Jubilee Year 2025 — Pilgrimage to Italy - October 12 - 24, 2025

Rome, Venice, San Giovanni Rotondo (St Padre Pio), Assisi (St Francis/St Claire / Blessed Carlo Acutis), Cascia (St Rita), Corato (Blessed Luisa Picarretta), Padua (St Anthony), Naples, Island of Capri



St Peter's Basilica - Vatican



The Holy Door



The Pilgrimage Tour

Contact Universal Tours Inc for detailed information, daily itinerary and registration form. First come, first served, so please submit your deposit and registration form to reserve your spot.

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Tour Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Francis Ouma (Archdiocese of Baltimore, Maryland)

October 12–24, 2025 (13 days) Price: \$4495

<u>Price Includes</u>: Round-trip airfare from IAD – hotel accommodations, breakfast and dinner, professional English-speaking tour guides, deluxe motor coach, baggage handling in hotels

Jubilees take place every 25 years. The 2025 Jubilee or Holy Year is the period during which the Pope grants plenary indulgence (absolution from all sins) to all the faithful who travel to Rome and go through the HOLY DOOR. It officially begins on December 24, 2024 with the opening of the Holy Door by Our Holy Father Pope Francis and will last throughout the year, 2025.

ITINERARY:

DAY 1 - Sunday, Oct 12 DEPART FROM USA, an overnight flight to Italy.

DAY 2 - Monday Oct 13 VENICE - PADUA

After collecting your luggage and completing the customs procedures, meet your tour escort, who will lead you to your private bus. Load your luggage and drive to Padua. Check in at the reserved hotel in Padua. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 3 - Tuesday Oct 14 PADUA- VENICE - PADUA

After breakfast at the hotel, visit the beautiful basilica, the Sanctuary of San

Antonio de Padua. Catholics pray for St Anthony's intercession especially for lost and stolen articles.. The Pontifical Basilica of Saint Anthony, which the people of Padua call Il Santo (The Saint), is the most important monument in the city and one of the world's



most important art freasures. Possible Holy Mass celebration here. Afte mass, drive to the bus terminal in Venice. This is a half day trip. Get on a private boat to be transferred to **Piazza San Marco**. Start your walking tour of Venice passing by the famous **St. Mark's Basilica**, its Campanile (Bell Tower) and much more. You are free to enjoy this unique "queen" of the Venetian lagoon. Eventually get on your boat again. Drive back to Padua. Dinner and overnight, PADUA

DAY 4 – Wednesday, OCT 15 PADUA – ASISSI
After breakfast at the hotel, check out, load
the bus with your luggage and depart for
ASSISI. Lunch along the way. On arrival,
check in at your hotel. You will visit the



Upper and Lower Basilica of St. Francis, and the old medieval town. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 5 - Thursday, Oct 16 ASSISI - CASCIA - ASSISI

After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Cascia. Visit the Holy Shrine of St. Rita. Lunch on your own. In due time return to Assisi and visit Saint Mary of the Angels' Basilica, St Claire Basilica and the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis (in glass casket). Return to your hotel in Assisi. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 6 – Friday, Oct 17 ASISSI – CORATO - S. GIOVANNI ROTONDO
After breakfast, check out, load the bus with your luggage and depart for Corato to visit the house of Blessed Luisa



Picaretta., the Little Daughter of the Divine Will. Jesus Christ appeared and talked to her most of her life. She wrote 39 volumes of "The Book Of Heaven". She is expected to be beatified soon. We visit her tomb in the nearby church, St Maria Greca Church. After the visit we proceed to **San Giovanni Rotondo.** Dinner and overnight.

DAY 7 – Saturday Oct 18 S. GIOVANNI ROTONDO — S. GIOVANNI ROTONDO After breakfast, we proceed to the Sanctuary of St Padre Pio. A guided tour of St Pio's place where he spent his life and died., the museum, the glass casket of Padre Pio's incorrupt body, his cell, etc. Mass celebration in one of the churches here. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 8 – Sunday, Oct 19 S GIOVANNI ROTONDO – NAPLES After breakfast, check out, load the bus with your luggage and drive to NAPLES Lunch on your own. With guided historical and panoramic tour you get to explore Naples' historic center, drive along the beautiful coast and view Italy's historic volcano, Mt Vesuvius. Check into your hotel. Dinner/ overnight.

DAY 9 - Monday, OCT 20 NAPLES - CAPRI - NAPLES -

After breakfast, drive to the port and take a boat ride to the island of Capri, a famous Italian island in the Tyrrhenian sea. Enjoy the day in this notorious and beautiful island, covering Capri and Ana Capri. Lunch on your own. Go back to your hotel. Dinner and overnight,

DAY 10 - Tuesday, Oct 21 NAPLES - ROME.

After breakfast, travel to Rome . Upon arrival , with a local guide, start exploring the iconic sites of Rome. Check in at your hotel. Dinner / Overnight

DAY 11 - Wednesday, OCT 22 ROME

After breakfast, head to Saint Peter's Square for the Papal Audience. Lunch on your own at the end of the Papal Audience. Proceed to the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel. Visit St. Peter's Basilica. We go through the



HOLY DOOR at St Peter's Basilica. Dinner /Overnight.

DAY 12 - Thursday, October 23 ROME

After breakfast, a full day to visit the 4 main Basilicas: St John Lateran , St Mary Major , St Paul Outside the Walls and the Basilica of the Holy Cross, home of the relics of the True Cross. Dinner and overnight, Rome

DAY 13 - Thursday, Oct 24 ROME - AIRPORT - USA

After breakfast, Transfer to FCO airport for your 11 am return flight to USA

Included: Hotel accommodations / Meals: all breakfast and dinners /deluxe motor coach service all days / whisper sets / Porterage (1 piece pp)

Hotels: Padua (2 nights) – Assisi (2 nights) – S. Giovanni Rotondo (2 nights) – Naples (2 nights) - Rome (3 nights)

Not Included: Travel/medical Insurance, gratuities for guides and drivers, porters (refer to the suggested rates), personal expenses, church donations, any additional airline baggage charges, lunches, snacks, beverages at meals.