

# BIBLICAL ITALY

*A Jubilee Year Pilgrimage  
with Bishop Erik Pohlmeier*

11 Days January 12-22, 2025



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# WHAT'S THE COST?

Total Trip Cost  
**\$4295.00**

Land Only  
**\$3495.00**

Solo Traveler  
(Additional Cost)  
**\$895.00**

Prices are per person

\*Group Air Price based on a minimum of 10 passengers

Prices are valid only if the deposit is received no later than October 7, 2024

Final payment due November 13, 2024

Trip Code: 25JA01ITEP



## ACCORDING TO NEW RULES

Tickets for museums and the Scavi can be purchased once all group participant names are provided. We will make all efforts to secure entrance to the space within 90 days of departure or when we have the names.

This active program requires walking ten to twelve thousand steps daily, often on uneven surfaces, cobblestones, and some stairs.

Enroll online to guarantee your spot immediately. You can manage your trip, see your documents and itinerary, and view or pay your invoice, from any computer or mobile device.

## PLENARY INDULGENCE

A Jubilee, a Holy Year, is a great religious event. It is a special holy year of grace and pilgrimage in the Catholic Church. It typically takes place once every 25 years, though the pope can call for extraordinary jubilee years more often, such as in the case of the 2016 Year of Mercy or the 2013 Year of Faith.

It is a year of forgiveness of sins and also the punishment due to sin; it is a year of reconciliation between adversaries, of conversion and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and consequently of solidarity, hope, justice, commitment to serve God with joy and in peace with our brothers and sisters. A Jubilee year is, above all, the year of Christ, who brings life and grace to humanity. The origin of the Christian Jubilee goes back to Bible times.

A central part of any jubilee are the Holy Doors. They are ceremoniously opened during Jubilee Years, so that pilgrims who enter through these doors may piously gain the plenary indulgences ...The four main Holy Doors are St. Peter's Basilica, Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, Basilica of St. Mary the Great, Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

*Our pilgrimage will include all four Holy Doors.*

## DAILY ITINERARY

### ✚ January 12, Sunday, DAY 1: DEPART FROM USA

We depart on an overnight flight from Jacksonville to Rome. Dinner and breakfast will be served on the flights. Optional premium economy and business class quotes are available upon request. Group tickets do not permit individual seat requests. If the airline seat location is a priority, please purchase your own air ticket and a land-only package from us.

### ✚ January 13, Monday, DAY 2: WELCOME TO ITALY – ARRIVE IN ROME

We arrive in Rome in the morning and are greeted at the airport by our English-speaking tour guide, who will accompany us during the pilgrimage. We board our bus and drive to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Here we celebrate Mass (TBC) and walk through the first of the four Holy Doors, which are open only during the Jubilee Year, as proclaimed by the Holy Father. After lunch, we visit Tre Fontane Convent, built on St. Paul's beheading site, where three fountains sprung when the Apostle's head bounced three times. Settle into our hotel and unpack before we meet for a welcome drink and dinner at our hotel. Overnight in Rome. (L. Dinner with a welcome drink)

### ✚ January 14, Tuesday, DAY 3: CHRISTIAN ROME

Following breakfast, which is included each morning, we visit the Basilica of St. John the Lateran. This Basilica is where the Pope is installed and officiates as the Bishop of Rome. Here, we pass through the second Holy Door. Across the street, we visit the Holy Stairs. Tradition tells us that this staircase is from the palace of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem, brought to Rome by St. Helena in the 4th century. We may climb the steps on our knees to remember Christ's agonizing Passion. We walk over to the nearby Basilica di Santa Croce in Gerusalemme to see the relics of the True Cross. Our next stop is the Basilica of St. Mary Major, where we walk through the third Holy Door of our Pilgrimage. The Basilica contains a relic from the Manager of the Infant Jesus. We celebrate Mass at St. Mary Major. Tonight, enjoy dinner with wine at a local restaurant. Overnight in Rome. (B. Special dinner)

### ✚ January 15, Wednesday, DAY 4: PAPAL AUDIENCE – ANCIENT ROME

Early this morning, we are transferred to St. Peter's Square for the Papal Audience with the Holy Father. We stop at the Vatican post office, where we can post and mail prayer petitions for the Holy Father to pray over. Following lunch, we have a guided walking tour of Ancient Rome, including the area called Velabro, the site of the birth of Rome. We see the Church of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, with its impressive Bell Tower. Entering this church, we might be welcomed by the Gregorian Chants performed by the Greek Orthodox community, which worships orthodox rites. Here, we see the famous La Bocca della Verità, the Mouth of the Truth, and the skull of St. Valentine, the patron saint of love. In the crypt of the church are relics from the Catacombs. We visit the thousand-year-old Basilica of St. Bartholomew on Tiber Island to see the relics of St. Bartholomew the Apostle. Continue passing by the Teatro Marcello (one of the best preserved Roman theaters) to Capitol Hill, where we have a great view of the valley of the Roman Forum and the Palatine Hill. We then meet our tour bus for a transfer to the Basilica of St. Lawrence

Outside the Walls, where St. Lawrence is buried. Here at one of the five “Papal Basilicas,” we celebrate Mass. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Rome. (B.L.D)

### ✚ January 16, Thursday, DAY 5: VATICAN TREASURES

We walk to St. Peter’s Basilica for an early morning Mass and a guided tour of St. Peter’s Basilica, including the Vatican Museums. The Basilica was built on the site where St. Peter, the first Pope and Bishop of Rome, was martyred. Here, we view Michelangelo’s Pieta and pray at the tombs of St. Peter and Pope St. John Paul II. We pass through this fourth and final of the Holy Doors. Following lunch, we walk past Castel St. Angelo, over the Bridge of Angels to Piazza Navona, where we see the magnificent fountain by Bernini. Next is a visit to Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, the resting place of St. Catherine of Siena and the Pantheon. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore Rome on our own, perhaps to visit the nearby Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps. Dinner is at leisure tonight, with the opportunity to taste some great Italian food in local restaurants. Overnight in Rome. (B.L)

### ✚ January 17, Friday, DAY 6: MONTE CASSINO – SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

Following breakfast and hotel check-out, we board our bus and enjoy the scenic route drive to Monte Cassino, which passes through the Roman countryside known for its villas and vineyards. During the bus ride, our tour escort will share interesting information regarding Italy’s spiritual, historical, and cultural history. Monte Cassino, the principal monastery of the Benedictine Order, was founded by Saint Benedict around 530 A.D. We tour the monastery and have an opportunity to visit the gift shop before we celebrate Mass. Upon arrival in San Giovanni Rotondo, we check in at our hotel and enjoy dinner and a comfortable night of rest. (B.D)

### ✚ January 18, Saturday, DAY 7: SAN GIOVANNI – ST. MICHAEL’S GROTTA

Following breakfast at the hotel, we walk to the nearby Santa Maria delle Grazie to visit the church and confessional where Padre Pio committed himself to hours of hearing Confessions. It was said that he could read souls, and pilgrims came to leave prayer intentions near his confessional. We see the incorrupt body of this great saint, along with his living quarters. Next, we board the bus to travel along the beautiful Gargano Peninsula to Monte Sant Angelo (grotto of St. Michael), where St. Michael appeared in the years 490, 492, and 493. Mass will be celebrated. Enjoy time for lunch on our own in this charming and quaint area before returning to the hotel. Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo. (B.D)

### ✚ January 19, Sunday, DAY 8: SAN GIOVANNI – TERMOLI – PESCARA

We depart the hotel following breakfast for a drive along the Adriatic coast. Our destination is Termoli, a city in Molise, one of the smallest Italian Regions. We visit the Cathedral, which contains the skull of Saint Timothy, who met St. Paul around the year 49 during the Apostle’s 2nd missionary journey and helped the Apostle spread the Gospel. His relics were discovered here in 1945 during restoration work on the cathedral’s crypt. The workers found a marble tombstone with an inscription: “In the year of the Lord 1239. Here rests in peace the body of the blessed Timothy, disciple of the blessed Apostle.” We celebrate Mass in this sacred spot. Our lunch today is based on delicious local fish recipes. Continue to Pescara, where we will spend the next two nights. Dinner and overnight are at the hotel in Pescara. (B.L.D)

### ✚ January 20, Monday, DAY 9: LANCIANO – WINES OF ABRUZZO – ORTONA – PESCARA

We depart the hotel early today on a short bus ride to Lanciano to visit the Church of St. Longinus, the site of the Eucharistic Miracle. After Mass, we drive along the path of San Tommaso. En route we stop at Montepulciano Winery for a visit. We see the fountain of wine, where pilgrims from all over the world could be refreshed after the fatigue of the journey. We enjoy a tour, lunch, and wine tasting. This afternoon, we visit the Cathedral in Ortona, which houses the bones of St Thomas the Apostle. Return to Pescara for dinner and overnight. (B. Special lunch. D)

### ✚ January 21, Tuesday, DAY 10: MANOPPELLO – TIVOLI

This morning, we drive towards Rome, stopping en route in Manoppello to visit the Basilica Sanctuary of the Holy Face, where we celebrate Mass. We continue to L’Aquila, where after a lunch break, we visit the Basilica of Santa Maria di Collemaggio, known for its Holy Door, which is opened once a year in celebration of Forgiveness, called “Perdonanza.” This is the site of the original Papal Jubilee established in 1294 by Pope Celestine V, who is buried here. It is fitting that our Jubilee Year pilgrimage began with a visit to the Holy Door and ends with the visit to the original Holy Door opened for the first Jubilee Year. Later in the afternoon, we will reach our hotel in Tivoli. Farewell dinner with wine and overnight in Tivoli. (B. L. Farewell dinner)

### ✚ January 22, Wednesday, DAY 11: RETURN TO USA

We are transferred to the airport for our flight home. (B)

#### YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- Roundtrip airfare from Jacksonville or NY JFK to Rome
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- First-class hotels for 9 nights
- Service charges and hotel taxes
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Five restaurant lunches
- Six hotel dinners (standard 3-course menu; beverages may be purchased at an additional cost)
- 1 Restaurant dinner with wine
- Farewell dinner with wine
- Winery visit lunch and wine-tasting
- All transfers with a private motor coach as per itinerary
- Professional English-speaking Christian tour guide throughout
- Entrance fees are included to sites specifically listed (outside view means no entrance is included)
- Luggage handling at hotels (one piece per person in/out)
- Select International Tours Travel Portfolio
- Confirmation of daily private Mass
- Whisper sets

#### RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Travel protection -we recommend you consider purchasing CFAR Travel Protection
- Tipping /Gratuities for the guide(s), driver, and wait staff (please refer to the suggestions we will provide for you with your final documents) Suggested budget \$200- \$220.00
- Any items not explicitly mentioned in the listed inclusions
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted
- Meals not specifically listed at the end of each day (B. L. D)
- Church donations (budget \$2.00 - \$5.00 per Mass)
- Airport transfers for land-only passengers unless at the airport at the same time as the group
- Personal expenses
- ETIAS European Travel Authorization

#### BAGGAGE CHARGES NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP COST:

- Any airline baggage charges
- Baggage handling at train stations, airports, and hotels in excess of one suitcase per person
- Any charges incurred due to excessive luggage including the cost of an additional baggage vehicle or portage charges

**DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENT:** A **deposit of \$500.00** per person by check should accompany the enrollment form and a copy of your passport picture page by **October 7, 2024. Final payment is due by November 13, 2024. A late payment fee of \$100 will be charged per person for all payments received after the final payment date. Please mail your payment to: Select International Tours, 85 Park Ave., Flemington, NJ 08822 Attn: Jane Allison, 800-842-4842, jane@select-intl.com. Your passport must be valid through July 22, 2025. Reservations will not be processed until we have passport copies.** Prices quoted are based on payments by check. Prices: **\$4,295.00** for total trip cost; **\$3,495.00** for land only (air not included); **\$895.00** for solo traveler, additional cost, (in room by yourself). For credit card prices add 4%

**PILGRIMAGE PRICES:** Prices are based on minimum 20 passengers. Prices may be adjusted in the event of fewer than 20 passengers, changes in currency conversion rates, or amendments in local government taxes and/or fuel surcharges. Prices are in US dollars. For European travel an exchange rate of US \$1.15 per Euro is assumed.

**SOLO TRAVEL:** A limited number of single rooms are available. Prices are per person based on two people per room. We do not guarantee roommates but will do our best to connect you with someone willing to share.

**LAND ONLY OPTION:** Land only services start and end at the hotels and do not include any airfare. You are welcome to transfer from the airport with the group if you arrive at the same time, otherwise, transfers are not included.

**TOUR CANCELLATION POLICY: Individual deposits are refundable except for a \$350.00 per person handling fee for cancellations made 91 days or more before departure. A \$500.00 non-refundable fee will be assessed if the reservation is canceled between 90 and 60 days prior to departure. Within 60 days of departure all payments are non-refundable regardless of reason for cancellations. All airline tickets are non-refundable once issued. All cancellations must be in writing. Unused portions of the trip are not refundable. If a roommate cancels, the cost of a solo supplement will be added to your invoice. You may be eligible for a refund through your travel protection. Refer to the U.S. Policy by State on our website.**

**TRIP CANCELLATION PROTECTION:** We strongly encourage you to purchase a **Travel Protection Plan**, for the protection of your travel investment. Please consider purchasing this plan at the time of initial deposit in order to be covered for pre-existing conditions.

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**AIRLINE, SEATING AND SPECIAL REQUESTS: To best accommodate our pilgrims, we often utilize Group Air Reservations. These allow more predictable transfer and tour schedules. However, when booking Group Air, the airline (not Select International Tours) controls seating assignments. If you require very**

**specific seats, we suggest that you book your own airfare and take advantage of our "Land Only" options. You may communicate directly with the airline to request seating changes, provide mileage program information, or change passenger contact information once you receive ticket numbers—approximately three (3) weeks prior to departure. We work with instant purchase airline tickets and or group rates. Due to airline utilization fees switching reservations from air and Land to Land only within 100 days of departure will incur a minimum fee of \$150.00 per person.** All special needs and requests due to medical or dietary restrictions must be requested in writing at least 60 days prior to departure. Quotes for Business class and Premium Coach seats are available upon written request; as are add-ons from your hometown airport. If you require very specific airlines or schedules, we suggest that you book your own airfare and take advantage of our "Land Only" options.

**WALKING:** Our trips require daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, steps, and uneven terrain. We recommend preparing oneself, by walking before the trip. Anyone needing assistance is required to be accompanied by a qualified and physically-able travel companion. We are not responsible for any medical condition that occurs prior, during or after the trip.

**SAFETY PROCEDURES:** Select International Tours has undertaken a reasonable inquiry, with all the suppliers (including airlines, hotels, bus companies and other service providers) used on our trips to ensure they have instigated the best available procedures regarding the pandemic- protective policies advised by local government and health authorities. The client understands and agrees that the supplier(s) may not apply those policies as diligently as the policies suggest. In addition even if the supplier makes a good faith effort to enforce its good practices, some travelers may simply refuse to cooperate. Therefore the client agrees not to hold Select International Tours or group leaders responsible should they or anyone on the trip contract COVID-19 or any other illness during or after the trip

**RESPONSIBILITY:** By accepting this confirmation, you agree that the Group Leaders and Select International Tours, Inc. have no responsibility for any acts or omission of the travel suppliers in your itinerary and during your trip. We have no special knowledge regarding the financial conditions of the suppliers, unsafe travel conditions, health hazards, or weather hazards at locations traveled. We are not responsible for flight delays or cancellations or any charges incurred due to unforeseen circumstances. Unused portions of the trip are non-refundable. For information about destination climate, risks, and safety please consult the appropriate on-line resources. For health information consult the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. You are responsible for checking passport, visa, vaccination, or other entry requirements of your destinations. Itineraries are subject to change. We are not responsible for any damaged, lost, or stolen articles. We are not responsible for any sickness, injury, or death during or after the trip. Travel documents will be mailed out approximately three (3) weeks before departure. Please review them carefully for any errors.

**SHIPPING & HANDLING:** \$15.00 per person—not included in package price—will be added to each invoice. Your invoice will confirm the trip registration.

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## **THE BENEFITS OF REGISTERING ONLINE FOR YOUR PILGRIMAGE:**

Over the last several years, our clients have requested more control over the trip booking process, payments, and, most importantly, communication about the trips. Our response to these comments and requests had taken two years to implement, but we are happy with the results. Select has committed to a major financial and time investment in building an online reservation system that is easy to navigate using your home computer, tablet, or smartphone. We have addressed most of the requests and suggestions provided by clients. The benefits of the new system to you are a simplified registration process, the ability to access your information at your convenience, review your payment history and get trip information while easily communicating with your Account Manager and group leader.

When you register online, you will receive regular email updates about your trip and useful tips and tricks for making your international travel more comfortable and enjoyable. And best of all, you can register online even if you prefer to pay by check or wire transfer; just choose that option upon checkout.

We understand that some people are not comfortable with technology and prefer to register via mail-in paper registration, regardless of the many benefits of registering online. To make that easy, we have created a generic registration form on our website at <https://selectinternationaltours.com/register-online/>. You may download and print the form, fill it out and mail it with your check to Select International Tours. However, before you choose to register by mail, please know that we cannot communicate with people who do not register online as frequently and seamlessly. And you may miss some important communication regarding balances and trip preparation, as well as communication from your group leaders. We want you to be in charge and be comfortable with the registration process; our job is to inform you so you can choose the best system for you.

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