

Ardaigh  Clonmacnois

Jubilee Year

Pilgrimage to Rome  
with day trip to Assisi

Sept 9-16, 2025



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Led by Most Rev Bishop Paul Connell

1175 euro per person sharing (single supplement 210 euro)

- Direct flights Dublin to Rome
- 7 nights in the Irish College on B&B basis
- 1 dinner at the College
- 1 dinner organised in Rome centre
- General Audience with Pope Francis (depends on Pope's schedule)
- The major basilicas of Rome and the Holy Doors

- Trips to Assisi and Castelgandolfo
- Catacombs and San Clemente
- Pantheon, Piazza Navona, Colosseum
- Guided tours of all places visited
- Coach tour by night
- 10kg checked-in luggage plus small bag
- Full religious programme organised
- Full time accompaniment

### HOW TO BOOK (bookings open on Jan 7)

300 euro non-refundable deposit per person is due at time of booking.

Remaining balance due by June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**BOOKINGS WILL OPEN ON JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> 2025**

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### INCLUDED

- Direct flights Dublin to Rome
- 7 nights in the Irish College, B&B
- 1 dinner in the city centre
- 1 dinner at the Irish College
- Coach tour of Rome by night
- Coaching for all excursions on itinerary
- Trips to Assisi and Castelgandolfo
- Full time accompaniment

- Full religious programme organised
- Guided tours of all places visited
- All taxes (governmental and local)

### NOT INCLUDED

- Entrance fee to catacombs - €10
- Single room supplement - € 210
- 20kg checked luggage - € 90
- Lunches/dinners (apart from 2 dinners)
- Travel Insurance

### DAY 1: Tuesday - ARRIVAL

Afternoon flight from Dublin airport to Rome. Arrival and transfer to the Irish College. A word of greeting from the Rector and light refreshments. Check-in and overnight.

### Day 2: Wednesday – PAPAL AUDIENCE, ST CECILIA, NIGHT TOUR

Attend St Peter's Square for an audience with Pope Francis (depends on his schedule and cannot be guaranteed). Return to College area for lunch and rest. In the afternoon, visit the church of St Cecilia in Trastevere, an early martyr. View the important mosaics. Celebration of Mass. Dinner (included), followed by coach night tour, taking in the Colosseum, Circus Maximus, Tiber Island, the Ghetto, and much more.

### Day 3: Thursday – TREVI FOUNTAIN & SPANISH STEPS, ST JOHN LATERAN

Excursion to the Trevi Fountain and Spanish Steps area. Visit Sant' Andrea delle Fratte, scene of a famous Marian apparition in the 1800s. Lunch in the area of the Trevi Fountain. Return to the area of the College for some rest. Free time for lunch. At 3.30pm, we will visit St John Lateran Basilica, the Cathedral of Rome and Mother Church of the world. The heads of Saints Peter and Paul are conserved above the main altar. The church has important statues and mosaics. Celebration of Mass. Free evening.

### Day 4: Friday – CATACOMBS, ST PAUL'S BASILICA, THE IRISH DOMINICANS AT SAN CLEMENTE

After breakfast our coach will take us to visit the Catacombs of St Callixtus (€10 per person). These were the official burial tunnels of the first Christians in Rome. We will then visit St Paul's Outside the Walls, once the largest church in the world. The sarcophagus of St Paul is visible since the 2008 excavations. Free time for lunch upon return to the hotel. In the afternoon, we will visit the church of San Clemente. In the 1800s, a Longford Dominican, Fr Joseph Mullooly, discovered an ancient basilica and other archaeological treasures beneath the present church. Celebration of Mass. Buffet dinner at the College in the evening.

### Day 5: Saturday – ST PUDENZIANA, ST MARY MAJOR, ST PETER'S, PIAZZA NAVONA

This morning we will visit Santa Pudenziana, an ancient church built over the house that hosted St Peter in Rome. The church has Rome's oldest mosaic. Visit St Mary Major's Basilica. Built in 431, it contains the most revered image of Our Lady in Rome. The crib of Bethlehem is preserved beneath the altar. Mass. Free time for lunch near the College and rest. Afternoon visit to St Peter's where we will see the tombs of St Peter, St John Paul II and St John XXIII. The dome by Michelangelo is considered a masterpiece of the renaissance. At dinnertime, we go to Piazza Navona (once a stadium – now a beautiful square with baroque fountains and historic churches). The area is renowned for its restaurants. Free time for dinner.

### Day 6: Sunday – ASSISI, ST CLARES, BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS, ST FRANCIS' TOMB

After breakfast, leave for Assisi (3 hr drive). We will venerate the tomb of St Clare at her basilica, celebrate Mass at the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis (who may be already canonised at that point) and visit the basilica of St Francis, the "Jewel of Umbria", an architectural and artistic masterpiece. Plenty of time for personal sightseeing. Return to Rome in the evening.

### Day 7: Monday – CASTELGANDOLFO

Excursion to the historic town of Castelgandolfo in the Alban Hills outside Rome. The papal palace here was used as a summer residence from the 1600s. The parish church was designed by Bernini. The town has fine views over Lake Albano. Free time for lunch, followed by a visit to the lake area. Free evening.

### Day 8: Tuesday – DEPARTURE.

Check-out, breakfast and departure for Rome airport (flight times to be confirmed).

***This itinerary may be modified in the interest of the group***

