



Deacons' Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi Feb. 18-28, 2025

A CALLING, A JOURNEY, A RENEWAL

SAVE UP TO \$200
PER PERSON*
RESERVED ON OR
BEFORE: NOV. 27,
2024

LAST DAY TO
RESERVE: DEC 10,
2024

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Pilgrims of Hope : A Sacred Journey to Rome and Vatican City

The 2025 Jubilee Holy Year

Walk Through the Holy Doors: A Journey of Grace and Renewal

Experience the Holy Doors of St. Peter's Basilica, open only during the Jubilee Year. This sacred act invites you to a profound encounter with divine mercy and the opportunity to **receive plenary indulgence**. As you cross through these historic doors, be part of a global community of faith, connected by hope and love.

What is a Plenary Indulgence?

A plenary indulgence, according to the teachings of the Catholic Church, is the full remission of temporal punishment due to sin. While confession and absolution forgive sins, an indulgence removes the consequences or "temporal punishment" that sin incurs. By receiving a plenary indulgence, Catholics believe that their souls are purified, as if they were freshly baptized, enabling them to enter heaven immediately, should they pass away in a state of grace.

How to Receive a Plenary Indulgence During the Jubilee Year:

During the 2025 Jubilee Year, pilgrims have a unique opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence by walking through the **Holy Doors of St. Peter's Basilica** and fulfilling the following conditions:

1. Sacramental Confession: Be in a state of grace, ideally receiving the Sacrament of Confession within several days before or after completing the pilgrimage.
2. Reception of the Eucharist: Participate in the Holy Mass and receive Communion.
3. Prayers for the Holy Father's Intentions: Offer prayers for the Pope, which can include an Our Father, Hail Mary, or prayers of your choice.
4. Detachment from Sin: Foster a sincere heart and true contrition, with no attachment to even venial sin.

By fulfilling these conditions, pilgrims can gain the full spiritual benefit of the plenary indulgence. This indulgence can also be offered for the souls of the faithful departed, helping them on their journey to heaven.

The Spiritual Significance of the Jubilee Year

The Holy Year of Jubilee offers Catholics a rare and profound opportunity for spiritual renewal. By walking through the Holy Doors, pilgrims symbolically leave behind sin and walk into a new life of grace, filled with hope and the mercy of God. This sacred act, combined with prayer and participation in the sacraments, allows the faithful to gain the full benefits of a plenary indulgence—making this pilgrimage a truly life-changing experience.

DEACON'S JUBILEE YEAR

FEB 18 - 28, 2025



What Makes this Trip Special?

What Makes This Pilgrimage Special?

For Deacons:

This pilgrimage is uniquely designed to deepen your vocation as a deacon, blending the sacred sites of early Church martyrs with reflections on modern service. Highlights include:

- St. Lawrence Outside the Walls: A visit to one of the most significant churches dedicated to St. Lawrence, patron saint of deacons and martyrs, offering deep reflections on sacrifice and service.
- Exclusive Jubilee Events: Participate in the Deacons' Jubilee, a once-in-a-lifetime experience, with special Vatican teachings and Masses designed specifically for deacons.
- Churches Central to the Diaconate: Visits to spiritual landmarks like the Scala Santa and Basilica of St. John Lateran offer moments of reflection on your role in the Church, while places like St. Paul Outside the Walls invite a renewed commitment to missionary service.

For Families:

This pilgrimage offers families the chance to connect through shared faith and reflection, with moments specially curated for deeper spiritual experiences together:

- Assisi Pilgrimage: Explore the peaceful town of Assisi, home to St. Francis and St. Clare, where families can connect over the example of love, humility, and service.
- Reflection Opportunities: The daily reflections and group dinners create a shared spiritual journey for families, fostering growth and bonding as they walk through sacred history together.
- Modern Catholic Inspiration: The visit to Blessed Carlo Acutis' tomb offers an opportunity for families, especially younger members, to see how modern Catholic spirituality still thrives and inspires today.

For the Faithful:

Whether you're a seasoned pilgrim or embarking on a spiritual journey for the first time, this trip offers rich cultural and faith-based experiences that transcend generations:

- Spiritual Milestones: Visits to Rome's iconic basilicas, such as St. Mary Major and Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem, connect participants with the deep spiritual roots of the Catholic Church.
- A Mix of Reflection and Free Time: The balanced schedule includes guided spiritual reflections and personal time for independent exploration or prayer, offering flexibility to craft your own pilgrimage experience.
- Cultural and Spiritual Immersion: From the ancient streets of Rome to the serene landscapes of Assisi, this pilgrimage blends cultural discovery with moments of profound faith.

Sacred Journeys: Rome & Assisi

Rome and Assisi are timeless sanctuaries of faith, where the footsteps of saints and the spirit of devotion continue to inspire pilgrims on a journey of spiritual renewal.



DAY 1 : Feb. 18, 2025 DEPARTURE FROM CANADA

Day 2: Feb 19, 2025 – Arrival in Rome

Arrive in Rome and check into your accommodation.

Group welcome dinner, orientation, and spiritual reflection to begin the pilgrimage journey.

Day 3: Feb 20, 2025 – Key Churches for Deacons in Rome

- Visit the Scala Santa (Holy Stairs), an important pilgrimage site representing Jesus' Passion.
- Basilica of St. John Lateran, the cathedral of Rome and the seat of the Pope's authority.
- Visit the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem (Santa Croce in Gerusalemme), housing relics from the Passion of Christ, including fragments of the True Cross.
- Church of St. Lawrence Outside the Walls, one of the most important churches dedicated to a deacon saint, St. Lawrence, with reflections on martyrdom and service.
- Evening: Group dinner and reflection session.

Day 4 – 6: Feb 21-23, 2025 – Main Deacons' Jubilee Events (No Tours Scheduled)

- Attend the official Deacons' Jubilee events in Rome, including Masses, teachings, and group reflections organized by the Vatican.
- Included: breakfasts and dinners at the hotel and transfers from hotel to Vatican
- Not Included in the price: Solidarity fee of €20 to attend the Deacon's Jubilee events from Feb 21-23.

Pilgrims who do not want to attend the Deacon's event during these days will have these days as free time to explore Rome and nearby areas on their own.

Day 7: Feb 24, 2025 – The Legacy of St. Paul

- Visit St. Paul Outside the Walls, a major basilica and the burial place of St. Paul.
- Visit Tre Fontane Abbey, where St. Paul was martyred, reflecting on his powerful missionary journey.

Day 8: Feb 25, 2025 – Pilgrimage to Assisi (Day 1)

- Travel to Assisi, the hometown of St. Francis.
- Visit the Basilica of St. Francis, where St. Francis is entombed, and the Basilica of St. Clare, which houses the body of St. Clare.
- Evening: Group reflection and overnight stay in Assisi.

Day 9: Feb 26, 2025 – Pilgrimage to Assisi (Day 2)

- Morning: Visit Santa Maria degli Angeli and the Porziuncola, a special place in Franciscan spirituality, where St. Francis heard his calling.
- Afternoon: Visit the Sanctuary of the Spoliation, where Blessed Carlo Acutis is laid to rest, emphasizing modern Catholic spirituality.
- Evening: Return to Rome for a peaceful evening and optional reflection.

Day 10: Feb 27, 2025 – Marian Devotion and Apostolic Churches

- Visit the Basilica of St. Mary Major, one of the largest Marian churches in the world, for a spiritual reflection on Mary's role in the Church.
- Visit the Church of St. Alphonsus Liguori, home to the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.
- Free time in the afternoon
- Group farewell dinner and final reflections on the pilgrimage journey.

Day 11: Feb 28, 2025 – Final Reflections and Departure

- After breakfast, head to the airport to board your flight home.



WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE LAND PRICE:

- 4 Star hotel accommodations or similar (initial reservations below)
- **19th-25th February Rome**
Hotel Nord Nuova Roma (6 nights)
www.hotelnordnuovaroma.it
- **25th-26th February Assisi**
Casa Leonori (1 night)
www.casaleonori.com
- **26th -28th February Rome**
Hotel Nord Nuova Roma (2 nights)
www.hotelnordnuovaroma.it
- Breakfasts and dinners as per itinerary
- English speaking professional guide on Feb 20th, Feb 24th to 27th
- Tour escort upon arrival only
- Coach transfers as per program
- Arrival transfers and departure transfers included if travelers will be arriving before noon on Feb 19th and departing in the morning of Feb 28th (subject to change)
- Hotel city taxes
- Entrance fees and reservations in sites to be visited
- Headsets
- Round trip flights from Edmonton (economy); other cities available, contact us to check pricing from your departure city
- 1 Checked bag
- Pilgrim's bag

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Lunches
- Wine/ Pop during dinner
- Tips to tour escort, drivers, local guides
- Tips for restaurants outside the hotel during lunch
- Travel medical insurance - required
- Trip cancellation insurance - required
- Personal expenses
- Anything not mentioned under what's included
- Visa , if applicable
- Deacon's Jubilee Event registration (Feb 21-23, 2025)

FLIGHT AND LAND PRICE

PER PERSON (ON DOUBLE OCC.)

Minimum 40 travelers: 4,645 CAD

Minimum 30 travelers: 4,995CAD

Minimum 20 travelers: 5,265 CAD

Minimum 15 travelers: 5,594 CAD

Single room occupancy - add \$560 CAD

LAND PRICE ONLY

(Per person, on double occupancy, flights and transfers from airport to hotel not included)

Minimum 40 travelers: 2,950 CAD

Minimum 30 travelers: 3,300 CAD

Minimum 20 travelers: 3,570 CAD

Minimum 15 travelers: 3,899 CAD

Single room occupancy - add \$560 CAD

DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE:

- **100 CAD DISCOUNT - EARLY BIRD RESERVATION -RESERVATIONS RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE NOV. 27, 2024**
- **100 CAD discount if paying total land reservations in Cash or Cheque**



Flight Details

From	To	Flight	Class	Departure Date/Time	Arrival Date/Time
YEG	YUL	AC336	T / STANDARD	18 Feb 25 11:45	18 Feb 25 17:53
YUL	FCO	AC892	T / STANDARD	18 Feb 25 19:45	19 Feb 25 10:00
FCO	YUL	AC893	T / STANDARD	28 Feb 25 12:15	28 Feb 25 15:45
YUL	YEG	AC339	T / STANDARD	28 Feb 25 20:15	28 Feb 25 23:05

*Subject to change until ticketed



For more information on the Jubilee of Deacon's
go to :

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/pellegrinaggio/calendario-giubileo/GrandiEventi/Giubileo-dei-Diaconi.html>



**LAST DAY TO PLACE DEPOSIT/ RESERVE:
DEC 10, 2024 (OR UNTIL SPACE IS AVAILABLE)**

FINAL PAYMENT DUE : DEC. 28, 2024

TO RESERVE SPACE, submit ALL of the following:

1. *Submit Registration forms - included in this brochure*
2. *Submit copy of all travelers passports*
 - *Email forms and passport copies at **info@marianathatours.org***
3. *Submit **nonrefundable deposit of 550 CAD** per person*
 - *We accept etransfer, bank draft or credit card as forms of payment.*
 - ***For etransfer, email payment to **accounting@nexioncanada.com*****
include this message when paying by etransfer:
Deposit/ payment for: (Name of trip/ Pilgrimage/ Month)

CANCELLATION AND CANCELLATION FEES:

- *The deposit is non-refundable; please make sure you purchase trip cancellation insurance when you place your deposit.*
- *Cancellation received between 90 - 46 days before departure - 75 % price is payable or nonrefundable*
- *Cancellation received 45 days or less before departure = 100% of non-refundable*
- *Submit cancellation in writing.*



TERMS & CONDITIONS

LIABILITY : TCBTT- Marianatha Tours is a travel agency and has made the advertised holiday arrangements with the airline/s/, hotel/s/, cruise ship/s/, other operator/s/ and other. Each of these organizations has its own specific terms and conditions for doing business and you will be bound by them. TCBTT- Marianatha Tours accepts no responsibility for /A/ the acts or omissions of any party/ies/ other than TCBTT- Marianatha Tours employees./B/ failure by the passenger to be properly documented; /C/ failure by the passenger to comply with departure or joining or baggage requirements; /D/ aircraft delays, government actions, act/s/ of God or any factor beyond our direct control; /E/ cancellation or delay to any tour or holiday or change to the itinerary; /F/ expenses resulting from lost or damaged baggage. TCBTT- Marianatha Tours reserves the right to refuse any person as a member of these tours at its sole discretion. TCBTT- Marianatha Tours reserves the right to cancel any or all departure/s/ with or without prior notice. If a tour is canceled beyond the control our agency's control, we will follow the supplier's terms and conditions associated with the trip. A refund may be provided by the suppliers (not always guaranteed) or a future travel credit to be used 6 months to 1 year from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less non-refundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$250 CAD/ USD administration fee. If a passenger is canceling on their own accord, the cancellation terms stated in this brochure apply. Make sure you purchase travel medical & trip cancellation insurance.

ABILITY TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged, those needing oxygen, wheelchairs, or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting to their experiences. TCBTT- Marianatha Tours reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in our sole judgment, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request.

GROUP REQUIREMENTS: This trip requires a minimum number of participants to operate. In the event that the minimum is not met, the organizer reserves the right to adjust the program or offer alternative arrangements.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While the tour operator will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour. Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, there will be extra charge for accommodation and stay.

RELEASE INFORMATION: Payment of the deposit indicates passenger's permission to record the registrant's participation and appearance on videotape, audiotape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which we deem appropriate unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies us in writing prior to departure.

Rates and Payments: Rates are based on applicable rates as of Oct 2024. Price may change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations (more than 5% increase to current rate), fuel surcharge increases (applicable for airfare), government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. If they change, we will invoice participants accordingly. Payment of the initial deposit for this trip indicates you have accepted these pricing terms and all terms specified in the Terms and Conditions.

To confirm your space, submit a copy of the passport, filled out with this registration form and non-refundable deposit

INFORMATION	TRAVELLER 1	TRAVELLER 2
FIRST NAME		
MIDDLE NAME		
LAST NAME		
DATE OF BIRTH MM-DD-YR		
HOME ADDRESS		
CITY/ POSTAL CODE		
PHONE NO.		
EMAIL ADDRESS		
EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME & PHONE NO.		
FOOD ALLERGY/ DIET RESTRICTIONS/ MEDICAL & MOBILITY RESTRICTIONS		

DEPARTURE CITY/ AIRPORT: _____

- TRAVELER 1: NONREFUNDABLE DEPOSIT \$550 CAD PER PERSON
- TRAVELER 2: NONREFUNDABLE DEPOSIT \$550 CAD PER PERSON

INSURANCE: Travel/ Medical Insurance & Trip Cancellation Insurance are required.

- REFER ME TO A TRAVEL INSURANCE AGENT

ACCEPTED FORMS OF PAYMENT:

- CASH - etransfer to accounting@nexioncanada.com**
- CHEQUE (PAYABLE TO NEXION CANADA, MAIL CHEQUE TO 24 Harcourt Crescent, St. Albert, AB, T8N 6K7)**
- CREDIT CARD** VISA MASTERCARD AMEX CARDHOLDER

CARD BILLING STATEMENT WILL SHOW AS NEXION CANADA-TRAVEL RELATED
There is a 3.5% additional charge to brochure price for credit card payments

NAME: _____

CARD NUMBER: _____

CARD EXPIRY: _____ SECURITY CODE: _____

COMPLETE BILLING ADDRESS: _____

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION

I, _____ (Name of Cardholder) give full authorization to TCBTT – MARIANATHA TOURS and NEXION CANADA to charge \$ _____ CAD/ USD amount on my credit card for my DEPOSIT/ FINAL PAYMENT (encircle one) as identified in this registration form and shall not decline, reject or challenge such amount charged on my credit card for the purpose of paying for travel arrangements for the passenger(s) identified above. I have read, understood & agree w/the terms & conditions for this trip. I also understand and agree that I will be charged CANCELLATION PENALTIES should all or part of this travel arrangement be canceled by myself or my companions. The importance of trip insurance/medical coverage has been discussed for this booking. I understand and accept the Terms & Conditions of this tour and booking.

 SIGNATURE OF TRAVELLER/ DATE SIGNED

(REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS FORM WHETHER PAYING WITH CASH, CHEQUE OR CREDIT CARD)

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY CLAIMS

WARNING – By signing this document you will waive certain legal rights including the right to sue. Please read carefully!

PREAMBLE

This trip is an exceptional opportunity, but it is not without certain risks, dangers, hazards and liabilities to all participants. These include, but are not limited to, personal injury, death, property damage, expense and other loss, delay or inconvenience, and this Trip's cancellation or curtailment. All persons taking part in this Trip are required to accept these and other risks as a condition of their participation in this program. The Statement of Risks set forth below is intended to enable participants to better understand and accept the various risks involved in this Trip.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

- 1) I am aware that there are inherent risks, dangers and hazards to which I may be exposed while participating on this Trip or to this location, including but not limited to the following:
 - a) theft, vandalism or loss of personal property;
 - b) motor vehicle or traffic accidents and a poor road and transportation system;
 - c) diseases not common in Canada;
 - d) exposure to wildlife;
 - e) different environmental and weather conditions than those in Canada;
 - f) the laws of this Location may be significantly different from those in Canada;
 - g) the medical facilities in this Location may well be of a lower standard than what might be expected in Canada;
 - h) hazards resulting from political unrest, military and/or terrorist activity, previous or present; and,
 - i) cancellation of this Trip or curtailment or cancellation of individual activities due to weather, flooding, illness, political disturbances, terrorism, motor vehicle accidents, transportation problems, failure to perform on the part of local travel guides or airline companies, problems relating to customs, immigration or visa requirements, or other circumstances either within or beyond the control of Marianatha Tours/ TCB Travel and Tours and its local partners.

- 2) I am aware that there are further risks mentioned in the most current Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Travel Report which I read as a condition of my participation in this Trip.
- 3) I freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers and hazards and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage or loss, resulting therefrom.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of Marianatha Tours/ TCB Travel and Tours and its local partners allowing my participation in this Trip, I agree as follows:

- 1) TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS that I have or may have in the future against Marianatha Tours/ TCB Travel and Tours and its local partners, employees, agents, volunteers and independent contractors (all of whom are hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Releasees");
- 2) TO RELEASE THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any loss, damage, injury or expense that I might suffer, or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my participation in this Trip due to any cause whatsoever, INCLUDING BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR TORTIOUS ACTS OR OMISSIONS (including NEGLIGENCE) ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES;
- 3) TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any damage to the property of, or personal injury to, any third party, resulting from my participation in this Trip;
- 4) I understand that it is my responsibility to learn as much as possible about the risks of this Trip and weigh those risks against the advantages, and to decide whether or not to participate;
- 5) I have read and understood the most current Travel Report for this location that has been issued by the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade;
- 6) This agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives in the event of my death or incapacity. In entering into this Agreement, I am not relying upon any oral or written representations or statements made by the Releasees other than what is set forth in this Agreement.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS AGREEMENT AND I AM AWARE THAT BY AGREEING TO THIS AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE, WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND ASSIGNS MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES.

Traveler's Name & Signature

***All travelers should sign this form and submit the registration form to complete their reservation.**

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