

2025 JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

A Catholic Adventure in Faith
with David Schmidt

August 1–12, 2025

Departure from USA, July 31, 2025



Basilica of St. Anthony - Padua

St. Peter's Basilica - Rome



Basilica of St. Francis - Assisi

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Join David Schmidt and his fellow pilgrims on this comprehensive journey along the Adriatic coast of Italy, experiencing some of the most holy destinations of our Catholic faith. The pilgrimage begins in the heart of Venice in St. Mark's Square. While in the region, the group will visit the Basilica of St. Anthony, Basilica of St. Mary and the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua. The Chapel is noted for its magnificent frescoes by the master artist, Giotto. We will also visit the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Bassano del Grappa. Heading south, our trek brings the group to Pomposa Abbey and the Basilica of San Francesco in Ravenna. Moving on to Lanciano, we visit La Scala Santa (The Sacred Step) and the Basilica of the Holy House, where the Blessed Virgin was believed to live. In this area, the pilgrims will visit the Sanctuary of St. Michael the Archangel and the Sanctuary of St. Pio of Pietrelcina. Our final days of the trip will be spent in The Valley of St. Francis and includes visits to the Oratory of Saint Pelligrino, famous for its medieval frescoes, a day in Assisi to visit St. Francis Basilica and the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, and the Monastery at Greccio, a sanctuary for St. Francis. To culminate the pilgrimage, the group spend it's final day in Rome, and the open doors of the Vatican on the Church's 2025 Jubilee. Of course, Mass will be celebrated in several key locations along the way. Please join us for this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

This Unique Pilgrimage Includes:

- All ground transportation and airport transfers while on the scheduled tour.
- 11 nights of hotel accommodations
- Porterage at the hotels
- 12 days of touring with English speaking guides
- All entrance fees as specified and included on the itinerary
- 22 included meals (11 dinners, 11 breakfasts)
- One glass of wine with dinners

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Day 0 Thu, 31-Jul-2025 *Depart from the USA*

Day 1 Fri, 01-Aug-2025 *Arrive in Venice* **Villa Braida, Treviso (D)**

Welcome to our Pilgrimage Tour! Guests will arrive and be greeted by their tour guide at the Venice airport, and they will be given a private transfer to their hotel in Treviso. After their flights, they will have time to relax and unwind on their first day in Italy. Time permitting, we will tour a small local winery that produces prosecco. Your first dinner in Treviso will be at the hotel, including celebratory welcome cheers with our local wines!



Venice Marco Polo Airport

Day 2 Sat, 02-Aug-2025 *Tour of Venice, Murano* **Villa Braida, Treviso (B,D)**

Today, we begin our day with a memorable walking tour of Venice, including a detailed description of the city's centerpiece, Saint Mark's Square. This important cathedral in Italy's history is dedicated to Saint Mark the Evangelist, the town's patron saint. Throughout the rest of the day, our local expert guide will share insights into the unique history and culture of Venice, including the prized Basilica of Saint Mark's, a visit to a local glass factory, and lots of time to traverse the streets of the city to engage in shopping for Venetian treasures or indulge in some gelato and people-watching from one of the many cafes. As an option, you may take a ride on the world-famous gondolas down the Grand Canal.

After a refreshing day of exploration, this evening, we will enjoy dinner together featuring regional dishes and wines in the hotel.



St. Mark's Square, Venice

Day 3 Sun, 03-Aug-2025 *Padua, Bassano del Grappa* **Villa Braida, Treviso (B,D)**

After a hearty breakfast at the hotel, we will travel by bus to Padua to visit the Basilica of Saint Anthony. This basilica and the nearby Cathedral-Basilica of Saint Mary of Padua are some of the most visited holy spaces for those on pilgrimages. On our visit to Padua, we will experience the majesty of Giotto's frescoes of the Cappella degli Scrovegni or Scrovegni Chapel. Later, be prepared to explore the ancient neighborhoods of Bassano del Grappa, including the main cathedral, Duomo, the Church of Saint John the Baptist, and the Upper Castle, Castello Superiore.



Bassano del Grappa

Day 4 Mon, 04-Aug-2025 *Pomposa Abbey, Ravenna* **Grand Hotel Mattei, Ravenna (B,D)**

On the fourth day of our pilgrimage, we will eat breakfast at the hotel and then begin our travels south along Via Romea, a route created for pilgrimages leading to Rome. Along our journey down the Via Romea, we will visit Pomposa Abbey, a Benedictine monastery in classic Romanesque tradition. In this unique region of Italy, we will stop and relax along the Po River for a drink and some typical regional snacks. In the afternoon, expect to continue our adventure to Ravenna. On the way to Ravenna, your tour director will bring you to the Basilica of San Francesco, where the poet's Tomb, Dante Alighieri, was erected in 1781. Our next stop will be at Sant'Apollinare in Classe. This church is an essential monument to Byzantine art and is counted on the UNESCO World Heritage List as a perfect example of early Christian architecture. In this setting, you may attend mass or explore the beautiful cityscape before we head to Ravenna to visit the Sant'Apollinare Nuovo.

After today's full schedule, we will check into our Ravenna hotel for an overnight stay and enjoy a specially designed dinner with local wine and traditional music.



Pomposa Abbey

Day 5 Tue, 05-Aug-2025 *Scala Santa, Basilica of the Holy House* **Hotel Villa Medici, Lanciano (B,D)**

Today, onto Lanciano! After a lovely breakfast at our hotel, our group will leave Ravenna for Lanciano, the site of a Eucharistic Miracle that occurred in the eighth century and was recognized by the Catholic Church as an authentic miracle. On the way to Lanciano, we will stop at Campli to visit the famous historic center and La Scala Santa (The Sacred Step). The Scala Santa, attributed to Pope Clement I V is said to bring absolution to those who climb the 28 wooden steps on their knees. We will then venture down the coast to Loreto to visit the exquisite Basilica of the Holy House. This sanctuary enshrines the house where the Blessed Virgin Mary was believed to have dwelled. Our group will reconvene for a joyous, celebratory dinner after we check into the hotel in Lanciano.



Basilica of the Holy House, Lanciano

Day 6 Wed, 06-Aug-2025 *Lanciano* **Hotel Villa Medici, Lanciano (B,D)**

Lanciano is a treasured city of art, history, fairs, and miracles! We will take a guided tour of the historic city center, which retains its medieval splendor. During our tour, we will take in important religious and cultural monuments such as the Madonna del Ponte Cathedral, Diocletian Bridge, and the Church of Santo Agostino. With your tour guide, we are proud to include a visit to the Church of Saint Francis, the guardian of the Eucharistic Miracle.

On day 6, there is an additional excursion to the Fossacescia and a stop at the Belvedere of San Giovanni in Venere, where you can experience the open Adriatic coast view of the Costa dei Trabocchi. Finally, our day tour will end with a visit to the adjacent Benedictine Abbey, considered one of the most beautiful in the region. Historic lore tells us that this Abbey was built on the remains of an ancient temple dedicated to Venus.



Lanciano Cathedral

Day 7 Thu, 07-Aug-2025 Monte Sant'Angelo, Church of St. Pio Hotel Villa Medici, Lanciano (B,D)

On our seventh day together, we will leave the hotel in the morning and travel to San Giovanni Rotondo. On the way, we will visit Monte Sant'Angelo and the Sanctuary of Saint Michael the Archangel. You might remember that this is the site where Saint Michael interceded to defeat the pagans in the 5th century. Our travels take us next to the San Giovanni Rotondo and the Church of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio). You will see the cell in which Saint Pio lived, prayed, and ultimately died in 1968. You will have some time to rest and contemplate the day's visit, and dinner will be served at our hotel this evening.



Sanctuary of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Day 8 Fri, 08-Aug-2025 Castiglione, Casauria, Rieti Four Seasons Hotel, Rieti (B,D)

Today's journey will take us from the hotel to an exciting excursion to Castiglione and then to Casauria for a short visit to the Cistercian Abbey of Saint Clemente of Casauria. This spectacular Abbey dates back to the 12th century and is a perfect example of medieval architecture in Abruzzo. On the route, a stop in Bominaco, a tour of the Oratory of Saint Pellegrino, often considered the Sistine Chapel of Abruzzo and a stop at the Church of Santa Maria Assunta. At dinner, we will sample the local delicacies and wine found only in this region of the world



Oratory of Saint Pellegrino

Day 9 Sat, 09-Aug-2025 Assisi Four Seasons Hotel, Rieti (B,D)

After a group breakfast, we will start our drive to the Umbria region and visit the pristine town of Saint Francis of Assisi. Our tour begins with a visit to the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels. This magnificent church is built over the Chiesetta of Porziuncola (called Saint Francis' little church), and this area contains the Cappella del Transito, where Francis died in 1226. Here, we intend to celebrate Mass. After Mass, we will stretch our legs on a guided walking tour of the Papal Basilica of Saint Francis and have some free time to shop and explore the small streets and cafes.



Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels

Day 10 Sun, 10-Aug-2025 Greccio Four Seasons Hotel, Rieti (B,D)

For the next leg of our tour, our group will depart by bus to the San Francesco Valley. Depending on our arrival time, we plan a late morning arrival in Greccio and a first visit to the Sanctuary. According to historical tradition, the Sanctuary is the site at which Saint Francis chose to celebrate Christmas in 1223, as it reminded him of the Grotto of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Our visit to the Chapel of the Nativity Scene will reveal a gorgeous 1228 fresco from the Giotto School of Art.

An exceptional dinner will be served at our hotel so you can enjoy a good night's sleep before tomorrow's full day of adventure in Rome.



Sanctuary of St. Francis, Greccio

Day 11 Mon, 11-Aug-2025 Vatican City, Rome Four Seasons Hotel, Rieti (B,D)

On our last full day together, expect to experience Rome's beauty and magic! You will have a full breakfast at the hotel, and then we will proceed to Rome's city center and Vatican City. A professional tour guide will take our group through the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel, and finally to Saint Peter's Basilica. After the tour, you might want to find some typical Roman lunch, shop for gifts for home, or sit in a café and enjoy a glass of wine.

After lunch, we will take a guided bus tour of the Eternal City to best view some of the most iconic locations in Rome and the world, for that matter! Our tour guide will provide expert historical and cultural knowledge of the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Circus Maximus, and other must-see sites. As our tour concludes, there will be time to explore many of the significant Roman churches and cathedrals that grace this holy city. Because of traffic restrictions, most of this free time will be spent walking, but many of the sites are within a few blocks of each other. A local guide will be at your service to provide suggestions and directions for your exploration.

Our final dinner will be held in the hotel before you exchange contact information, say goodbyes, and pack for your journey back home.



Vatican City

Day 12 Tue, 12-Aug-2025 Return Home Departure (B)

Departure day will take the group by transfer to the Rome airport for your return flight home.



Castel Sant'Angelo, Rome

**PRICING FOR 2025 JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE
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Does not include airfare or optional trip insurance

	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
Credit Card Price	\$ 3,999 pp/dbl	\$ 4,949 pp/sngl
Pay-by-Check Price	\$ 3,879 pp/dbl	\$ 4,801 pp/sngl

Payment Schedule without airfare

Trip only. Does not include airfare or optional travel insurance.

Due Dates	Double Occupancy / per person		Single Occupancy / per person	
	Credit Card	Check*	Credit Card	Check*
Deposit	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Payment 1	\$583.17	\$563.17	\$741.50	\$716.76
Payment 2	\$583.17	\$563.17	\$741.50	\$716.76
Payment 3	\$583.17	\$563.17	\$741.50	\$716.76
Payment 4	\$583.17	\$563.17	\$741.50	\$716.76
Payment 5	\$583.17	\$563.17	\$741.50	\$716.76
Payment 6	\$583.17	\$563.17	\$741.50	\$716.76
TOTAL	\$3,999	\$3,879	\$4,949	\$4,801

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Booking Registration Form

Instructions:

- A.** Fill in all required and/or currently available information. Check carefully for accuracy before submitting this form.
- B. Fill out one registration form for each individual traveler.** (* denotes required fields)
- C.** Specify below whether you are traveling with a companion, waiting for a traveling companion or if you want single room accommodations.
- D.** Make sure all *pertinent* information is **exactly** the same as on your passport.
- E.** You must have a valid passport to travel overseas. It is the traveler's responsibility to assure their current passport is valid through February 12, 2026. If you need to apply for a new passport, please note this under "Passport Number".
- F.** Initial booking deposits and optional trip insurance premiums are deferred until January 1, 2025, at which time they will become immediately due. After that date, initial deposits, optional trip insurance premiums, and any currently due installments must accompany this booking form. Failure to make initial deposits by January 1, 2025, may invalidate this pre-booking registration and cancel the booking status of your trip.
Note: Qualified claims for non-refundable payments must be made through your trip insurance company.
- G.** Explain any medical, physical or dietary conditions under "Special Requirements" below.

Traveler Information (enter pertinent information EXACTLY as it appears on your passport)

<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/> *First Name	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/> *Middle Name	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/> * Last Name	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/> * Suffix
<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/> * Street Address			
<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/> * City	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/> * State	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/> * Zip Code	
<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/> * Birth Date	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/> * Cell Phone	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/> * Email	
<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/> * Passport Number	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/> * Expiration Date	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/> * Gender	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/> * Country of Issue

Traveling Companion (check one that applies):

- The name of my travel companion is listed below. *Your companion is required to submit a separate registration form.*
- I am waiting to confirm my traveling companion and will provide that information ASAP.
- I am traveling as a single and will not require a roommate.

Note: We can neither find nor assign a roommate to any person who does not have a traveling companion.

<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/> Name of Travel Companion if double occupancy accommodations is selected below	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/> Relationship to travel companion (i.e. Spouse, Friend, Partner)
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Accommodations Preferences (check one):

- \$3,999 pp, double occupancy, *excluding airfare & trip insurance*
- \$4,949 pp, single occupancy, *excluding airfare & trip insurance*

If you have a Promo Code, please enter it below:

Airline Flight Preferences (check one):

- Please book group flight for me. *Only available for groups of 10+*
- I will make my own flight arrangements (*conditions apply*)

Group flights only available for groups of 10+ on the same flight itinerary

Payment Method (check one):

- Credit Card
- Check (*3% discount will apply*)

Make checks payable to: **Wherever Tours**

Billing Preferences (check one):

- I'm paying for myself
- I'm paying for me and companion
- My travel companion will be paying for both of us

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Special Requirements (medical, physical, dietary, etc.):

Warning: Parts of this trip require walking on uneven terrain. Those with mobility issues should reconsider booking. Wherever Tours cannot provide assistance to guests who are physically unable to complete any portion of the tour.

Signature Required:

By signing and submitting this form, the registrant understands and agrees to the terms and conditions stated in the registration package. It gives you priority consideration for confirmed booking for the departure date(s) listed on this form. Registered clients may cancel, without penalty, their pre-booking considerations at any time prior to the booking date specified above, when initial deposits become due. The registrant further acknowledges that all of the information submitted is accurate and that Wherever Tours will only use this information to communicate with the registrant or use it as it otherwise pertains to this trip (*eg. airline and hotel booking requirements*). I further understand that I may be required to provide further documentation such as copies of valid passports, proof of vaccinations, travel visas, etc. and I will provide this information in a timely fashion if it is required.

 Traveler's Signature

 Date

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Pricing, Terms, Conditions and Cancellation Policies

Pricing without airfare:

\$3,999 (USD) per person, double occupancy without airfare (excludes trip cancellation insurance).

\$4,949 (USD) per person, single occupancy without airfare (excludes trip cancellation insurance).

Group Airfare Pricing:

N/A Group rate is currently unavailable for this trip. A minimum of 10 passengers on the same flight itinerary are required.

*Note that if the traveler makes their own airline accommodations, they will be responsible for their own airport transfers, both foreign and domestic. Because of the sensitive timing of the itineraries, Wherever Tours will not be able to delay the tour(s) or arrange airport transfers for anyone who is not on the same flight schedule(s) as the main group. *Estimated airfare per person. Actual airfare may be subject to additional charges until ticketing.*

3.0% discount for Payments made by Check or Money Order.

See "Payment Schedule" for details..

Prices Includes:

- All ground transportation and airport transfers while on the scheduled tour (excludes domestic transfers)
- 11 nights of hotel accommodations
- Porterage at the hotels
- 12 days of touring with English speaking guides
- All entrance fees as specified and included on the itinerary
- 22 included meals (11 dinners, 0 lunches, 11 breakfasts)
- One glass of wine with dinners
- Estimated round trip group airfare (if selected)*
* additional purchase required

Prices DO NOT Include:

- Increases in adjusted airfare prior to ticketing
- Visas, passports, airport taxes, border taxes, etc.
- Gratuities for guides and drivers
- Beverages other than specified
- Meals other than included dinners and breakfasts
- Optional trip cancellation insurance
- Optional tours or activities not included on itinerary
- All expenses of a personal nature
- Any immunizations and testing that may be required
- Domestic transfers in the USA

Payment Terms:

Initial deposits are due by Jan 1, 2025 to secure all reservations. Pre-booking reservations are subject to cancellation if deposit is not paid by the specified due date. Major credit cards accepted. Payments made by check or money order receive a 3.0% discount.

Payment Schedule:

- A \$500 pp refundable deposit is due by Jan 1, 2025 The deposit will remain refundable through Feb 1, 2025
- Remaining balance(s) can be paid in 6 equivalent monthly installments starting Feb 1, 2025 (See "Payment Schedule").
- Airline tickets must be paid for on or before the time of booking.
- Remaining balances must be paid in full by Jul 1, 2025.
- Optional trip cancellation insurance premium must be paid within 7 days of initial deposit to cover pre-existing conditions.
- Note that any other additional fees, taxes or charges must be paid by Jul 1, 2025.

Refunds and Cancellation Penalties (all cancellation requests must be made in writing):

Airline tickets are non-refundable upon final ticketing (as per the policy of the airline).

Premiums paid for optional trip cancellation insurance are non-refundable and non-reimbursible.

All other payments, with the exception of ticketed airline reservations, are fully refundable through Feb 1, 2025

After that, *the following per person cancellation penalties apply* :

- After Feb 1, 2025 : \$500 (initial deposit) plus 100% of ticketed airfare.
- After May 17, 2025 : 25% of trip price per person plus 100% of ticketed airfare.
- After Jun 1, 2025 : 50% of trip price per person plus 100% of ticketed airfare.
- After Jun 16, 2025 : 75% of trip price per person plus 100% of ticketed airfare.
- After Jul 1, 2025 : 100% of trip price per person plus 100% of ticketed airfare.

Cancellations for any reason after the dates specified above requires an advanced purchase of optional trip cancellation insurance in order to obtain reimbursement. Insurance premiums are non-refundable and non-reimbursible.

Vaccination Requirements: There are currently no vaccination requirements for travel to any of the countries to be visited on this tour. However, if any vaccination mandates become implemented or reinstated before the time of departure, all passengers must agree to comply with these mandates. This applies to immunizations for any currently known pathogens, and any currently unknown pathogens that may be identified in the future. Even though immunizations are not currently mandated, exposure to communicable diseases is still a risk. Medical experts suggest that the most effective way to reduce this risk is to choose common immunizations or boosters for COVID-19, influenza, pneumonia, RSV and other infectious diseases. Any additional expenses that may be incurred as a result of this compliance will be the responsibility of each individual traveler. Guests who choose not to comply with any of these possible mandates will be refunded in accordance with the "Refund and Cancellation Penalties" stated above.

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I have read, I understand and I agree to the Pricing, Terms, Conditions and Cancellation Policies specified above:

Print Name of Traveler: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Traveler: _____