

# AT THE SOURCES OF FAITH

PILGRIMAGES



Cathédrale de Montréal  
MARIE-REINE-DU-MONDE

*Jubilee of Consolation*  
**From September 8 to 18, 2025**

(11 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS)





## Jubilee of Consolation



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\*In collaboration with the Basilique-cathédrale Marie-Reine-du-Monde de Montréal.

### Highlights

- Jubilee of Consolation
- Tour of Rome's great basilicas
- Mass at St Peter's Basilica

### The plus

- Bilingual (English and French) guided tour
- Private bus transfers
- Excursions to Assisi and Monte Cassino





## Accompanied by



### Father Jean-Chrysostome Zoloshi

First African priest ordained for the Montreal diocese (2001), founds and directs the Mission Notre-Dame d'Afrique (2013). Professor of Bible at the Grand Séminaire de Montréal, collaborator in biblical pastoral ministry, he co-founded Carrefour Foi et Spiritualité for the maturing of adults' faith. He also co-founded Fondation Sève de Vie, dedicated to improving the living conditions of the Congolese people, as well as an educational center for children's development. Active in various media and at Interbible.org.



### Father Emanuel Zetino

Born in Montreal of a Guatemalan family, he did all his training in Montreal and was ordained a diocesan priest on May 17, 2019. His experience with the French, English, Latin American and Italian communities in the diocese make him a priest who is very close to the multicultural reality of the Church in Montreal. He is currently vicar at Montreal's Cathedral Basilica of Marie-Reine-du-Monde.

## The profile of your trip



### Christian Pilgrimage

The origin of these tours is based on the Christian tradition, and they are often accompanied by a theologically trained priest or guide. The program includes the possibility of attending mass every day (free of charge).



### Cultural trip

These trips will enable you to discover sites of particular cultural and historical interest (museums, archaeological sites, historic monuments, religious heritage), take part in important cultural events or meet the local population to learn more about their culture (customs and habits).

# Itinerary

## **DAY 1 | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025**

### **DEPARTURE FROM MONTREAL**

Flight from Montreal to Rome.

## **DAY 2 | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**

### **ROME**

Arrival in Rome and transfer to your accommodation. Free time.

## **DAY 3 | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**

### **ROME**

In the morning, you will attend the General Audience with Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square.

In the afternoon, departure by private coach, free tour of the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, one of the city's four major basilicas, and one of the five patriarchal basilicas. Founded in the 4th century, the basilica was dedicated to the Virgin Mary. According to tradition, the basilica was built on the spot where the Virgin appeared to a wealthy Roman couple, asking them to build a church in her honor. One of the basilica's most impressive features is its magnificent 6th-century mosaic depicting scenes from the lives of the Virgin Mary and Christ. This mosaic is one of the oldest and largest of its kind in Rome. Mass at the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore (to be confirmed).

Afterwards, free visit of the Basilica of San Giovanni in Laterano. This is the oldest and first of Rome's four major basilicas. Its architecture is impressive, with a main façade adorned with columns and sculptures. One of the basilica's most remarkable features is its main altar, which houses relics of the table used at the Last Supper. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

## **DAY 4 | THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025**

### **ROME**

Mass at St. Peter's Basilica (7:15 or 8:15 a.m., to be confirmed) followed by a self-guided tour including the tombs of the popes. The basilica was built on the site where, according to tradition, St. Peter, one of Jesus' apostles and the first pope, was buried after being martyred in Rome. The dome, designed by Michelangelo, is one of the largest in the world and one of the most recognizable symbols of Rome.

In the afternoon, transfer by private minibus to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. The basilica was founded in the 4th century on the site where, according to tradition, the apostle Paul was buried after being martyred in Rome. Over the centuries, the church has been enlarged, renovated and rebuilt several times due to damage caused by fire and other disasters. The current structure dates mainly from the 19th century. One of the basilica's most remarkable features is its main altar, which houses the relics of St. Paul. Mass at St. Paul's Basilica (to be confirmed).

Afterwards, explore the Catacombs of Saint Sebastian, located along Rome's Appian Way, and discover a fascinating network of underground galleries dating back to ancient Christian times. These catacombs, named in honor of the martyr St. Sebastian, reveal ancient frescoes, inscriptions and sculptures, bearing witness to the faith of the first Christians. A one-hour guided tour immerses you in Christian history and spirituality, with an exploration of the tunnels, making this a must-see stop on your Roman itinerary. The minibus will take you back to your accommodation. Overnight in Rome.

## **DAY 5 | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025**

### **ROME - ASSISI - ROME**

Full-day excursion to Assisi. Guided tour of Assisi. Situated on a gentle hill below the summit of Monte Subasio, the legendary town of Assisi is Italy's most famous pilgrimage site, due to the fact that it is the birthplace of St. Francis. Born in 1182 in this village of warm pink stone, Francis founded the mendicant Franciscan order to which he gave his name in 1210. Discover the astonishing Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Duomo di San Rufino and stroll through the medieval streets. Mass at St. Francis Basilica (to be confirmed). Return to Rome. Overnight in Rome.

## **DAY 6 | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025**

### **ROME - MONTE CASSINO - ROME**

Drive by private minibus to Monte Cassino. Visit to Monte Cassino Abbey, built in 529 by San Benedetto da Norcia. One of Italy's two largest monasteries. Mass.

# Itinerary



## **DAYS 7-8 | SUNDAY 14 AND MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**

### **ROME**

Jubilee of Consolation. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

## **DAY 9 | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

### **ROME - CASCIA - ROME**

Every year, pilgrims flock to Cascia, where Saint Rita lived for many years. The pilgrimage to Cascia allows the faithful to meet and pray together in the places where the miracles of Saint Rita's life took place. It is, of course, a privileged moment to entrust the Saint of Desperate Causes with prayer intentions, as well as those of loved ones who were unable to make the pilgrimage to Cascia. Pilgrims can also take part in Masses at the monastery or basilica of Saint Rita in Cascia. Return to Rome at the end of the day. Dinner and overnight in Rome.



## **DAY 10 | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025**

### **ROME**

Free day in Rome. Or excursion (optional \$) Ancient Rome in the morning: Get ready for a fascinating journey through time! Begin your adventure at the Colosseum, one of Rome's most iconic monuments. Built in 80 A.D., this immense amphitheatre could accommodate up to 50,000 spectators. As you enter, you'll immediately be struck by the sheer size of the building. The stone tiers, majestic arches and central arena will transport you back to the days of gladiators and grandiose spectacles. You can almost hear the cheers of the crowd and feel the excitement in the air.

Next, stroll through the Roman Forum, the political, commercial and religious heart of ancient Rome. Strolling among the ruins, you'll discover temples, basilicas and columns that bear witness to the city's past grandeur. You'll pass the Temple of Saturn, the Temple of Vesta and the Curia, where the Roman Senate used to meet. Each stone tells a story, and you can almost imagine the toga-clad senators discussing affairs of state. This tour will give you an unforgettable insight into the splendor of ancient Rome.



## **DAY 11 | THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025**

### **ROME - MONTREAL**

Transfer to the airport, return flight to Montreal.

\*\*\* Itinerary subject to change \*\*\*



## Informations

### Price

**Early-Bird price : \$4,412 / pers. (in double occupancy)**

100 early-bird discount for registrations received before May 29, 2025.

**Regular price : \$4,512 / pers. (in double occupancy)**

**Single room supplement : + \$455 / pers.**

\*Spiritours offers the possibility of pairing, but exceptionally, Spiritours cannot assume the additional costs for single occupancy if we are unable to match you.

\*All prices are based on the exchange rate in effect on October 25, 2024.

### THE PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Round-trip flight Montreal-Rome with Air Transat or similar
- Round-trip transfers (airport - accommodation)
- 9 nights' accommodation in a religious house
- 9 breakfasts and 9 dinners
- Coach service (days 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 11)
- Excursions and entrance fees as per program
- Additional cost for admission to Rome during the Holy Year (imposed by the city of Rome for coaches)
- 1 all-day metro ticket to St. Mary Major
- All taxes and service charges

### THE PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Luggage carrying
- Activity listed as optional (Ancient Rome at \$199)
- Meals not mentioned
- All drinks
- Escort service (on request)
- Coach service on days not mentioned
- Donations for masses
- Tips for driver and guide (to be paid directly on site)
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Travel agent customer compensation fund (currently free)

### ACCOMMODATION

Rome: Casa Tabor (or similar)

### Registration

**Deadline to register:**

**June 8, 2025**

(90 days before departure or when the maximum number of passengers has been reached). It is possible to register after this date, but a supplement may apply.

#### To register

You can register on our website (see top right of the trip web page) or download and fill in the PDF form and send it to us with your \$750 deposit. Please register as soon as possible, as places are limited. Please enclose a photocopy of your passport with your registration (international travel only).

#### Travel insurance

Pour une assurance voyage, communiquez avec nous afin de connaître votre prime.

#### Nb of participants

Minimum 20 - Maximum 34

#### Required documentation

All Canadian travelers to Europe must be in possession of a passport valid for at least three months beyond the planned return date.

**For more information, please contact:**

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# Terms & Conditions

## Deposit and payment

A deposit of \$750 for air travel or 25% of the total amount for bus travel is required at the time of booking, as well as the cancellation insurance premium, if desired. The balance must be paid in full at least 60 days before departure for air travel and 45 days before departure for bus travel. In the event of late final payment, please note that the reservation will be automatically cancelled, incurring the cancellation fees mentioned above.

Important note: certain trips and special events may be subject to special booking, deposit and final payment conditions.

## Cancellation fees

### For air travel

Up to 60 days before departure: \$750 penalty.

Less than 60 days before departure: no refund.

Name change: \$100 to \$500 penalty, depending on carrier's conditions. Within 60 days of departure, all changes will be considered as cancellations.

### For bus travel

Up to 45 days before departure: 25% of the total amount.

From 45 to 21 days before departure: 50% of the total amount.

Less than 21 days before departure: no refund.

Name change: \$100 penalty.

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Spiritours reserves the right to cancel a trip if the number of participants is not reached by the deadline. A full refund will represent final settlement with the passenger. Spiritours also reserves the right to extend the deadline to 45 days prior to departure, or to change travel dates or airlines if necessary. If for reasons of force majeure the trip must be suspended by Spiritours, the latter reserves the right to postpone to later dates or to cancel, but will not be liable for non-refundable sums already paid to suppliers. Spiritours cannot be held responsible for any difficulties between the authorities of a country and a member of the group who has not complied with the laws, customs, regulations and traditions of the host country.

## Insurance

Travelers are advised to take out cancellation insurance in case, for major reasons (illness, injury or death of themselves or a family member), they have to cancel their trip before departure or change the itinerary en route. We also strongly recommend that you take out medical insurance. The cost of insurance is non-refundable. Travellers should consult their insurance contract for details of the nature of the cover, the risks insured, the exclusions, limitations and reductions in cover, and the cancellation procedures contained in the insurance product.

## Claims

You must notify the Spiritours representative of any claim as soon as possible. When abroad, you must immediately contact your travel companion or the hotel management so that the situation can be rectified.

## Prices shown

Unless otherwise indicated, all prices are in Canadian dollars. Prices are subject to change up to 30 days prior to departure in the event of a fuel price increase imposed by the carrier or an exchange rate increase of more than 5% since the date of publication of the trip price. If the change in the price of your trip is equal to or greater than 7% of the original price, you may request a refund or exchange your trip for a similar one.

## Spiritours' liability

Spiritours cannot be held responsible for acts, omissions, errors or events, losses, damage or accidents during the trip, nor for delays or cancellations due to a transportation company. Spiritours cannot be held responsible for any damage suffered by the traveller due to illness, injury, loss, inconvenience or anxiety. Spiritours also declines all responsibility for any damage resulting from government action, political unrest, strikes or acts of God. Spiritours will not make any refunds under any circumstances for premature return or non-completion of a portion of a tour, nor for services not used by travelers. Spiritours' liability for failure to provide any service or benefit described herein is limited to the cost of such service or benefit.

## Traveler's liability

It is the traveler's responsibility to find out about the entry and exit requirements of the country he/she plans to visit. In the event that the traveler does not possess the required documentation, he/she may be refused passage by the authorities. The traveler agrees to accept any reasonable instructions relating to the package issued while the passenger is abroad. In the event that a passenger engages in conduct prejudicial to other travellers or service providers, and persists in such conduct despite a formal warning from the service provider or its representative, the passenger will be expelled from the group and will be liable for all costs incurred as a result of such conduct, including any additional costs the passenger may incur for accommodation, food and transportation.