



## BRISBANE ARCHDIOCESE JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI

13<sup>TH</sup> - 24<sup>TH</sup>  
SEP 2025

LEAD BY  
**ARCHBISHOP,  
MARK  
COLERIDGE**



12  
DAYS

**PACKAGE  
PRICE:**

per person (twin share)

AUD\$7,890\*

Subsidies are dependent on the Archdiocesan agency you work for. Please speak with your manager.

**OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM  
SUPPLEMENT:**

AUD\$1,375

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ARCHBISHOP AND  
ARCHDIOCESAN  
DIRECTORS**

\*Conditions apply. Subject to change.  
Price is subject to minimum group  
of 30 pilgrims

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The Jubilee 2025, known as the Holy Year, will open on 24th December 2024 and will last for the entire year 2025. The Archdiocese of Brisbane, invites all employees to consider participating in this Jubilee as it will not only be an incredible opportunity for religious reflection with celebrations and events, but also a once in a lifetime invitation to immerse yourself in the beauty and diversity of the eternal city alongside Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

For the 2025 Jubilee, the city of Rome expects no fewer than 35 million pilgrims, so secure your place to be part of this historic event in the life of the Catholic Church.

### PRICE INCLUSIONS:

- Return economy class airfares with Emirates from Brisbane to Rome
- All current airport & departure taxes
- Porterage, tips & gratuities throughout
- 9 nights in hotel accommodation in twin share rooms
- Breakfast and dinners either at local restaurants or at hotel as per the itinerary
- Transport by deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- All entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Local English Speaking Guides for all visits
- Whisperer headsets at each visit

### Attend an online Information Session on Tuesday, 25th March 2025

4-5pm (QLD Time) for those who have expressed interest in attending. Contact Sharon O'Keeffe for login details

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### NEXT STEPS

1. Register your interest and obtain a Registration Form from Sharon O'Keeffe at BCE, Olive Tree Travel or by [CLICKING HERE](#)
2. To secure your place, please register by COB 21st March, 2025 (unless sold out prior)
3. Please submit your Registration / EOI and an Archdiocesan Representative will be in contact with you in late March 2025.
4. Final balance payments will be due in early June



### DAY 1 SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2025

Depart Brisbane this evening on your Emirates flight bound for Dubai. Transfer to your connecting flight to Rome, the Eternal City, ready to embrace this wonderful journey of faith formation, spirituality and mission.

### DAY 2 SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2025

Upon your arrival in Rome at 1325, you'll be greeted by your transfer service. Sit back and enjoy the scenic ride through the Eternal City, taking in the sights as you make your way to your hotel. Check in and enjoy early dinner at the hotel or local restaurant. A Welcome Mass can be arranged at a nearby Chapel.

Overnight: Rome

### DAY 3 MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2025

Breakfast at the hotel.

Start your day by meeting your guide preparing for your full day tour of Rome. Your tour includes San Paolo fuori le Mura (Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls), one of the four major basilicas of Rome which stands on the place that tradition indicates as the burial of the apostle Paul (about 3 km from the place, called "Three Fountains", where he suffered martyrdom and was beheaded); the tomb of the saint is under the papal altar.

You'll visit Santa Maria Maggiore (Basilica of Saint Mary Major), dedicated to the Virgin Mary with the impressive altar and painted ceiling and which houses the tombs of several popes (like Papa Sisto V, Papa Paolo V and Papa Clemente IX), San Giovanni in Laterano, the oldest basilica in Rome and the Scala Santa, which is, according to tradition, the ladder climbed by Jesus to reach the hall where he underwent the interrogation of Pontius Pilate before the crucifixion. Continue to San Lorenzo fuori le Mura (Basilica of Saint Lawrence Outside the Walls), featuring beautiful early Christian architecture. Visit the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem, believed to house relics from the Holy Land, including pieces of the True Cross. End your tour at the ancient San Sebastiano fuori le Mura (Basilica of Saint Sebastian Outside the Walls), known for its catacombs and connection to early Christian martyrs.

Dinner at hotel or local restaurant

Overnight: Rome

Mass will be celebrated at one of the chapels of one of the mentioned Basilicas, according to availability.

### DAY 4 TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2025

Breakfast at the hotel.

After breakfast, gather at your hotel to meet your coach for the journey to Montecassino. Get comfortable as you travel approximately 150 km, which will take around 2 hours. Upon arrival, explore the historic Abbey of Montecassino, founded by St. Benedict in the 6th century. The abbey has a rich history, having been destroyed and rebuilt multiple times, most recently after World War II. On October 24, 1964, Pope Paul VI went to Montecassino to reconsecrate the Basilica and proclaim St. Benedict the principal patron of all Europe. On that occasion, he expressed to Abbot Ildefonso Rea his "gratitude for the impressive reconstruction work that had made Montecassino a symbol of the effort made by the Italian people for the reconstruction of the country itself."

Return to Rome in the afternoon for dinner at the hotel or local restaurant

Overnight: Rome

Mass will be celebrated at one of the chapels of Montecassino Abbey, before coming back to Rome

### DAY 5 WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2025

Breakfast at the hotel (or collect a packed breakfast)

Meet your coach and transfer to St Peter's Square. Upon arrival, you'll join the gathering in St. Peter's Square for the Papal Audience. This is a unique opportunity to see the Pope and receive his blessing. The atmosphere is filled with excitement and reverence as pilgrims and visitors from around the globe come together. After lunch, it's time to continue your exploration of the Vatican. Visit the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel featuring Michaelangelo's breathtaking ceiling frescoes, including the iconic "Creation of Adam". Conclude your visit with St. Peter's Basilica, one of the largest and most magnificent churches in the world. The church was reconsecrated in 1626 by Pope Urban VIII, and since then, the Basilica of Saint Peter has been the centre of Christianity, the spiritual destination of pilgrims and tourists from all over the world who visit the church every year.

Return to your hotel for dinner at the hotel or a local restaurant

Overnight: Rome

Mass today will be at a church TBC, close to St Peter's Square.

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## DAY 6 THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2025

Breakfast at the hotel.

After breakfast, gather at your hotel for the transfer to Subiaco. Enjoy the scenic drive as you travel approximately 90 km. Upon arrival in Subiaco, head to the Monastery of the Holy Speco, founded by St. Benedict in the 6th century. This beautiful monastery is nestled in a dramatic setting and offers a glimpse into the life of early monasticism. For here is enshrined the very cave in which the young Saint Benedict of Norcia lived as a hermit, following the example of the Desert Fathers. Through that period of solitude spent in this harsh and wild place, St Benedict was able to bring to maturity the charism and the spirituality which would lead him in a few years' time to found the first monastic communities along the Aniene river valley: the seed from which would develop western monasticism. Continue to Anagni (around 45 minutes) and enjoy a half-day sightseeing tour of the Palazzo di Bonifacio VIII, which was the residence of Pope Boniface VIII. Also visit Cattedrale di Anagni (Cathedral of Santa Maria) marvel at the beautiful frescoes in the apse which depict biblical scenes from the 13th century. The cathedral is often referred to as the "cradle of the papacy". Along the centuries, this Cathedral has been visited by famous Doctors of the church such as San Tommaso d'Aquino, Sant'Alberto Magno, San Bonaventura e frate Bertrando da Baiona. It is also the place where in 1255, Alessandro IV canonizes with solemn ceremony Saint Clare of Assisi. Transfer back to Rome for dinner at hotel or local restaurant

Overnight: Rome.

Mass will be celebrated during the morning at the Monastery of the Holy Speco.

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## DAY 7 FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2025

Breakfast at the hotel.

After breakfast, meet your coach for the transfer to Viterbo, which will take around 1.5 hours. A beautiful medieval city known for its history and architecture. Visit the Palace of the Popes where several popes resided during the 13th century. Explore its grand halls and learn about its role in papal history. Admire the stunning Cathedral of St Lawrence which features beautiful frescoes and an ornate façade. The Cathedral assumed significant importance in the second half of the 13th century, when it and the nearby Palace of the Popes became the seat of the papacy. Two popes were buried in the Cathedral: Pope Alexander IV (1199 - 1261), who fled to Viterbo fearing capture by Manfred of Sicily, whose tomb has been lost, and Pope John XXI (1210 - 1277). The tomb is still visible at the bottom of the left aisle. In May 2000 a special honorary tomb was placed in the same cathedral, at the wish of John Paul II. Stroll through Piazza San Lorenzo, a picturesque square, surrounded by charming buildings and bustling cafés. Wander through the enchanting medieval quarter, with its narrow streets and ancient buildings. This area offers a glimpse into Viterbo's past and is perfect for photos.

Transfer back to Rome for dinner at hotel or local restaurant.

Overnight: Rome

Mass will be celebrated today at one of Viterbo churches.

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## DAY 8 SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2025

Breakfast at the hotel.

After breakfast, meet your coach for the transfer to Castel Gandolfo which will take around 1 hour. Upon arrival, start your tour of the Papal Palace, the summer residence of the Pope. Discover the palace's rich history and its role as a retreat for various popes over the centuries. Explore the elegant rooms, including chapels and halls filled with art and historical artifacts. After your visit to the palace, enjoy a leisurely stroll through the Secret Garden. Wander through the beautifully manicured gardens filled with vibrant flowers and serene pathways and enjoy the stunning views of Lake Albano. After lunch at leisure, transfer to Frascati, a charming hilltop town known for its beautiful landscapes and local wine. Enjoy some free time and wander through the picturesque streets, admiring the charming architecture and quaint shops. Meet your coach and transfer back to Rome for dinner at hotel or local restaurant.

Overnight: Rome.

Mass will be celebrated today at one of Castel Gandolfo churches.

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## DAY 9 SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2025

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

Meet your coach and transfer to Assisi, with a scenic stop in Orvieto along the way (around 1 hour 45 mins). Upon arrival in Orvieto, your guide will lead you through this stunning hilltop town known for its rich history and beautiful architecture. Visit the magnificent Dome of Orvieto, a cathedral renowned for its intricate façade and stunning frescoes and where there is the Chapel of the Corporal, built between 1350 and 1356 to preserve a precious relic, the bloody or corporal linen used in the miraculous Mass of Bolsena (1263) and stained with blood sprayed from the Host at the time of the Eucharistic celebration by the Bohemian priest Peter from Prague. The corporeal is preserved today in a tabernacle built in 1358. Lastly, marvel at the artistry of the Last Judgment scene painted by Luca Signorelli inside the chapel. Enjoy lunch at leisure and reboard the coach for the next leg of your journey to Assisi. Enjoy the scenic views as you approach this beautiful town, known for its association with St. Francis.

Overnight: Assisi

Mass will be celebrated at one of Santa Maria degli Angeli chapels in Assisi.

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## DAY 10 MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2025

Breakfast at the hotel.

Meet our guide for a full-day tour of Assisi. We begin with a visit to the Basilica of St Clare, the founder of the Poor Clares and a close companion of St. Francis. In the Basilica, the relics of Saint Clare are kept. From behind a grate you can venerate the mortal remains of St. Clare, enclosed in a relic-body, which lies on a raw wooden board inside a crystal and stone urn of Subasio. Inside the Convent annexed to the Basilica, it is also possible to admire The Crucifix of San Damiano, which was transferred by the Clares to the Protomonasters of Saint Clare in Assisi, where it is still admired today, when, in 1257, they moved it from the church of San Damiano. It is the Crucifix before which Saint Francis prayed in 1205, receiving his call to work for the Church of the Lord. He first interpreted the voice of Christ as a request for the physical restoration of the church of San Damiano and only gradually understood that the Lord was calling him to work for the whole Church. After this visit, on to the Basilica of St Francis, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the most important pilgrimage destinations in the world. Discover the Lower and Upper Churches, adorned with breathtaking frescoes by artists like Giotto and Cimabue.

Learn about St. Francis's life and teachings, and visit his tomb located in the crypt. At the Church of the Basilica where the altar was erected on the tomb of the saint, on 19 November 1585, the Franciscan pope Sixtus V, with the bull *Supernae dispositionis* established the Archconfraternity of the Cordigeri. In 1754 Benedict XIV elevated it to the dignity of patriarchal basilica (since 2006 "papal basilica") and papal chapel. After lunch at leisure, visit San Damiano church, where St. Francis received his calling from God. We finish at the Tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis, a modern-day youth known for his deep faith and love for the Eucharist. If time allows, conclude your tour at the Eremo delle Carceri, a serene hermitage located in the nearby woods. The Eremo delle Carceri is an ancient hermitage where Saint Francis and his companions went to dedicate themselves exclusively to prayer.

Dinner at hotel or local restaurant

Overnight: Assisi area

Mass will be celebrated in Assisi today.

## DAY 11 TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2025

Enjoy your final breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy a morning at leisure before you check out and prepare for your departure this afternoon. Meet your coach and transfer to Rome airport for your onward flight home with wonderful memories of a fantastic trip.

## DAY 12 WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2025

Arrive back in Brisbane this evening with wonderful memories of your pilgrimage!

\*\*Itinerary subject to changes.

### PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Drinks with meals
- Personal payments
- The services that are not mentioned in "Inclusions"
- Travel insurance
- Lunches

### PROPOSED HOTELS (OR SIMILAR)

ROME 14-21 September: [Hotel Caravel](#)

ASSISI 21-23 September: [Casa Leonori](#)

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