

Catholic Rome Pilgrim Planner

A practical and prayerful checklist for visiting Rome's basilicas, relics, saints and sacred art.

Rome rewards preparation, but a pilgrimage is more than a schedule. Use this planner to make room for prayer, understand what kind of Catholic experience you are seeking and arrive ready to respect the living churches you will visit.

	☐ Major basilicas ☐ Relics of Christ ☐ Apostles and martyrs ☐ Early Christianity ☐ Sacred art and architecture ☐ Time for personal prayer

1. Before you book

- ☐ Decide whether you want a pilgrimage package, individual church tours or a mixture of both.
- ☐ Choose the themes that matter most to you: basilicas, relics, apostles, martyrs, early Christianity or sacred art.
- ☐ Tell Crucis Tours about mobility, accessibility or group requirements before booking.
- ☐ Build unhurried time for Mass, Confession, prayer and rest into the wider journey.
- ☐ Check current travel documents, insurance, accommodation and local transport arrangements.
- ☐ Confirm every booked tour's date, time and meeting information before travelling.

2. Spiritual preparation

- ☐ Write down the people and intentions you will carry to Rome.
- ☐ Read briefly about the saints and mysteries connected with the churches you hope to visit.
- ☐ Consider receiving Confession before departure and identify opportunities for Mass during the pilgrimage.
- ☐ Bring a rosary, prayer book or the texts that help you pray well.
- ☐ Ask for the grace to receive delays and changes with patience.

3. What to pack

☐ Comfortable, supportive walking shoes ☐ Modest clothing covering shoulders and knees ☐ Light layer for churches and seasonal weather ☐ Weatherproof layer, hat and sun protection ☐ Refillable water bottle	☐ Prescribed medicines and essential health items ☐ Photo identification and emergency contacts ☐ Charged telephone and power bank ☐ Small, secure day bag ☐ Rosary, prayer book and notebook
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4. Visiting active Catholic churches

- ☐ Dress modestly and follow instructions from church and security staff.
- ☐ Keep silence where requested and never interrupt Mass, Confession or private prayer.
- ☐ Observe photography restrictions and avoid photographing people at prayer.
- ☐ Remember that access and opening arrangements can change for liturgies and major celebrations.
- ☐ Treat relics and sacred spaces as objects and places of veneration, not merely exhibits.
- ☐ Follow your Catholic guide's directions and leave space for other worshippers.

5. On each booked tour

- ☐ Recheck the meeting point, start time and contact details supplied with the booking.
- ☐ Arrive prepared for the stated walking duration and local weather.
- ☐ Carry only what you need and keep valuables secure.
- ☐ Tell the guide promptly if a health or mobility concern arises.
- ☐ Ask questions, but allow the guide to preserve the prayerful rhythm of the pilgrimage.

Choose a Catholic Rome experience

A first pilgrimage Begin with Rome's Major Basilicas and the foundations of Catholic pilgrimage in the Eternal City.	The relics of Christ Choose the Via Crucis - Relics of Christ Tour for a Catholic meditation on the Incarnation and Passion.
The apostles and martyrs Follow St Peter, St Paul and the witness of the Roman martyrs through the churches connected with them.	Early Christianity Explore the development of the Church through apostolic memory, ancient basilicas and Christian Rome underground.
One church in depth Choose a focused basilica tour when you want more time for the theology, relics, art and saints of a particular church.	A complete itinerary Combine tours through a Crucis pilgrimage package when you want a coherent multi-day Catholic programme.

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