



*Port Elizabeth Diocese Pilgrimage*

# JUBILEE YEAR: ROME

**23 - 30 June 2025**

**Led by Bishop Vincent Mduduzi Zungu OFM**

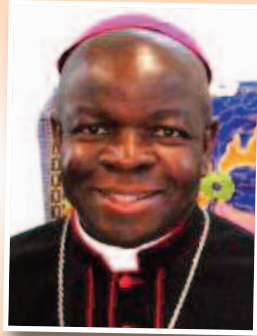


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Join this special Jubilee Year 2025 pilgrimage to **ITALY** and **VATICAN CITY**, presented by the **Diocese of Port Elizabeth** in association with **Fowler Tours**. The pilgrimage will be led by His Lordship **Bishop Vincent Mduzuzi Zungu** of the Diocese of Port Elizabeth.

We will have the privilege of entering all four major papal basilicas of **Rome** — St Peter's, St Mary Major, St John Lateran and St Paul Outside the Walls — through their **Holy Doors**, which is possible only during Holy Years. That act has many spiritual benefits,



including plenary indulgences.

While in Rome, we will visit the classic Seven Pilgrim Churches, a Jubilee pilgrim tradition which goes back to the 12th century.

**Accommodation will be in 4\* hotels and includes breakfast and dinner. Mass will be celebrated in significant churches or chapels every day.**

Places on this pilgrimage are limited, so to avoid disappointment, **BOOK EARLY** by putting down a deposit (see page 4).



St Paul Outside the Walls Basilica



General audience in the Vatican



St Mary Major Basilica

### Monday, June 23, 2025

Today we depart from OR Tambo International in Johannesburg for our pilgrimage to Italy.

### Tuesday, June 24

After arrival in Rome we proceed to the **Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls**, entering through the Holy Door. Here we pray at the tomb of **St Paul the Apostle**, with the reputed prison chains of St Paul. We then go on the ancient **Appian Way** to visit the **Catacombs** where early Christians buried their dead and held their forbidden services to escape persecution. We visit the **Basilica of St Sebastian**, which is the second of our traditional Seven Pilgrim Churches of Rome, after St Paul Outside the Walls. We then check into our hotel and have the rest of the day at our leisure. Overnight: Rome



The Pantheon



The Colosseum



The Spanish Steps

### Wednesday, June 25

Today we see **Pope Francis** at the **general audience** in **St Peter's Square** (subject to the Holy Father being in Rome and holding general audiences). It is an unforgettable experience to see the pope close-up. In the afternoon we visit **St Mary Major Basilica**, which is dedicated to the greatest of all the saints: Our Lady. Pope Francis has a special devotion to the **statue of Mary Salus Populi Romani** in the basilica, in front of which we too may pray. Overnight: Rome





# What is a Jubilee Year?

A Jubilee Year is a special year called by the Pope every 25 years — and occasionally for special purposes — to receive blessings and pardon from God and to deepen our faith.

During a Holy Jubilee Year, pilgrims are encouraged to make a pilgrimage to Rome, specifically to the four major basilicas: St Peter's Basilica, St John Lateran, St Mary Major, and St Paul Outside the Walls. By making this pilgrimage, pilgrims have the opportunity to deepen their faith, receive spiritual graces, and grow closer to God through prayer, reflection, and participation in the sacraments.

## Thursday, June 26

Today we explore ancient and baroque Rome. We visit the **Pantheon**, the imposing 2nd-century structure that once was pagan temple and since 609 AD is a Catholic church, make a photo stop outside the **Colosseum** and survey the **Roman Forum**. We visit the **Trevi Fountain**, **Piazza Navona** and the **Spanish Steps**, among other great sights. Today we have some time for shopping therapy! Overnight: Rome



The Sistine Chapel



Interior of St Peter's Basilica



Swiss Guard on St Peter's Square

## Friday, June 27

With our guide and reserved tickets, we jump the queues visit the **Vatican Museums**, which contain some of the world's greatest art treasures. We cover the **Tapestry Gallery** and the **Raphael Rooms**, and visit the famous **Sistine Chapel**, with Michelangelo's masterpiece of the Last Judgment. Here the popes are elected.

We then have an expertly-guided tour of **St Peter's Basilica**, the world's largest church which is built over the tomb of St Peter. There we can see **Michelangelo's Pieta** and also the **tombs of St John Paul II and St John XXIII**.

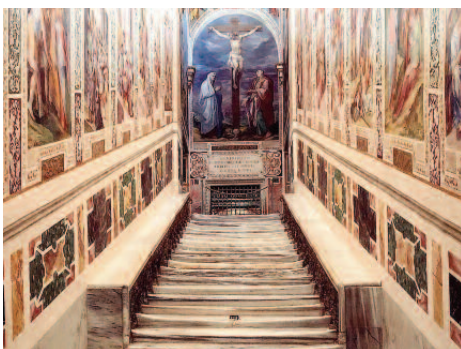
After our visit we return to our hotel and have the afternoon at leisure. Overnight: Rome

## Saturday, June 28

After breakfast we proceed to the **Basilica of St Lawrence Outside the Walls** (San Lorenzo), one of the Seven Pilgrim Churches. St Lawrence was one of the first seven deacons of Rome, martyred in 258 and buried in the catacombs below the church. The relics of Saints Justin Martyr and Stephen are also enshrined here. We then visit our final Major Basilica: **St John Lateran Basilica** is the pope's cathedral as Bishop of Rome. Look out for the relic of the table of the Last Supper. Nearby we have an opportunity to climb on our knees up the **Holy Stairs**, which are said to be those walked by Jesus at his trial before Pontius Pilate. The **Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem** (Santa Croce in Gerusalemme), our final of the Seven Pilgrim Churches, is where St Helena brought relics from Christ's Passion, including the INRI sign of the Cross. Overnight: Rome



St John Lateran Basilica



The Holy Stairs



St Peter's Basilica

## Sunday, June 29

In the morning we check out of our hotel and head back to the Vatican to attend **Mass in St Peter's Basilica** and attend the Sunday **Angelus with Pope Francis** in St Peter's Square (subject to the Holy Father not travelling). Time permitting, we have some time at leisure for lunch, a final *gelato* or last-minute souvenir-hunting before we transfer to Fiumicino Airport for our flight back home.

## Monday, June 30

We arrive home, tired but fortified by our holy journey, having made memories that will last a lifetime.

# How to book on this beautiful pilgrimage

**A deposit of R5,350 secures your place on this unforgettable pilgrimage.**

**Est. Price:** R52,356 (sharing, ex-Jhb; subject to currency, airport tax fluctuations. Calculated on 32+ passengers, at R19,91 to the euro)

**Includes:** All flights ex-Johannesburg (incl. airport taxes), accommodation in a 4-star hotel (sharing) with breakfast and dinner, transfers, travel insurance, travelling on air-conditioned luxury buses, English-speaking tour guides, entrance fees as per itinerary

**Excludes:** Tips (for guides/drivers), hotel taxes, visa (Schengen), personal expenses, travel to and from O.R. Tambo Airport/Jhb.

Name of Account: Fowler Tours

Bank: Standard Bank

Acc no: 27 045 7542 (current account)

Branch code: 026509

Beneficiary Reference: 'ZUNGU' plus your name

**Please no cash deposits. Credit card payments available on request.**

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# RESERVATION FORM

(one form per person, photocopies of form are permitted):

Enclosed is my deposit of R5,350 per person to secure my booking on the pilgrimage specified below.  
Payment is to be made to:

**Account Name:** Fowler Tours  
**Bank:** Standard Bank  
**Account no:** 27 045 7542 (current account)  
**Branch code:** 026509  
**Name of trip:** Port Elizabeth Diocese Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Rome  
Led by Bishop Vincent Mduduzi Zungu  
**Duration:** 23-30 June 2025 (ex-Jhb)  
**Cost:** Estimated: R52,356 (subject to fluctuations)

How did you hear about this pilgrimage?  Fowler Tours  Diocese/Parish  Internet/Social Media  Other

## 1.) RESERVATION FORM

Title: \_\_\_ Name (as it appears on your Passport)\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred first and surname for Name Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Sharing With: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Emergency Contact Person**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

2.) **PASSPORT** (required to travel)

- Photocopy of passport inside page showing name and photo is enclosed / clear scan attached
- I am applying for a passport and understand that I must supply a copy to Fowler Tours at least three months before the departure date..

**N.B.: Passports must be valid SIX months following the return date of the trip.**3.) **PAYMENT TERMS & SCHEDULE:**

Deposit R5,350 to book. The deposit is non-refundable. A final invoice, reflecting the final price, will be issued 60 days prior to departure. Final Payment must be made within five days of invoicing. BANK DETAILS AS ABOVE. N.B.: Bank charges for cash deposits will be charged to you.

**Credit Card option available at a surcharge.**4.) **TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

I have received, read and agree to the TERMS & CONDITIONS and the Liability clause below, pricing terms, and payment terms outlined on this side of the form. I understand that the cancellation terms and penalties cannot be waived for any reason. If I decline to purchase travel insurance, I understand that there is no monetary recourse for any flight cancellations or delays by the airlines and I agree to the cancellation terms and penalties.

Signature (required to confirm reservation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Liability:** Fowler Tours SA Pty (Ltd) does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip, including, for example, lodging facilities, transportation companies, local ground operators, including, without limitation, various entities which may utilise the Fowler Tours name, guides, sightseeing companies, entertainment, food or drink service providers, equipment suppliers, etc. As a result, Fowler Tours SA Pty (Ltd) is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any person or entity. In addition, Fowler Tours SA Pty (Ltd) is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any person or entity they do not own or control, nor for any act or inaction of any other third party not under their control. Without limitations Fowler Tours Pty (Ltd) is not liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damage, injury, death, loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity of any kind which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission beyond their control, including, without limitation any willful or negligent act, failure to act, breach of contract or violation of local law or regulation of any third party such as an airline, train, hotel, bus, taxi, van, local ground handler or guide, whether or not it uses the Fowler Tours name, financial default or insolvency of any supplier which is to, or does supply any goods or services for this trip. Similarly, Fowler Tours SA Pty (Ltd) is not responsible for any loss, injury, death or inconvenience due to delay or changes in schedule, overbooking of accommodation, default of any third party, attacks by animals, injury or death while on activities sponsored by lodging facilities or by other third parties, sickness, the lack of appropriate medical care, evacuation to same, if necessary, weather, strikes, acts of God or government, acts of terrorism, or the threat thereof, force majeure, war, quarantine, epidemics, or the threat thereof, criminal activity, or any other cause beyond its control. Should the advertised spiritual director be unable to participate in this event, every effort will be made to secure a substitute. Regardless of the participation of the advertised spiritual director the pilgrimage tour will proceed as scheduled on the dates listed. By signing this form to participate in this pilgrimage tour, you agree that the terms of the cancellation penalty will be binding upon you regardless of whether the advertised spiritual director is able to participate. Fowler Tours SA Pty (Ltd) will not be responsible for any loss incurred by traveller, including lost days of the scheduled tour, due to a cancelled flight or other means and modes of transportation.

**THE PILGRIMAGE PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Roundtrip airfare from Johannesburg return; final amount subject to change
- Airport taxes
- Full accommodation as stated in the itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner in hotels
- Travel insurance (surcharge applies for travellers aged 75+)
- Roundtrip airport transfers in destinations and luxury coach for all touring
- Guided by certified local guides
- Services of representative of Fowler Tours
- All entrance fees as per itinerary

**THE PILGRIMAGE PRICE EXCLUDES:**

Mandatory tips for guide and drivers, hotel taxes, visas (Schengen), private expenses

**PRICING TERMS:** As per booking form. *Please note that prices herein are estimates, and are subject to fluctuations in airline fees, airport taxes and exchange rates.*

**PAYMENT TERMS:** In order to meet deposit schedules with suppliers for this tour, Fowler Tours charges a non-refundable deposit. Full invoice is issued 60-90 days before departure; payment of which is due within FIVE DAYS.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** All cancellations must be received in writing. No refunds of deposits, except at the discretion of Fowler Tours.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Fowler Tours will arrange for travel insurance. Surcharges apply travellers over the age of 75.

**PASSPORT:** A valid passport is required of all passengers. Please apply for your passport immediately as passports are taking a long time to process. Make sure to have it in your possession at all times while on tour. It must be valid for 6 months following the return date of the trip or boarding may be denied or entry into the destination may be forbidden. Please provide Fowler Tours with a copy or clear scan of the inside page of your passport (showing your name and photo) at the time of reservation.

**VISAS:** While Fowler Tours will advise you on visa requirements, obtaining visas is the sole responsibility of the traveller (unless specifically offered otherwise by Fowler Tours). Fowler Tours is not liable for visa applications that are rejected or otherwise not obtained before departure, and in such cases cannot offer refunds.

**GROUP AIR:** Due to the airlines' reduced capacity and restrictive group reservation terms, group air reservations are often difficult to coordinate. The number of connections, length of layovers, and all conditions surrounding air travel cannot be guaranteed and may change before departure.

**Seat Requests:** Please note that group seats are assigned "at the discretion of the airline", although every effort will be made to fulfill requests. SPECIFIC SEAT ASSIGNMENTS CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED. Seat numbers will not be advised until check-in at the airport.

**DOMESTIC TRAVEL TO JOHANNESBURG:** You are responsible for your own arrangements to and from Johannesburg OR Tambo Airport.

**ITINERARY:** The Itinerary is tentative and represents what we are planning for you, however it is subject to confirmations from many organisations. Because of changes in local schedules, we may need to alter specified events, dates and/or venues to better fit the overall plan.

**TIPS:** Gratuities for your guides, driver and hotel staff, and hotel taxes (if applicable) are excluded. These are mandatory. You will be advised of the total cost of these before departure, and all monies will be collected by the tour leader who will then distribute them to the various recipients.

**ROOMS:** Tour prices are per person sharing. Single rooms at an extra rate are limited and are available first come-first served until the supply is exhausted.

**LUGGAGE:** Baggage is at owner's risk throughout the tour.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Travellers must be medically and physically fit for this tour. This tour requires significant walking, as motor coaches are not permitted to pick up and drop off in front of major attractions. The tour is not wheelchair accessible. Any special limiting medical conditions or equipment must be advised in writing, for evaluation of feasibility, at the time of making your reservation.

**PANDEMICS:** In case of pandemics, travel arrangements may be interrupted or cancelled by the associated travel supplier, a government entity, or another third party outside of Fowler Tour's control for reasons that are unforeseeable at this time. By booking on this tour, travellers expressly acknowledge that travel involves the risk of a variety of hazards to health and/or safety, including but not limited to, injury, illness, disease, epidemics, and/or pandemics, and expressly understand and agree that they assume all such risks associated with travel whether or not specified herein. Fowler Tours has no control over the associated supplier's policies which, in addition to applicable law, will solely govern any cancellation, rebooking and refund related to these travel arrangements. By booking on this tour, travellers agree to hold the agency harmless and release it from any and all liability for any damages including, without limitation, monetary losses, damage to person or property, illness/disease, delays, negligence, or inconvenience, that may be incurred as a result of the circumstances described herein.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** Fowler Tours may take photographs or film of its trips and trip participants, and participant grants Fowler Tours and express permission to do so and for Fowler Tours and use of such for promotional, commercial or editorial use.

**UNUSED SERVICES:** There is no right to a refund for any unused services.

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