select holy sites



## FEATURING:

- 4 Nights in Rome, 2 nights Assisi & 1 night in Tuscany!
- Celebrate Mass at the Tomb of St. Francis and venerate his remains, on display for the first time in 800 years!
- Attend the Papal Audience at the Vatican with Pope Leo XIV!
- Visit all Four Major Basilica's of Rome!
- Pray at the Tomb of St. Carlo Acutis, the first millennial Saint!
- Visit Greccio and La Verna, site of the first Nativity scenes created by St. Francis and where he received the Stigmata
- Visit Siena and explore the life of St. Catherine, the great mystic Saint and Doctor of the Church



Pray at the tomb of St. Carlo Acutis, the first millennial Saint!

**\$3,850: Cost Per Person sharing Twin Room from JFK**

(That's \$3,650 + \$200 air taxes and fuel charges in effect January 2026)

### Cost Includes:

- ◆ Round trip air from JFK
- ◆ 7 nights hotel accommodations at first class hotels
- ◆ Breakfast & dinner daily (*wine included at all dinners*)
- ◆ Daily sightseeing w/ English speaking tour manager & local guides
- ◆ Deluxe motor coach as per itinerary
- ◆ Entrance fees to sites visited
- ◆ Liturgy schedule
- ◆ Hotel taxes & services
- ◆ Porterage of one bag per person
- ◆ Air taxes, fuel surcharges & carrier fees
- ◆ Group Gratuities (\$150 per person is included in the price above)

### Not Included:

- ◆ Items not specified
- ◆ Optional sightseeing not listed in program
- ◆ Optional travel insurance
- ◆ Items of a personal nature
- ◆ Passport fees and/or visa fees for non U.S. citizens if applicable
- ◆ Additional air taxes & fuel surcharges if imposed by airline prior to ticketing in January 2026.

Single Room Supplement Fee: Add \$650

### TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT:

Deposit of \$2,500: Due immediately, space is limited.

Final Balance Payment: Due January 30, 2026.

All checks payable to Far Away Tours.

**IMPORTANT: Please include a photocopy of your passport with your check payment.**

**Arch RoamRight Travel Insurance based on trip cost of \$3,895 and Age**

**PRO PLAN:** Age 18-25 \$136; Age 26-30 \$148; Age 31-36 \$157; Age 37-42 \$168; Age 43-48 \$175; Age 49-54 \$181; Age 55-58 \$200; Age 59-62 \$216; Age 63-66 \$254; Age 67-69 \$291; Age 70-74 \$349; Age 75-78 \$494; Age 79-82: \$689; Age 83-86 \$899

**PRO PLUS PLAN:** Age 18-25 \$163; Age 26-30 \$171; Age 31-36 \$182; Age 37-42 \$208; Age 43-48 \$211; Age 49-54 \$213; Age 55-58 \$231 Age 59-62 \$291; Age 63-66: \$307; Age 67-69 \$322; Age 70-74 \$415; Age 75-78 \$552; Age 79-82: \$753; Age 83-86 \$997

**If you have NOT yet purchased travel insurance and wish to do so, you may add the above amount to your payment.**

**ANY QUESTIONS? Contact Hilda Mantalaba**

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## Daily Itinerary

**MARCH 1/SUN – DEPART JFK TO ROME.**

**MARCH 2/MON – ARRIVE ROME.** Upon arrival to Rome Fiumicino Airport, meet your tour manager and coach driver and begin your sightseeing tour of Rome! We will visit Rome's Major Basilica's. Our first stop is to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, founded by Emperor Constantine in the 4th Century and the burial place of Saint Paul the Apostle. Visit St. John Lateran Basilica, the oldest of the four major Basilicas in Rome and the home to the relics of Peter and Paul. Cross the street to the Holy Staircase (Scala Santa). Tradition states that this staircase is from Pontius Pilate's palace of Jerusalem during the time of Jesus and was brought to Rome by St. Helen in the 4th century. If time permits, you may climb the steps on your knees in memory of Christ's agonizing Passion. Next stop is the Basilica of St. Mary Major which contains a relic from the Manger of the Infant Jesus. It is also the resting place of Pope Francis. Celebrate Mass (location to be advised), then transfer to your hotel in Rome for check-in, dinner and overnight. (D) **PRECISE HOUSE MANTEGNA ROMA or similar** [www.precisehotels.com/precise-house-mantegna-roma](http://www.precisehotels.com/precise-house-mantegna-roma)

**MARCH 3/TUE – ROME.** After breakfast, we will have a full day of sightseeing. Meet your local guide for a guided walking tour of historic Rome. Visit the Spanish Steps, the Trevi Fountain, Via del Corso, the Pantheon and Piazza Navona. Enjoy some free time for lunch on your own. Visit the Church of Saint Alphonsus Liguouri for Mass and to admire the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help which hangs above the main altar. Celebrate Mass, perhaps here at St. Alphonsus Church. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

**MARCH 4/WED – ROME.** Rise early today to attend the Papal Audience with our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV! After the Papal Audience, you will have some free time to explore the inside of St. Peter's Basilica on your own. After, you have some more leisure time for lunch on your own. In the afternoon, tour the impressive Vatican Museums. Walk through some of the most unique rooms and view masterpieces of famous artists and marvel at the Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's work of art, the "Last Judgment." Return back to your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

**MARCH 5/THU – ROME/COLLEVALENZA/ASSISI.** After breakfast, board your coach and depart towards Assisi. Enroute, we will visit the Sanctuary of Merciful Love of Collevalenza and its healing spring waters. Continue on to Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis, arriving in time for lunch on your own. Take a tour of St. Mary of the Angels Basilica in Assisi's Lower Town. This Basilica is where St. Francis spent most of life and is made up of two structures; the Porziuncola where St. Francis founded his order of the Friar Minor (Franciscans), and the Cappella del Transito, which is the place of St. Francis' death. Visit the beautiful Rose Garden where St. Francis and other friars lived, as well as the cave where the Saint retired to pray. Our tour continues in Assisi's Upper Town where we will visit St. Clare Basilica and St. Mary Major Church which contains the tomb of St. Carlo Acutis, the first millennial Saint! Finally, we enter St. Francis Basilica where we will see the open tomb of St. Francis. Admire the series of frescoes depicting his life and view some of his relics. Celebrate Mass, then check-in to your hotel here in Assisi for dinner and overnight. (B,D) **BV GRAND HOTEL ASSISI or similar** [www.bvgrandhotelassisi.com](http://www.bvgrandhotelassisi.com)

**MARCH 6/FRI – ASSISI.** After breakfast, minivans and our local tour guide will greet us outside the hotel to begin today's sightseeing. Visit the Sanctuary of San Damiano, St. Clare Convent and Carceri Hermitage, the woodside home of St. Francis. Return to your hotel in Assisi for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

**MARCH 7/SAT – ASSISI/GRECCIO/LA Verna/TUSCANY.** After breakfast, board your coach and depart towards Tuscany! En-route, stop in Greccio and La Verna to discover the sites where the first Nativity Scenes were created by St. Francis, and where he received the Stigmata. In the evening, continue to the Val d'Elsa region in Tuscany. Check-in to your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D) **HOTEL VILLA SAN LUCCHESE or similar** [www.villasanlucchese.com](http://www.villasanlucchese.com)

**MARCH 8/SUN – TUSCANY/ROME.** After breakfast, board your coach and depart to nearby Siena, the city of St. Catherine, the great Mystic Saint, Doctor of the Church and Patron Saint of Italy! We will enjoy a guided tour of the historic city center, and celebrate Mass in the Church of St. Francis, home to the Eucharistic Miracle. We will also have the opportunity to witness the cup containing the miracle of the sacred host up close! Board your coach and return back to Rome. Check-in to your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

**PRECISE HOUSE MANTEGNA ROMA or similar** [www.precisehotels.com/precise-house-mantegna-roma](http://www.precisehotels.com/precise-house-mantegna-roma)

**MARCH 9/MON – RETURN FLIGHT HOME.** Transfer to Rome Airport for your return flight back to JFK.

B-Breakfast; L-Lunch; D-Dinner;  
Sequence of Sightseeing Subject to Modification  
**Mass Celebrated at select holy sites**

## BOOKING FORM

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Enclosed is my deposit of \$\_\_\_\_ (\$2,500 per person + optional insurance) due as soon as possible to confirm your spot.  
Final Balance due by January 30, 2026.

Name: (Mr./Mrs./Ms) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Please PRINT official, legal first & last name as it appears on your passport.**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Date of Birth (month/day/year): \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

TEL: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Twin Room Sharing room with \_\_\_\_\_

Single Room (\$650 Supplement)

Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Vegan: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: U.S. Passport valid until June 9, 2026 or beyond is required to enter Italy.  
Please include a passport photocopy with your booking form and deposit.**

### GENERAL CONDITIONS

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Regularly scheduled economy class service on any IATA or ARC carrier.

**TARIFF & EXCHANGE FLUCTUATIONS:** Estimated tour price herein is quoted in U.S. dollars and are based on tariffs and exchange levels in effect January 2026. Rates are subject to adjustment in the event of any changes in these tariffs and exchange levels.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Rooms with two beds and private bath throughout.

**DOCUMENTS:** Carry valid U.S. passport valid through June 9, 2026 or beyond and another photo ID.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Upon registration, your deposit of \$2,500 is non-refundable. After that, cancellation fees are as follows: 35-0 days prior: up to total cost. In addition, airline tickets are nonrefundable from the day they are issued, which is sometimes several months before departure. **For this reason, optional cancellation/travel protection insurance is highly recommended at time of deposit to protect your travel investment.**

**Cancellations must be received in writing by email to [erin@farawaygrouptours.com](mailto:erin@farawaygrouptours.com).**

**GROUP SIZE:** Rates herein are based on a minimum of 42 passengers.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** The travel agent and the tour operator, Far Away Tours of Higganum, CT 06441, Tel: 860-740-0325, or their agents act(s) only as agent(s) in all matters connected with the making and securing of reservations for transportation, accommodations, tours and/or other arrangements and assumes no responsibility for liability in connection with the service of any train, vessel carriage, aircraft or other conveyance which is used, either wholly or in part, in the performance of its duty to the passengers; neither this travel agency nor any of its representatives shall be, or become liable for any act, error or omission, or for any injury, loss accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any defect in any vehicle or through neglect or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out the purpose for which ticket or coupons have been issued. In the event that it becomes necessary or advisable, for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made. Additional expenses if any, shall be borne by the passengers; conversely, refund will be made to the passengers if any saving is effected thereby. Also, in the event that sufficient persons are not secured for a particular tour, we reserve the right to cancel said tour, and a refund of monies paid will release the company of any further obligation. All arrangements for accommodations, transportation and sightseeing are made by the tour operator and/or their agents. The passage contract in use by companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchase of these tours and/or passage by the airlines concerned and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance.

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