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# Canonization of Blesseds Carlo Acutis and Giorgio Frassati during the 2025 Jubilee of Hope

Rome, Assisi, Vatican Museums, Papal Basilicas



### **DAY 1 | Tuesday, September 2 | LOS ANGELES – ROME**

Depart Los Angeles (LAX) to Rome, Italy (FCO).

### **Day 2 | Wednesday, September 3: Arrive at Rome Airport**

Welcome to Italy and the beginning of what is to be the most memorable pilgrimage of your life. Upon arriving at Rome Airport, make your way to the baggage claim area and collect your luggage. Proceed to the Arrivals Hall, where you will be greeted by your local guide and driver, who will transfer you to your hotel. Conclude the day with a welcome dinner and a restful overnight. (D)

### **Day 3 | Thursday, September 4: Rome – Basilica of St. John the Lateran – Holy Stairs – Basilica of St. Mary Major - St. Peter's Basilica - Vatican Museum (B,D)**

This morning, we will make our way to the oldest of the four major Basilicas in Rome and the home to the relics of Peter and Paul, the Basilica of St. John the Lateran. Next, you will cross the street to visit the Holy Stairs. These Holy Stairs are the very steps leading up to the praetorium of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem on which Jesus stepped on his way to trial during his Passion. The Stairs were brought to Rome by Saint Helena in the fourth century. Ascending these stairs on your knees, in memory of Christ's agonizing Passion. Next, we will visit the Basilica of St. Mary Major. This Church, dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, St. Mary Major reigns as the only Basilica that has kept its original structure and is an authentic jewel in the crown of Roman Churches. This Basilica contains a relic from the Manger of the Infant Jesus. After lunch, we will head back to tour St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site where St. Peter the Apostle was martyred. Here, you will have the opportunity to view Michelangelo's Pieta sculpture. Continue to proceed to the Vatican Museums. At the world-renowned museum, you will see the most impressive of edifices, galleries, and awe-inspiring relics. Additionally, you will observe the Tapestry Gallery, Raphael Rooms, Sistine Chapel, and Michelangelo's Masterpiece, the restored mural of the Last Judgment. The final stop on your Vatican tour is at the tomb of Saint John Paul II. Pray at the tombs of Pope Benedict XVI and St. John Paul II before returning to your hotel. Overnight in Rome.

### **Day 4 | Friday, September 5: Rome – Assisi (Full day Excursion) (B,D)**

This morning, you will ride through the beautiful Umbrian countryside to Assisi, the hometown of St. Francis and St. Clare. Tour the Basilica of St. Francis, where you will see the tomb of St. Francis. Next, you will visit the Sanctuary Della Spogliazione, where Blessed Carlo Acutis' tomb is located. He is the first millennial to be declared Blessed. Continue the tour by walking through this picturesque town, where St. Francis and St. Clare both followed God's call to rebuild his church. Enjoy some free time for additional prayer, shopping, and lunch. After lunch, board the bus, which will take you outside the walls of Assisi to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. This Basilica is made up of two structures, both of which you will visit. The first structure is the "Porziuncola," and the second is the "Capella del Transito," which is the place where St. Francis died. Return to Rome for dinner and overnight.



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#### **Day 5 | Saturday, September 6: Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls and Catacombs Saint Calixto**

After breakfast, continue to Appian Way, one of the earliest roads built in ancient Rome, to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls and the Catacombs. Dinner and overnight in Rome. (B,D)

#### **Day 6 | Sunday, September 7: Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati**

Early in the morning, transfer to St. Peter's Square, where you will make history with the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati. As the first saint of the Millennial generation, Blessed Carlo Acutis embodies a Eucharistic Missionary for the Digital Age. Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, known for his joyful spirit and dedication to social justice, was a young Italian layman on the path to sainthood. Despite his short life, he left an indelible mark by living his faith with passion and serving others with a generous heart. The canonization ceremony, officiated by Pope Leo XIV, will be a grand event with music and moving speeches. Witness the grandeur of the canonization of Carlo and Pier Giorgio. Enjoy free time for shopping, transfer to the hotel and enjoy a farewell dinner in Rome. (B,D)

#### **Day 7 | Monday, September 8: Rome-Los Angeles**

Breakfast to-go. Transfer to Rome Fiumicino Airport for your return flight home with unforgettable memories to share with families and friends. (B) END OF OUR SERVICE.

#### **Price includes:**

- International air ticket Los Angeles-Rome-Los Angeles (*50lb check-in, 22lb carry-on, & personal item*)
- 5 nights hotel accommodation
- All Continental breakfasts & dinners
- Professional bilingual tour escort/guide for the whole tour
- English-speaking local guide: 3 FD Rome 1 FD Assisi
- Entrance fees: St. Francis Basilica in Assisi; Vatican Museums + Sistine Chapel, Catacombs Saint Calixto, St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. Peter's Basilica, Saint Mary Mayor, Holy Stairs and Saint John the Lateran
- Whisper sets (*\$75 if lost or damaged*)
- City tax
- Porterage of 1 large suitcase per person
- Deluxe, fully equipped motorcoach as per program

#### **Price does not include:**

- Meals not specified
- Beverage not specified
- Tips to driver/guides/hotel staff
- Check-in luggage from Lourdes to Florence (\$100)
- Everything not clearly specified in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance (*highly recommended*)





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### Price – Guaranteed for reservations received until October 2024:

- USD\$3,795.00/person - based on double occupancy, with a minimum of 30 pilgrims paid in full
- USD\$300.00 - single room supplement (*For those who prefer not to share a room*)

### Requirements to reserve:

- USD\$2,000.00USD - deposit (*non-refundable*) by JULY 22, 2025
- Photocopy of US passport clearly showing: (*must be valid six months beyond date of departure*)
  - Full name and last name
  - Passport number
  - Biometric photograph
  - Passport's expiration date

### Payment Method:

- Bank of America #3251-1131-1444 c/o PTI Travel & Tours Inc.
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- Credit cards accepted:
  - VI, MC, AX and DS with 4% surcharge
  - Completed Credit card authorization

### Paying by check:

- Make check payable to: *PTI Travel & Tours*.
- Take a photo of the front & back of the check.
- E-mail to [briant@asiatoursexpert.com](mailto:briant@asiatoursexpert.com)

### Paying by Zelle:

- 213-249-4201 to: *PTI Travel & Tours*.

**BALANCE due:** \$1,795.00USD July 31, 2025

### Final Group Meeting

Saturday, August 9, 2025, at 10am

- Receive travel package – tickets, final itinerary, welcome kit





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### Cancellation terms:

Deposit is non-refundable & non-transferable.

- 40-50 days before departure for Italy – 25% of total trip
- 30-39 days before departure for Italy – 50% of total trip
- 16-29 days before departure for Italy – 75% of total trip
- 01-15 days before departure for Italy,  
including no-show at departure for Italy – 100% of total trip (*complete penalty*)

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