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PILGRIMAGES



ITALY



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN CANADA

Jubilee of Martyrs
From May 6 to 15, 2025

(10 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS)

spiritours
SOULFUL
JOURNEYS



Accompanied by



Archbishop Christian Lépine

Bishop Lépine has long experience as a pastor and teacher. Ordained to the priesthood in 1983 at Saint-André-Apôtre, he first exercised his priestly ministry at Saint-Joseph du Mont-Royal before studying philosophy at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, from 1986 to 1989. On his return to Montreal, he was appointed vicar at Notre-Dame-des-Neiges and parish priest at Saint-Joseph du Mont-Royal. He remained there until 1996, when he was appointed head of Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte's Secretariat. In 1998, he was called to Rome, where he worked at the Secretariat of State, then at the Congregation for Divine Worship. Returning to Montreal in 2000, he was appointed Director of the Major Seminary. From 2006 to 2012, he was pastor of the parishes of La Purification de la Bienheureuse-Vierge-Marie and Notre-Dame-des-Champs, where he remained until his ordination as auxiliary bishop on September 10, 2011. On March 20, 2012, he was named Archbishop of Montreal by Pope Benedict XVI. Archbishop Lépine is the tenth bishop of Montréal and the eighth archbishop since the founding of the diocese in 1836.

*Trip in collaboration with Aid to the Church in Need



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 | TUESDAY MAY 6, 2025

DEPARTURE FROM MONTREAL

Flight from P.E. Trudeau Airport, Montréal to Rome.

DAY 2 | WEDNESDAY MAY 7, 2025

ROME

Arrival in Rome and transfer to accommodation. Check-in at hotel. Orientation tour of the city, including Piazza Navona, the Pantheon and the Trevi Fountain. Evening at leisure. Night in Rome. Accommodation: Hotel Ergife

DAY 3 | THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025

ROME

In the morning, you will attend a private Audience with Pope Francis in the Aula Paolo VI. Lunch at your leisure. In the afternoon, Mass at the Basilica of San Giovanni in Laterano, followed by a free tour of the Basilica. 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. Evening reception and overnight in Rome. Accommodation: Hotel Ergife

DAY 4 | FRIDAY MAY 9, 2025

ROME

JUBILEE OF MARTYRS AT THE COLOSSEUM

Morning: Private Mass in St. Peter's Basilica (if possible in the crypt), followed by a guided tour of St. Peter's Basilica, the tombs of the popes and the Vatican Museums. Dinner at leisure. Afternoon: Celebration of the Jubilee of the Martyrs at the Colosseum, in the presence of Pope Francis. Evening at leisure. Night in Rome. Accommodation: Hotel Ergife

DAY 5 | SATURDAY MAY, 10 2025

ROME

Morning and early afternoon free to explore Rome. 2:30 - 4:30 pm: Closing mass at 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. Evening at leisure. Night in Rome. Accommodation: Hotel Ergife

DAY 6 | SUNDAY MAY 11, 2025

ROME - CASTEL GANDOLFO - ROME

Private Mass in the chapel of the religious house or concelebration in an Italian parish. Departure by private coach for Castel Gandolfo, summer residence of the popes. Visit the Papal Palace and its magnificent gardens (visit to the observatory not included) and discover the city's charming cobblestone streets, with breathtaking views of the lake and surrounding hills. Return to Rome at the end of the day. Overnight in Rome. Accommodation: Hotel Ergife

DAY 7 | MONDAY MAY 12, 2025

ROME - ASSISE - ROME

Full-day excursion to Assisi. Departure by private coach for a day trip to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Situated on a picturesque hillside, Assisi is a renowned place of pilgrimage. Guided tour of the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the Duomo di San Rufino. Stroll through the city's medieval streets. Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis (to be confirmed). Return to Rome at the end of the day. Overnight in Rome. Accommodation: Hotel Ergife

DAY 8 | TUESDAY MAY 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. It is one of the two largest monasteries in Italy. Mass at the abbey. Return to Rome for dinner and overnight stay. Accommodation: Hotel Ergife

DAY 9 | WEDNESDAY MAY 14, 2025

ROME

In the morning, free visit and mass at the Basilicas of St. Paul Outside the Walls and St. John Lateran, followed by a visit to the Abbey of Tre Fontane, where St. Paul was beheaded. Afternoon at leisure to explore the city at your own pace, relax or store. Night in Rome. Accommodation: Hotel Ergife

JOUR 10 | THURSDAY, MAY 15 2025

ROME - MONTREAL

Transfer to the airport, return flight to Montreal.

Itinerary subject to change



Informations

Price

Regular price : \$5,150 / pers. (in double occupancy)

Single room supplement : + \$1,095 / 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 November 4, 2024.

THE PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Round-trip flight Montreal-Rome with Air Transat or similar
- 8 nights at Hotel Ergife Palace or similar
- 8 breakfasts at accommodation and 8 dinners
- Round-trip transfers (airport - accommodation)
- Coach service
- Excursions and entrance fees to sites as per program
- Rome Holy Year access permit surcharge (imposed by the city of Rome for coaches)
- All taxes and service charges

THE PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Luggage portage
- Meals not mentioned
- Beverages
- 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: Hotel Ergife (or similar)

Registration

**Deadline to register:
February 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 30 - Maximum 44

Required documentation

All Canadian travellers to Italy must be in possession of a passport that is still valid three months after 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.