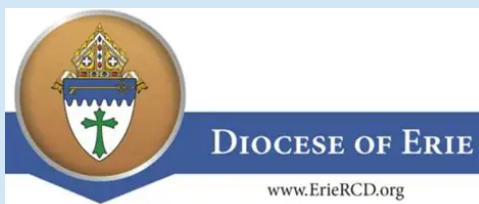




JUBILEE ITALY PILGRIMAGE YEAR OF HOPE OCTOBER 15-25, 2025



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JUBILEE ITALY PILGRIMAGE- FLIGHTS – STILL SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL FROM JOLENE AT
PERILLO WITH FINAL DETAILS ABOUT 21 DAYS
BEFORE DEPARTURE.**

DEPARTURE FLIGHTS

AA3703 | October 15 |

**Depart Cleveland (CLE) 3:42 PM → Arrive Chicago O'Hare
(ORD) 4:20 PM **OR****

AA6370 | October 15 |

**Depart Cleveland (CLE) 6:30 PM → Arrive Chicago O'Hare
(ORD) 7:13 PM**

AA180 | October 15 |

**Depart Chicago (ORD) 8:50 PM → Arrive Naples (NAP) 1:00
PM on October 16**

RETURN FLIGHTS

**AA719 | October 25 | Depart Rome (FCO) 1:10 PM → Arrive
Philadelphia (PHL) 4:55 PM**

**AA1912 | October 25 | Depart Philadelphia (PHL) 6:55 PM →
Arrive Cleveland (CLE) 8:37 PM**

ITINERARY

SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION WITHOUT NOTICE BASED ON TRAFFIC CONDITIONS
OR UNFORESEEN LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES.



Oct 15 Wednesday: Today we depart from our hometowns and embark on our spiritual journey, as we fly to enchanting Italy. Dinner and breakfast will be served aloft!

Oct 16 Thursday: Upon arrival we are greeted by our tour manager, who will remain with us for the duration of our pilgrimage. We dive into the heart of our adventure with a scenic drive from Naples to Sorrento, immersing ourselves in one of the most breathtaking Mediterranean landscapes. We celebrate Mass at a picturesque local church, setting the tone for the soul-enriching experiences ahead. Dinner and overnight at our hotel on the outskirts of Sorrento.

Oct 17 Friday: After breakfast, included daily, we step back in time as we venture to the ancient city of Pompeii, where history comes alive amidst the ruins of a bygone era. We celebrate Mass at the revered Our Lady of Pompeii Basilica before embarking on a mesmerizing tour of the archaeological site, uncovering the secrets of this legendary city frozen in time. Afterwards, we have the opportunity to indulge in the authentic flavors of Italy during free time for lunch near Pompeii. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Oct 18 Saturday: This morning, we set sail for the legendary island of Capri, where azure waters and dramatic cliffs await us. Embark on a thrilling walking tour around the island, exploring the beautiful shops, the views and marveling at the iconic Faraglioni rock formations. Weather permitting, we experience the Blue Grotto. Return to Sorrento for Mass. Dinner and overnight at our hotel at our hotel.

Oct 19 Sunday: Depart Sorrento for the sacred town of San Giovanni Rotondo, where the legacy of Padre Pio beckons. En route, we stop at Pietrelcina, the birthplace of the revered saint, paying homage to Padre Pio's humble beginnings and profound spirituality. Arrive in San Giovanni Rotondo for a beautiful Mass, as we prepare to delve deeper into the life and miracles of Padre Pio in the days ahead. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Oct 20 Monday: Immerse yourselves in the spiritual realm as you explore the hallowed grounds of the Sanctuary of Padre Pio, tracing the footsteps of the beloved saint. Delve into the intimate details of Padre Pio's life and legacy at his home and museum, gaining insight into his remarkable journey of faith. We celebrate Mass at the revered church of Padre Pio, where prayers echo through the halls, invoking a sense of divine presence and reverence. This afternoon, you have the option of visiting Monte Sant'Angelo, the Sanctuary of San Michele Archangel, which has beckoned pilgrims to embark on a journey of faith and discovery for generations. It is here the celestial realms meet the earthly realm in a sacred union of devotion. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Oct 21 Tuesday: Today we bid farewell to San Giovanni Rotondo and journey back to Rome. En route we have two stops --the first is Lanciano. Each cobblestone pathway tells a story of faith and devotion, in this small town that houses a profound Eucharistic miracle. According to tradition, during the celebration of Mass, the bread and wine miraculously transformed into flesh and blood, a testament to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This miraculous event continues to inspire pilgrims from around the world to seek solace and spiritual renewal in Lanciano. We allow ourselves time to indulge in a moment of quiet contemplation at the Church of San Francesco, where the relics of the Eucharistic miracle are enshrined. Allow the sacred atmosphere to envelop you as you offer prayers of gratitude and reverence. We have free time for lunch in Lanciano and then continue to the ancient Monastery of St. Benedict in Subiaco. Nestled amidst the tranquil hillsides, this sacred sanctuary echoes with the whispers of centuries past. Explore the hallowed halls of the monastery, where the legacy of St. Benedict, the patron saint of Europe, lives on. We continue to Rome for dinner and overnight.

Oct 22 Wednesday: This morning we experience a once-in-a-lifetime audience in Vatican City, where we'll have the opportunity to participate in the cherished tradition of spiritual connection and reflection with Pope LEO. During this audience, blessings and inspiration will be shared, offering a profound experience for all participants. Then we embark on the spiritual pilgrimage through the Holy Doors of St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran, experiencing moments of grace. We conclude the day with a visit to the sacred Santa Scala, praying while kneeling on the first step with reverence and reflection. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Oct 23 Thursday: Today, we commemorate our journey with a poignant Mass at St. Paul Outside the Walls, where ancient traditions and modern faith converge in a harmonious blend. Then we continue to the iconic landmarks of Rome, from the lively Piazza Navona to the majestic Pantheon, immersing yourselves in the vibrant tapestry of Roman history and culture. We indulge in a festive farewell dinner tonight. Overnight at our hotel.

Oct 24 Friday: Embark on a final visit to the Vatican, where a private Mass at St. Peter's Basilica awaits, amidst the awe-inspiring splendor of Renaissance art and architecture. Delve into the treasures of the Vatican Museums, where masterpieces from every corner of the globe await our discovery. We conclude our journey with dinner at the hotel, reminiscing on the memories shared and bonds forged during our unforgettable pilgrimage. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Oct 25 Saturday: Bid Arrivederci to Italy as you board your flight home, carrying with you the blessings and memories of a journey that transcended time and touched the soul.



Land Only pilgrimages exclude all group airfare.

If you opted for the **Land Only** package or **deviate from the itinerary:**

You are responsible for your **own round trip transfers** to and from the airport. If you **arrive at the same time or earlier** than the group, you are welcome to join the group on the bus. **If your flight is delayed, it is your responsibility to catch up with the group.**

Passport

- Your passport is essential for travel to Europe—**please do not leave home without it! It must be valid for 6 months after the return date of our pilgrimage.**
- Make **two copies** of your passport (photo page) and carry them with you, We will collect one copy upon arrival.

Tickets

- You will receive your **flight information about a month before departure.**
- **About a week before departure**, you will receive an **email from Perillo Tours**, the ticket-issuing agency, containing a **voucher with your ticket numbers.**
- Please **print this voucher** and have it with you at check-in. While it is not essential, it can be helpful.

Seat Assignments

- **Group seats are assigned in advance by the airline.**
- If you wish to change your seat, **arriving early at the airport** may provide an opportunity to do so, subject to availability.

NEW ETIAS (Travel Authorization)

- It is not yet necessary to apply for this online “visa.”
- ETIAS are not yet required according to www.bit.ly/ETIAS-EU

Money and Credit Cards

- The currency in **ITALY** is the **Euro (€).**
- It is a good idea to carry a small amount of **euros** with you.
- **Visa** and **Mastercard** are widely accepted in ITALY. **American Express** may not be accepted everywhere.
- A **bank debit card** is an effective way to obtain local currency from ATMs.
- Notify your **credit card companies and bank** of your travel plans to avoid having your cards flagged for suspicious activity.
- Carry the **customer service numbers** for all credit/debit cards you bring with you.

Weather

- In October, ITALY generally experiences warm temperatures, ranging between **65-75 F**.
- Rain is short-lived, often followed by sunny intervals throughout the day.
- For detailed forecasts of the specific cities on your itinerary, visit www.weather.com.

Clothing

- Daytime attire should be **comfortable and layered**.
- Comfortable **walking shoes** and/or sneakers are necessary.
- Keep in mind that we will be celebrating **Mass every day**. Knees and shoulders must be covered and no hats for men in churches in Italy.
- Consider bringing a waterproof jacket.

Medication

- You can travel with your medication in either your **carry-on** or your **checked baggage**.
- However, it is highly recommended to transport important medications in their **original container**, in your **carry-on**. (In rare circumstances, checked baggage may not arrive with you.)
- Also, carry a **list of any essential medications** that you are required to take daily, stored safely with your documents.
- Plus bring Tylenol or any over-the-counter medication you commonly use for minor discomforts. Since you are accustomed to certain remedies, it is wise to pack a small supply.

Electrical Appliances

- The voltage in ITALY is **220 volts AC**.
- **Adapters or converters** are necessary for electrical items.
- Small adapter/converter kits are usually available at major department stores or online.

Check-In and Baggage Allowance

- **Arrive early:** Plan to arrive at the airport at least **3 hours prior** to your flight for check-in.

Checked Luggage

- One suitcase per person.
- Weight not to exceed **50 pounds**.
- Dimensions not to exceed **62 linear inches** (height + width + depth, including wheels and handles).

Carry-On Luggage

- One carry-on bag per person.
- Weight not to exceed **15 pounds**. / Dimensions **42 linear inches**.

Personal Bag

- One small personal bag (e.g., handbag)

Luggage Tags

- Attach the bright **Pilgrim's Journey luggage tag** to your checked luggage. This will help the tour manager identify you in arrivals.

On the Plane: Get Comfortable & Relax

- **Neck pillow:** Your neck will thank you after that long flight.
- **Water bottle:** Bring an empty bottle to fill after security—hydration is key!
- **Compression socks:** Keep your legs happy and reduce swelling during the flight.
- **Snacks:** Airplane food can be hit or miss, so pack some of your favorite treats, just in case.
- **Entertainment:** Download books, movies, or music ahead of time (Wi-Fi is not always reliable).
- **Layer up:** Flights can be chilly, so bring a light sweater or scarf.
- **Stretch often:** Move around every few hours during the flight to prevent stiffness.

HOTELS

Hotel Information for Your Pilgrimage

Below are the details for each hotel where our group will be staying during the pilgrimage, including transfer logistics and dinner arrangements when applicable.

Sorrento - Hotel Cristina

 www.hotelcristinasorrento.it

Perched on a hillside with stunning views of the Bay of Naples, Hotel Cristina is a peaceful retreat that blends comfort with the beauty of southern Italy.

- **Coach pick-up and drop-off** will occur **200 meters from the hotel**, along the main road.
- The hotel is accessed via a **private uphill street**.
- A **minibus shuttle** (maximum 20 people per trip) will be provided to transfer pilgrims between the coach stop and the hotel.
- A **dedicated minivan will transport all luggage**, ensuring a smooth and comfortable arrival and departure.

San Giovanni Rotondo- Hotel Valle Rossa

 www.vallerossa.com

Located near the Sanctuary of Padre Pio, Hotel Valle Rossa is a modern and welcoming hotel, ideal for rest and reflection.

- **Coach pick-up and drop-off** is conveniently located **directly in front of the hotel**.

Rome (Two Hotel Assignments Within the Group)

Hotel Degli Aranci (Orange Bus)

 www.hoteldegliaranci.com

Situated in the elegant Parioli district, this four-star hotel offers classical style, garden surroundings, and excellent service.

- **Coach pick-up and drop-off** is available **right in front of the hotel**.

Best Western Hotel Rivoli (Green Bus)

 www.hotelrivoliroma.com

A charming, quiet property in a residential neighborhood of Rome.

- **Coach pick-up and drop-off** is **130 meters walking distance** from the hotel.
- The **hotel does not have an on-site restaurant**.
- **Dinner will be at Ristorante Ambasciata d'Abruzzo** (Via Pietro Tacchini, 26), located **400 meters from the hotel**. The walk is mostly level, with a brief section featuring a gentle incline.

Meals and Expenses

- **Lunch:** Not included in your pilgrimage; plan to budget **\$30 per person, per day** for lunch. If group lunches are organized - they are to be paid in cash in advance during our pilgrimage..
- **Dinners:** Typically included—refer to your itinerary for details. Please note that **drinks with meals are not included**.
- **Free day:** An optional excursion may be offered depending on interest. If you choose to participate, payment to be made in **cash** or by **personal check during our pilgrimage**.

Gratuities

- A **customary amount for tips** is included in your package.
- However, if you feel the guide or driver has done an **exemplary job**, an additional amount can be added at your discretion.






Emergencies

- Please carry an **emergency contact number** for a relative or friend in your **neck wallet**, provided by A Pilgrim's Journey.

Keeping this information readily accessible is essential for peace of mind and safety.

Travel Insurance

If you purchased travel insurance- have the details of your plan with you. Below are the details of the plan offered by Perillo.

- **Plan Questions**
 -  **1-844-204-0946**
 -  **8:00 AM – 7:00 PM CT, Monday–Friday**
- **Emergency Travel Assistance (Available 24/7)**
 -  **Within U.S.A. & Canada: 800-555-0870**
 -  **Outside U.S.A. & Canada: 416-977-1803**
- **Claim Questions & Status Inquiries**
 -  **800-501-4781**

Join “Belinda’s Pilgrim Friends”

We will post a daily group photo on our private Fb page- visible only to pilgrims and invited family or friends.

Cell Phones, WiFi, and Calling

- Ensure your **cell phones, laptops, and other electronics** are fully charged before boarding the aircraft.
- Most major U.S. cell phone carriers offer **International plans**, which allow you to make calls and access WiFi while traveling. If this is something you would like, contact your carrier to activate it before departure.
- **WiFi** is available in all of our hotels but is not guaranteed.
- Please note: WiFi is generally **not available on the bus**.
- The **WhatsApp app** is highly recommended for messaging and calling while traveling, as it works seamlessly with WiFi.

Vaccinations and Health Preparation

Vaccinations are not required to travel to Europe. However, if your doctor approves, they are highly recommended to ensure a smooth and enjoyable journey. Getting sick on pilgrimage can significantly impact your experience.

Consider vaccinations for-

- **COVID-19**
- **Flu** (to protect against seasonal influenza)
- **Tetanus booster** (especially if it has been more than 10 years since your last dose)
- **RSV** (recommended for those aged 60 and older to reduce the risk of respiratory illness)

In the weeks leading up to your departure, make sure you:

- Get adequate rest to build up your energy reserves.
- Take your usual vitamins to maintain overall health.
- Stay as active as possible by walking regularly to prepare for the pilgrimage.
- Schedule a visit to your dentist to address any potential dental issues.
- Preparing your body and maintaining your health before and during the trip is key to enjoying your pilgrimage to the fullest.

A Prayer for Travelers

Heavenly Father,
Be our guide and protector on
this journey.

Watch over us and keep us
safe from harm.

Grant us strength, wisdom,
and patience as we encounter
new places and experiences.

Bless the paths we walk, the
people we meet,
And the moments we share in
Your presence.

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