

# Catechists Pilgrimage 2023

24 Sept to  
11 Oct 2023  
with Fr Michael McLean

## TOUR 1

Holy Land + Rome  
+ Assisi + Florence

18 days

**\$6,325**  
twin share  
(minimum 21 people)

## TOUR 2

Holy Land  
+ Rome

13 days

**\$4,995**  
twin share  
(minimum 21 people)

## TOUR 3

Rome + Assisi  
+ Florence

12 days

**\$3,620**  
twin share  
(minimum 21 people)

Contact the Rome Pilgrimages team today on 1800 753 959 or  
email [pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org) to join a pilgrimage in 2023

# Overview

**Rome** is the beating heart of Catholicism in the world. It is the rock on which Christ promised to build His Church. The **Holy Land** is where Jesus lived, proclaimed the Gospels, performed miracles, was crucified, and rose from the dead. From early times the followers of Jesus venerated places associated with Him: **Bethlehem**, the place of his birth, the **Holy Sepulcher**, the place of his burial, the **Cenacle**, the place of Pentecost, and many more. They also venerated the holy devotional sites of Our Lady and St Joseph.

Pilgrims visiting Rome and the Holy Land come away with a greater knowledge and deeper understanding of the life of Our Lord, the first Christians, and a renewed, living faith of their own. Visiting Rome and the Holy Land is a **truly transformative experience**.

Join us as we tour, pray, and walk in these holy places.

## Itinerary

### HOLY LAND: Sun 24 September till Sat 30 September

**SITES:** Nazareth // Sea of Galilee // Bethlehem // Jerico // Jordan River // Judean Dessert // Mount Tabor // Bethlehem // Ein Karem // Jerusalem // Mount of Olives // Mount Zion // Holy Sepulchre // Old Jerusalem // Via Dolorosa // Western Wall // Old Jerusalem.

### ROME: Sat 30 September till Fri 6 October

**SITES:** Vatican Museums // Sistine Chapel // Angelus and Audience with the Holy Father // Four major Basilicas // Night walking tour: Spanish Steps, Piazza Navonna, Trevi Fountain // St Peter's Basilica // Colosseum // Roman Forum // Catacombs.

### ASSISI: Fri 6 October till Sun 8 October

**SITES:** St Damiano // Eremo delle Carceri // St Maria degli Angeli and Porziuncola // Basilica of St Claire // Basilica of St Francis.

### FLORENCE: Sun 8 October till Wed 11 October

**SITES:** Uffici Gallery // City Walking Tour: Il Duomo // Giotto's Bell Tower // Academy of Florence // Leonardo da Vinci Museum // Ponte Vecchio // Basilica of the Holy Cross.



# Why travel with us?

Rome Pilgrimages is run by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. Our tours are priced competitively with a view to offering an unique spiritual experience to as many pilgrims as possible, and as such we ensure access to Holy Mass and the Sacraments. A pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land is an experience that you will never forget.

On our pilgrimage, you will cover the best of the Eternal City and the Holy Land, including some of the Church's most sacred sites. You will walk in the footsteps of Our Lord, Our Lady, St Joseph, St Peter, St Paul, all the blessed Apostles, and countless holy men and women, who dedicated their entire lives to the service of God and our Catholic faith.

Our pilgrimages are organised in conjunction with **Domus Australia** - our boutique pilgrim guesthouse in Rome. It is centrally located, secure, and with all the modern comforts of a highly rated hotel. English Mass is available daily at the beautiful St Peter Chanel Chapel. Any profits we make go towards the Priests' Retirement Foundation.

## INCLUSIONS

Accommodation // Breakfast daily // Most dinners // All site admissions per the itinerary // Expert English-speaking tour guides // All tips and portage // Daily Mass available.

## EXCLUSIONS

Airfares // Extra accommodation outside the tour period // Travel insurance // Some meals.



# How to book

- 1** Contact the Rome Pilgrimages team for your free pilgrim kit on 1800 753 959 or [pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org)
- 2** We will send you a registration form to complete. Once you decide to come on the pilgrimage, send us the complete registration form and your \$300 deposit to secure your place on pilgrimage.
- 3** Rome Pilgrimages will contact you once we have reached the required minimum number (21) of booked pilgrims. We advise you not to finalise your airfares and extra accommodation until we confirm that your pilgrimage will proceed.
- 4** Pilgrims must organise their own airfares. We are happy to refer you to a travel agent. Any additional accommodation in Rome outside the official pilgrimage period will need to be arranged directly with Domus Australia.
- 5** An invoice will be sent for the balance of payment once the pilgrimage is confirmed to go ahead. Your pilgrimage package must be paid in full eight weeks before the pilgrimage starts.
- 6** The Rome Pilgrimages' team will post your pilgrim's pack to get you ready for your pilgrimage to Rome. If you are leaving earlier than the pilgrimage commences, let us know so you can receive your pack before you leave.

## Catechist Pilgrimage 2023 Expression of Interest Form

### Send completed form to:

ROME PILGRIMAGES | CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY  
Level 7, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney NSW 2000  
Phone 1800 753 959 | Email [pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org)

Title \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please select the tour you are interested in  Tour 1  Tour 2  Tour 3

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

### THE PACKAGE PRICE

Packages start from \$3,620 per person based on twin share. For pilgrims taking a single room, the single supplement of \$110 per night will be added to this base price. Pilgrims willing to twin share can be matched with other pilgrims of the same gender. If we are unable to match you, the single supplement fee will be waived.

**Important Note:** Your deposit of \$300 per person reserves your place for this tour. This tour is not confirmed until we reach the minimum number of bookings. You are advised not to finalise your travel arrangements, e.g. airfares, transfers, etc., until we confirm that the tour will proceed. If the pilgrimage does not go ahead, your \$300 deposit will be refunded. Please phone our office for any inquiries. Thank you.