

Destination:	Rome	Price per person:	£1,200pp, based on shared rooms*
Travel Date:	22 - 26 September 2025	Hotels:	4 nights in a Hotel, 3-4*
Duration:	5 days / 4 nights		*single room supplement £150
Meal Plan:	HB (breakfast/evening dinner)		
Departure Airport:	Glasgow International Airport	Accident/medical costs insurance while abroad:	Included, but you might want to extend your cover with personal Travel Insurance
Flying with:	KLM	Tips & Gratuities:	Not included (compulsory)
Deposit:	£450 (non-refundable)	Deposit deadline:	31/03/2025
Final balance due:	31/07/2025	Free places:	See page 3



Diocese of Argyll and the Isles Pilgrimage to Rome, Jubilee 2025



22 – 26 Sep 2025, only £1200pp

5 days / 4 nights | 3-4* hotel in Rome, HB

Led by Bishop Brian McGee

Daily Itinerary

Day 1, Monday 22nd September

Glasgow - Rome

Fly to Rome on our flight from Glasgow with KLM. Provisional departure time is 16:55 with connecting flight in Amsterdam, arriving in Rome at 22:45 local time. Snack and drinks will be served onboard. We will be met by our local tour escort in the airport arrivals hall and they will be with the group and available to help and provide advice during the next 4 touring days. Transfer to our hotel where we can rest after the journey.

Day 2, Tuesday 23rd September

Rome - Basilica of St Mary Major & Archbasilica of St John Lateran & Walking Through the Holy Doors Today, after breakfast, we meet our tour escort and professional local guide and have a guided visit of two of the major basilicas in Rome; the Holy Doors will be open in the Basilica of St Mary Major and Archbasilica of St John Lateran. Firstly, we visit the **Basilica of St Mary Majors**, which houses the true relics of the manger from Bethlehem in which Jesus was laid following his birth. Private Mass will be arranged here. We then have free time for lunch. After lunch, we resume our tour and visit **St Peters in Chains Basilica** to view Michelangelo's famous Statue of Moses and thirdly the **Archbasilica of St John Lateran**, the cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome which is the oldest, and the first among the four great "patriarchal" basilicas of Rome. Across the road from here we make a quick visit to the **Holy Stairs (Scala Santa)**. According to tradition these are the steps our Lord walked up on his way to trial before Pontius Pilate. The Stairs were brought to Rome by Saint Helena in the fourth century. We have the option to ascend these stairs on our knees, in memory of Christ's agonizing Passion. We then return to the hotel followed by free time to relax before our evening dinner.

Day 3, Wednesday 24th September

Rome - Papal Audience & St Peter's Basilica & Walking through the Holy Door

After breakfast, we meet our Tour Escort in the hotel lobby and leave the hotel early for St Peter's Basilica to attend the **Papal Blessing** in the Square (*subject to the Holy Father being available*). Free time for lunch and then afterwards we meet our local guide and have a guided tour of **St Peter's Basilica**, the largest of all the Catholic churches. We can walk through the Holy Door here, the final one of our pilgrimage. We explore the wonderful basilica and the grounds and visit the Crypt and view the tombs of St Peter and recent Popes. Private Mass will be arranged. We spend the rest of the afternoon here before returning to the hotel. Free time to unwind before our evening dinner.

Day 4, Thursday 25th September

Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls & Walking through the Holy Door

Breakfast in the hotel followed by private Mass. After breakfast, we will visit the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls and have the opportunity to walk through the Holy Door. The Basilica of St Paul outside the Walls, is the second largest church in Rome, which houses the tomb of St Paul kept under the main altar. We will meet our professional local tour guide here and have a guided tour followed by private Mass.

Day 5, Friday 26th September

Rome - Glasgow

Breakfast in the hotel followed by check-out. Private Mass can be arranged. Transfer to the airport for our connecting flight back to Glasgow with KLM. Provisional departure time is 10:25, arriving into Glasgow at 16:10.

Note: This itinerary is subject to change. We are unable to guarantee the exact day to day order of the pilgrimage, and it may be possible (but this is unlikely) that one or two places may have to be cancelled or closed owing to local circumstances beyond our control. The guide may change the order to ensure the smooth running of the pilgrimage. Masses or services will be arranged each day and venues will be confirmed depending on availability. E&OE.

Included in the cost of your pilgrimage

- ✓ Direct, return flights between Glasgow Intl and Rome Fiumicino (KLM)
- ✓ 4 nights at Hotel, Rome, 3-4*, or hotel of similar standard
- ✓ Half Board (Breakfast and evening dinner)
- ✓ Transfers between airport and hotel
- ✓ Professional local tour escort
- ✓ Professional local guided tours as per itinerary
- ✓ UK Airport taxes and Government charges
- ✓ Check-in luggage (23Kg) + hand carry
- ✓ Personalised ID badge
- ✓ Hymn booklet
- ✓ Accident and Emergency Insurance, including medical cover (you might want to purchase your own Travel Insurance to extend your cover like cancellation, delays, luggage etc. - advisable)
- ✓ In-flight meals and lunches

Not Included in the cost of your pilgrimage

- Single room supplement (limited availability), £150 for 4 nights
- Comprehensive Travel Insurance
- Tips & Gratuities
- While the transfer from and to the airport in Rome is included, we will be travelling using Public Transport. We will try to make it as accommodating as possible but If you do have mobility issues, you would have to organise your own taxi at an additional cost.

After obtaining several quotations from travel agencies, Fr Stanislaw organized this Pilgrimage from the ground, to keep the costs low, including a significant discount on group flights with regular airlines. If we accepted the quotes provided, they would inflate the total cost by £150-£250. Rome is extremely expensive to travel, especially in this Jubilee Year. A lot of accommodation providers inflated the costs significantly. Please note that this Pilgrimage is not organised for profit and as such, the deposit would be non-refundable.

Before making the payment you MUST contact Fr Stanislaw Pamula at morar@rcdai.org.uk to make sure your space is guaranteed. Spaces will be reserved based on the date of the deposit payment. You MUST include a payment reference 'Rome Jubilee' . You must notify us of any mobility requirements for the flights at the latest with final payment.

Payments:

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