



Jubilee of Mercy: A Pilgrimage to Rome

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Jubilee of Mercy: A Pilgrimage to Rome in Solidarity with the Holy See Mission to the U.N. October 6-12, 2016

Monsignor Bob Meyer (of Hoboken) and Michael Welch (Ft. Myers/Southwest Florida) invite you to Rome to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy and to enjoy unique visits and receptions inside the Vatican organized to underscore the work of the Vatican in supporting persecuted Christians around the world. It is a fitting theme for the Jubilee Year. Our program includes guided visits to important historical, cultural and religious sites and enough leisure to enjoy Rome at your own pace and to savor the insider's perspectives of your hosts who all studied in Rome. Don't miss this unique and unparalleled opportunity to visit Rome as few do!

Program Highlights

Oct. 6: Participants will arrange their own airfare and plan to arrive in Rome today. Make your way to the designated four-star superior hotel right in the center of Rome with easy access to the Vatican and the historical center. Settle in, explore the neighborhood and then gather for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

Oct. 7: *Artistic Gems of Rome.* Breakfast. Ceremonial entry to St. Peter's through the Jubilee Door. Private group Holy Mass in one of the crypt chapels under St. Peter's. Today's visits include artistic gems of Rome – S. Maria in Trastevere, S. Clemente and S. Maria Maggiore. After a light lunch, continue with an exploration of the hidden masterpieces of Caravaggio in the historical center. Evening at leisure.

Oct. 8: *The Heritage of the Vatican.* Breakfast. Guided visit to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel and special visits/meetings inside the Vatican itself. Rest of the day at leisure.

Oct. 9: *The Roman Context of Early Christianity.* Breakfast. Morning guided visit to the excavations (Scavi) under St. Peter's. Afternoon visit with Christian archaeologist to the Roman Forum to explore the context of early Christianity. Holy Mass at St. John the Lateran with a devotional entrance through the Jubilee Door.

Oct. 10: *Work of the Mission of the Holy See to the U.N.* Breakfast. Attend weekly audience with the Pope. Visit to San Crisogono and the Trinitarian Fathers who are involved in work with Christian communities in the Middle East. Tour manager will assist with other optional visits this afternoon. Dinner with beverages at a local restaurant this evening.

Oct. 11: *Historical Rome.* Breakfast. Morning visit to the historical center – including S. Maria Sopra Minerva (to celebrate 800th Anniversary of founding of Dominicans), the Pantheon, San Ignazio, Piazza Colonna and Marcus Aurelius' column, and Ara Pacis (the Altar of Peace of Augustus). Late afternoon visit to the

Catacombs with Holy Mass at St. Paul Outside the Walls. Farewell dinner at a restaurant on the historic Via Appia Antica.

Oct. 12: *We Return Home as Pilgrims Transformed.* Breakfast. Our program ends but participants may choose to remain longer to explore Italy at their own pace.

Inclusive Features:

Six nights accommodation in a four-star hotel in the city center, buffet breakfast daily, one light lunch with beverages and three dinners with beverages at local restaurants. Special receptions/meetings in the Vatican. Guided sightseeing per the itinerary with local transportation via deluxe motorcoach. Holy Mass daily. Local expert guides, reserved entrances, entrance fees, and use of whisperphones for guided visits.

Travel Resource Center

Visit www.travelillum.com/trc/jfi for details and registration information. Please Mike Welch or Msgr. Robert Meyer with any questions:

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Program Prices

(excludes all air transportation and airport transfers)
\$2925 per person based on double occupancy
+
\$550 supplement for single room occupancy

This is offered as a land-only program to maximize flexibility and budget for participants to choose their own airlines, seats, class of

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service and departure airports. Participants will be able to call Illume for guidance about booking flights.

Please note: Single rooms for single use are limited to 10% of the total number of rooms reserved. Should additional single rooms be requested, hotels may impose a higher supplement for all single rooms of \$750. Alternatively, if you have selected double occupancy but no roommate is available due to uneven numbers or if your roommate should cancel you will be in a single room and responsible for the single room supplement.

All prices listed are discounted for payment by check. When paying with a credit card you will be charged the standard base price which is 5% higher.

All program prices are based on availability of services at the time registration material is received; currency exchange rates in effect August 31, 2015, and on 2015 land tariffs and are subject to change. All services are provided subject to Illume's Conditions and Clauses.

The program prices will be reviewed before the invoices for the final payment are mailed, and will reflect the current prices.

Travel Insurance

Illume recommends that you purchase travel insurance to cover the cost of the investment you will make. Travel insurance provides peace of mind and protection against the unexpected. Please read the Illume Conditions and Clauses attached to the Program Registration Application to review the charges that will apply in the event that you cancel your program participation. Illume offers you the option of adding a Group Deluxe Insurance Plan to your program. If you wish to purchase the plan, the premium **must be paid** with your initial deposit on the same check.

Travel Insurance Premiums:

\$195.00 Deluxe Group Travel Insurance Plan
(will provide 100% reimbursement if cancellation is for a covered reason, will provide 0% if reason is not covered.)

\$290.00 Deluxe Plan with Cancel for Any Reason*
(will provide 100% reimbursement if cancellation is for a covered reason, will provide 75% if reason is not covered.)

*The Cancel for Any Reason option is not available for residents of New York due to state regulations.

Please note that the travel insurance covers the cost of the Land Only program. It does not cover the cost of your airfare. If you wish to purchase insurance for your airfare, please visit the "Travel Insurance" link on the Travel Resource Center and follow the links under Individual Plans. A separate insurance plan called Airline Ticket Protector is offered.

This insurance policy is provided by Travel Insured International. All questions concerning covered reasons for cancellation, coverage while traveling, benefits and filing claims can be best answered by the travel insurance company. Travel Insured International's customer care phone number is 1-(800)-243-3174.

To download the policy, please visit the "Group Deluxe Insurance Plan" link on your program's Travel Resource Center.

Program Registration:

Complete the Application and forward with your \$1200.00 deposit per person (and insurance premium if applicable) by **January 15, 2016** to:

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Checks can be made payable to illume.

Balance of payment due not later than:

July 6, 2016

Note: Any changes to the program will be outlined in the final documents which you will receive one month prior to departure. If changes are made that affect the program price, you will receive an invoice or a credit accordingly.

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