



The Splendor of Rome

October 24 to October 31, 2026

Become a pilgrim and journey to Rome on a pilgrimage sponsored by Christ Church Christiana Hundred. We delve into the layers of Christian worship and adoration revealed in art and sacred architecture. The pilgrimage leaders are the Revs. Ruth and David Beresford, supported by Stillpoint Travels.

THE JOURNEY

Every pilgrimage has a destination and a starting place. We gather at Christ Church Christiana Hundred for a Pilgrim's Eucharist before an overnight flight to Rome. Each day will include exploration, encounter, and devotion as the pilgrims visit sites including the catacombs and the great basilicas of the Christian faith, and the art of the Renaissance. Local guides will aid our exploration, St. Paul's Within the Walls (an Episcopal congregation) will host our worship, and the pilgrim leaders will provide the spiritual, historic, and theological contexts to draw each pilgrim to experience a holy journey in community with other pilgrims.

PLANNED ITINERARY

October 24, <i>Saturday</i>	Day of Departure
October 25, <i>Sunday</i>	Day of Arrival in Rome with worship and dinner together
October 26, <i>Monday</i>	The Catacombs & San Clemente for the Origins of Christianity in Rome
October 27, <i>Tuesday</i>	The Vatican, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica <i>private guide</i>
October 28, <i>Wednesday</i>	Joel Nafuma Refugee Center, then Caravaggio's Rome: San Luigi dei Francesi, Sant' Agostino, Santa Maria del Popolo
October 29, <i>Thursday</i>	Gallery Doria Pamphilj and half day on your own
October 30, <i>Friday</i>	The Three Major Basilicas: St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. John Lateran, Holy Stairs, Santa Maria Maggiore and closing dinner together
October 31, <i>Saturday</i>	Return or onward journey

DETAILS

The cost of the pilgrimage is \$3950 per person for double occupancy and \$5850 per person for single occupancy. This includes six nights' lodging in four-star accommodations, transfer from and to Fiumicino Airport, all breakfasts, group dinners, entrance to all pilgrim sites, guided experiences with private, English-speaking guides, ground transportation in Rome, and concierge support throughout the trip. An \$800 reservation deposit secures a pilgrim's participation. The complete payment will be required by August 1, 2026.

Accommodation is arranged at Metropole Roma, a centrally located elegant hotel. Room selections are for double accommodation, twin occupancy, or single room.

Visit www.starhotels.com and search for metropole-rome for accommodation details.



A pilgrimage requires a moderate level of physical fitness to participate in the walking tours. In ancient basilicas there is minimal provision for accessibility, so pilgrims must be able to climb steps and walk on uneven terrain.

Pilgrims make their own flight arrangements. We suggest a direct round trip flight with American Airlines (AA718 to Rome FCO and AA719 return to Philadelphia PHL) or a connecting route with British Airways (BA066 to London LHR, connecting with BA550 to Rome FCO and return on BA563 to London LHR, connecting with BA067 to Philadelphia PHL).

Pilgrims are encouraged to purchase travel insurance. It is wise to have insurance that covers the cost of flights and the tour. Please make this arrangement with your preferred provider.

Stillpoint Travels can assist with arrangements to extend your travel to other locations in Italy, such as Florence, Assisi, or other destinations, as well as travel insurance and upgraded accommodations. Please contact Mike Socha directly at michael.socha@fora.travel.

With a maximum of 30 pilgrims, we invite you to register as soon as possible. Please visit the Christ Church website, www.christchurchde.org/rome-pilgrimage-post, and complete the registration form online. For more information, please contact the Rev. David Beresford by email at davidberesford@gmail.com or call the parish office to speak with the Rev. Ruth Beresford.

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