# 2025 JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

# A Catholic Adventure in Faith with David Schmidt

July 11–22, 2025
Departure from USA, July 10, 2025



Venice, Padua, Bassano del Grappa, Pomposa, Ravenna, Campli Lanciano, Castiglione, Casauria, Assisi, Greccio, Rome

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 it's magnificent frescoes by the master artist, Gioto. 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 Franceso 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 Monestary 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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**Trip Itinerary** 

Thu, 10-Jul-2025 Day 0 Depart from the USA

Fri, 11-Jul-2025 Arrive in Venice Day 1

Hotel Duca d'Aosta, Treviso (D)

Hotel Duca d'Aosta, Treviso (B,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

#### Sat, 12-Jul-2025 Tour of Venice, Murano Day 2

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, 13-Jul-2025 Padua, Bassano del Grappa

Hotel Duca d'Aosta, 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

#### Mon, 14-Jul-2025 Pomposa Abbey, Ravenna Day 4

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

Tue, 15-Jul-2025 Scala Santa, Basilica of the Holy House Hotel Villa Medici, Lanciano (B,D) Day 5 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! 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

#### Wed, 16-Jul-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.

Lanciano Cathedral

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.



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# **Trip Itinerary**

#### Thu, 17-Jul-2025 Monte Sant'Angelo, Church of St. Pio Day 7

Hotel Villa Medici, Lanciano

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

#### Fri, 18-Jul-2025 Castiglione, Casauria, Rieti Day 8

Hotel 4 Stagioni, Rieti

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 Pelligrino

#### Sat. 19-Jul-2025 Assisi Day 9

Hotel 4 Stagioni, 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

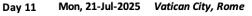
#### Sun, 20-Jul-2025 Greccio Day 10

Hotel 4 Stagioni, 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.

Sanctuary of St. Francis, Greccio

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.

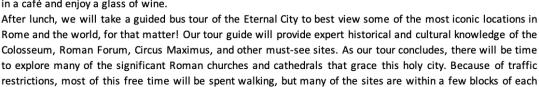


Hotel 4 Stagioni, Rieti (B,D)

Departure

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.



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



Vatican City

your journey back home.



Castel Sant'Angelo, Rome

#### Tue, 22-Jul-2025 Return Home Day 12

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

### PRICING FOR 2025 JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE WITH DAVID SCHMIDT

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

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Due Dates	Double Occupancy / per person			Single Occupancy / per person	
	Credit Card	Check*		Credit Card	Check*
Dec 11, 2024	\$500.00	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$500.00
Jan 11, 2025	\$583.17	\$563.17		\$741.50	\$716.76
Feb 11, 2025	\$583.17	\$563.17		\$741.50	\$716.76
Mar 11, 2025	\$583.17	\$563.17		\$741.50	\$716.76
Apr 11, 2025	\$583.17	\$563.17		\$741.50	\$716.76
May 11, 2025	\$583.17	\$563.17		\$741.50	\$716.76
Jun 11, 2025	\$583.17	\$563.17		\$741.50	\$716.76
TOTAL	\$3,999	\$3,879		\$4,949	\$4,801



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### WITH DAVID SCHMIDT

July 11, 2025 - July 22, 2025

Departing the USA on Thursday, July, 10, 2025



### **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.

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		Traveler's Signature	Date		

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### **Pricing, Terms, Conditions and Cancellation Policies**

#### Pricing without airfare:

**\$3,999** (USD) per person, double occupancy <u>without airfare</u> (excludes trip cancellation insurance). **\$4,949** (USD) per person, single occupancy <u>without airfare</u> (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 Dec 11, 2024 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 Dec 11, 2024 The deposit will remain refundable through Jan 11, 2025
- Remaining balance(s) can be paid in 6 equivalent monthly installments starting Jan 11, 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 Jun 11, 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 Jun 11, 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 
Jan 11, 2025 After that, the following per person cancellation penalties apply:

- After Jan 11, 2025 : \$500 (initial deposit) plus 100% of ticketed airfare.
- $\bullet$  After Apr 26, 2025  $\,\,$  : 25% of trip price per person plus 100% of ticketed airfare.
- After May 11, 2025 : 50% of trip price per person plus 100% of ticketed airfare.
- After May 26, 2025 : 75% of trip price per person plus 100% of ticketed airfare.
- After Jun 10, 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 implimented 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:	_	





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Trip Cancellation Travel Insurance

# **Plan Highlights**

- Up to \$50,000 of Primary Medical coverage
- Comprehensive coverage for pre-and post departure coverage
- Pre-Existing Coverage on plans purchased within 7 days of initial deposit
- Available to US residents traveling within the United States and abroad

# **Primary Medical**

Primary (not secondary) insurance benefits. Primary Medical insurance will pay a claim first, even if you have other medical insurance. The Safe Travels Defend plan is primary to other forms of insurance

# **Pre-Existing Medical Condition**

Exclusion is waived if coverage is purchased within 7 days of the initial trip deposit or payment date, and the full, non-refundable trip cost is insured, and you are medically able to travel on the policy effective date.

# 14-Day Free Look

If you are not satisfied within 14 days of purchasing this plan, Trawick International will refund your premium cost if you have not departed on your trip or filed a claim.

These are only brief descriptions of policy benefits. Please read your policy for terms, conditions and exclusions.

## **Non-Insurance and Travel Assistance Services**

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# **Benefits of Coverage**

Benefits	Maximum Benefit Amount			
Trip Cancellation	Up to 100% of Trip Cost Insured up to \$50,000			
Trip Interruption	Up to 100% of Insured Trip Cost			
Trip Delay	\$600 (\$150 per day) 12 hours			
Missed Connection	\$300 (12 hours)			
Baggage Coverage	\$750 (\$100 per article, 50% special items)			
Baggage Delay Coverage	\$200 (\$100 daily) 12 hours			
Emergency Accident & Sickness Medical Expense	\$50,000			
Deductible	\$100			
Dental Coverage	\$500			
Emergency Evacuation	\$350,000			
Repatriation of Remains	\$350,000			
Accidental Death & Dismemberment - 24 Hour	\$10,000			
Pre-Existing Coverage	Included Within 7 Days of Deposit			
Coverage Type	Primary			
Optional Coverages				
Accidental Death & Dismemberment - Air Only	\$25,000			
Rental Car Damage	\$50,000 (\$100 Deductible)			

# **Other Details**

- Plan is available up to 18 months in advance of departure
- Plan rates are per person and based on the age of traveler at time of enrollment
- Rates are subject to change prior to enrollment
- Maximum trip length is 90 days

# **Your Agent Information**



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