



JUBILEE OF YOUTH 28 JULY – 3 AUGUST 2025 GENERAL VADEMECUM

GENERAL INFORMATION

On the occasion of the **Jubilee of Youth**, which will be held in Rome from **28 July to 3 August 2025**, a high turnout of participants from all over the world is expected. All pilgrims are therefore encouraged to **check in advance the schedules, venues, and access procedures** for the events and to **prioritise the use of public transport** for travel within the city.

To stay updated with the latest news and to make participation in Jubilee events easier, please download the official app "*Iubilaeum25*", available on the <u>App Store per iOS</u> and the <u>Play Store</u> for Android.

Specific vademecums will follow for the events on 2 and 3 August at Tor Vergata and for those staying at Fiera di Roma.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

Monday, 28 July

• 09:00–21:00 – Arrival of groups and accommodation

Tuesday, 29 July

- 9:00–18:00 Dialogue with the City
 Cultural, artistic and spiritual activities located in various parts of the city
- 19:00 Welcome Holy Mass (St Peter's Square)

Wednesday, 30 & Thursday, 31 July

10:30–18:00 – Dialogue with the City
 Cultural, artistic and spiritual activities located in various parts of the city

Friday, 1 August

- 9:00–18:00 Dialogue with the City
 Cultural, artistic and spiritual activities located in various parts of the city
- 10:30–18:00 Day of Penance (Circus Maximus)
 Opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 2 August

- 15:00–20:00 Entertainment with music and testimonies (*Tor Vergata*)
- 20:30–21:30 Prayer Vigil with the Holy Father (Tor Vergata)
 Overnight stay in sleeping bags at the event area

Sunday, 3 August

• 09:00 – Holy Mass presided by the Holy Father (*Tor Vergata*)

DIALOGUE WITH THE CITY

On Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 July, the city of Rome will host various cultural, artistic and spiritual activities in its main squares.

For detailed information on these initiatives, please visit the official Jubilee website.

WELCOME HOLY MASS – INFORMATION FOR PRIESTS AND DEACONS

Priests wishing to concelebrate the **Holy Mass on Tuesday 29 July at 19:00** in St Peter's Square must bring their own alb and white stole.

The liturgical colour will be white.

Priests and Deacons should be in the area reserved for them in St. Peter's Square **by 6 p.m.**, bringing with them the celebret and the <u>declaration of clerical status</u> (completed and signed by the Ordinary) available on our website in several languages.

PENITENTIAL DAY AT CIRCUS MAXIMUS

Starting at 10:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on **Friday 1 August 2025**, a penitential day will take place at the **Circus Maximus** with the possibility for pilgrims to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Confessions will be heard at **200 stations**, divided by language. Pilgrims who speak Italian, Spanish, English, French, Portuguese or Polish will find stations in their own language available for the duration of

the event. On the other hand, pilgrims who speak German, Hungarian, Slovak, Korean, Chinese will find stations in their own language only during certain time slots that will later be published on the official Jubilee website.

Presbyters who would like to give their availability for hearing confessions may fill in the form available at the following Link. The Dicastery for Evangelization, according to need, will contact these priests indicating if their availability has been accepted, the time and language in which they will hear confessions. The priests contacted should present themselves on time at the Circus Maximus equipped with celebret, declaration of clerical status (completed and signed by the Ordinary), surplice, purple stole.

YOUTH JUBILEE PASS

Each registered participant will receive the **Youth Jubilee Pass** based on the package purchased during registration.

The **group leader** of **each registered group** will be contacted by the logistics company Stegip (the same company that delivers the kits) to arrange the **location**, **date**, and **time** for **collecting** the **passes** for the **entire group**. **Individual participants** will also be contacted by Stegip to arrange pass collection under the same conditions.

The **Organising Secretariat Stegip** will start contacting group leaders or individual participants from 8 July via email (**jubileeofyouth@segreteria-eventi.it**) or by phone at **+39 342 119 6635 / +39 345 663 1229**. Please check your Spam or Junk folders as well.

It is essential that the **Youth Jubilee Pass** is **always visible and not lost**, as it contains the **food tickets and transport tickets** (if included in the purchased package) and identifies people covered by **insurance** during the Jubilee of Youth.

YOUTH JUBILEE KIT

Each participant will receive an **official Jubilee kit**, including a Jubilee bag, two t-shirts, a hat, a recycled plastic water bottle, a bandana and a rosary-bracelet.

For **kit delivery**:

- Pilgrims who purchased packages with accommodation will find their kits directly at their lodging places;
- Pilgrims without accommodation packages will be contacted for kit collection by the logistics company Stegip (the same that delivers the passes) to arrange the location, date, and time.

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ACCESS AND MOBILITY

Use of **public transport** is **strongly recommended** for **travelling between different event locations**, specifically to St Peter's Square, Circus Maximus and Tor Vergata. An increase in public transport services is planned for the Jubilee of Youth.

Here is the link with mobility information to reach the main Jubilee locations: <u>Guida Giubileo dei</u> Giovani, 28 luglio - 3 agosto 2025 | Roma Mobilità

Also visit www.atac.roma.it/utility/mappe to see available metro, tram, and bus lines in the city.

Participants with packages A1, A1+27, A1+4, A2, A3, A4, B, and B+4 are entitled to a transport ticket included in the Youth Jubilee Pass. This ticket allows the use of urban and suburban buses, metro lines A, B, B1, and C, regional trains (for travel between accommodation sites and Jubilee activities) and Cotral extra-urban services. For packages A1, A1+27, A1+4, A2, A3, A4, the transport ticket is valid for one week; for packages B and B+4, it is valid for 72 hours.

The video tutorial on how to use the transport ticket is available on the official Instagram page of Jubilee 2025.

Information for access with tourist buses:

A **special parking plan** has been prepared for young pilgrims arriving in the Capital by coach, with parking areas located throughout the municipal and extra-municipal territory to increase parking availability.

The special plan requires the purchase of a specific parking permit, details of which are provided in the following link: <u>Guida Giubileo dei Giovani, 28 luglio - 3 agosto 2025 | Roma Mobilità</u>.

FOOD TICKET

Youth Jubilee members who have purchased packages including the *food option* will receive a **food ticket** on the back of their Jubilee Pass.

The food ticket is a **QR code** that allows access to the web app *Amici del Pellegrino*, where meal **vouchers of 10 € each** can be activated. These vouchers can be used in participating **establishments or**

at distribution points to purchase food and menus specially designed for the event. The meal vouchers are **valid for 12 months** from the date of issue, can **be accumulated** and there is **no daily spending limit**.

The **list of participating establishments** can be found in the <u>store locator</u> section on the <u>Amici del</u> <u>Pellegrino</u> web app and on the official Jubilee website, on the Youth Jubilee event page at the following link: <u>Hub Food</u>.

In addition to the affiliated venues, from 28 July to 1 August 2025, **distribution points** have been set up where it will be possible to use your meal vouchers. The distribution points have been set up in the Capital's busiest Jubilee locations and are able to provide large volumes of meals to all pilgrims with the food option. On the official Jubilee website, on the Youth Jubilee event page, an interactive map of these places can be consulted: Hub Food.

The video tutorial on how to use the food ticket is available on the Hub Food page.

BREAKFASTS FOR PILGRIMS WITH ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE

Pilgrims who have purchased packages including accommodation will find breakfasts already available at structures designated by the Dicastery for the entire stay in Rome.

Breakfasts must be distributed to each pilgrim by group leaders, with the help of Jubilee volunteers if present at the respective sites.

FREE DRINKING WATER POINTS IN THE CITY

Before arriving in Rome, it is recommended to download the **Acea Acquea app** to locate free water points:

- Acquea App su Google Play
- Acquea on the App Store

WHAT TO BRING – SAFETY TIPS

- Large backpack and small daypack
- Sleeping bag and inflatable mat/pillow for the overnight stay
- Comfortable layered clothing, walking shoes, light raincoat
- Small torch or headlamp for the night at Tor Vergata
- Plastic water bottle for frequent hydration
- Hat and sunscreen
- Power bank and earphones for your smartphone
- Swimsuit, Marseille soap

It is recommended to:

- Do not bring valuables (clothes or gadgets);
- Be mindful of pickpockets: keep important belongings safe and hard to steal;
- Label your backpacks, items and clothing with your name.

HOLY DOOR CROSSING HOURS IN PAPAL BASILICAS

During the Youth Jubilee all groups will have the opportunity to pass through the Holy Doors of the Papal Basilicas without the need for a reservation. Given the high number of people expected, we nevertheless invite you to set out with patience and a spirit of welcome, ready to face possible queues and waiting times.

Generally, access to the Holy Doors will be possible at the following times:

- Archbasilica Papale di San Giovanni in Laterano: 7:00 am 6:30 pm;
- Basilica Papale di Santa Maria Maggiore: 7:00 am 7:30 pm;
- Basilica Papale di San Paolo fuori le Mura: 7:00 am 6:30 pm;
- Basilica di San Pietro: 7:00 am 6:30 pm.

Please note: in order to pass through St Peter's Holy Door, it is necessary to go to Piazza Pia (https://maps.app.goo.gl/ELnUK4bB39ZKgmoE7), where volunteers will welcome the various pilgrims and groups and lead them on a pilgrimage to the Door, through a guided route.

However, please note the following times for the **extraordinary closure of St Peter's Basilica** and the Holy Door:

- 29/07/2025 starting at 1:30 p.m. (last pilgrimage from Piazza Pia at 12:45 p.m.);
- 30/07/2025 until 1:00 p.m. 30 (indicative time based on the end of the Papal Audience);
- 31/07/2025 starting at 12:30 p.m. (last pilgrimage from Piazza Pia at 11:45 a.m.);
- 01/08/2025 starting at 12:30 p.m. (last pilgrimage from Piazza Pia at 11:45 a.m.).

On 30 July 2025 the Holy Doors of the Basilicas of St John Lateran and St Paul Outside the Walls will be passed through respectively by all groups of pilgrims belonging to the French Bishops' Conference and the Portuguese Bishops' Conference; consequently, a significant increase in the influx and possible congestion is expected. Those wishing to travel to the Basilicas are kindly requested to take into account possible delays.

TESTIMONIUM

By participating in Jubilee events or undertaking the pilgrimage to the Holy Door, you can request the **testimonium** — the official certificate attesting the pilgrimage and the visit to the Tombs of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul.

This can be requested on the website and then collected <u>exclusively</u> at the **Jubilee Info Point at Via della Conciliazione**, **7**. It will be personalized by providing your name to the volunteers present there.

Pilgrims are encouraged to rely only on this official certificate and to beware of any imitations that often ask for payment.

SECURITY CHECKS IN JUBILEE AREAS

To access the Holy Doors of the Papal Basilicas and Tor Vergata, you must pass through security checkpoints. Therefore, it is **forbidden** to bring **sharp objects** (e.g. pointed umbrellas), **flammable materials**, **metal items** (e.g. metal bottles) and **bulky items** (e.g. chairs).

USEFUL CONTACTS

• General Infopoint – Via della Conciliazione, 7

The General Jubilee 2025 Infopoint where you can request the **Jubilee testimonium** and find **official Jubilee and Luce gadgets**. **Open daily, Monday to Sunday, from 7:00 to 19:00.**

• Youth Infopoint – Via dell'Ospedale, 1

Infopoint dedicated exclusively to participants of the Jubilee of Youth, active from 4 July to 3 August 2025. Located at Via dell'Ospedale, 1, open daily, Monday to Sunday, from 8:00 to 19:00.

Pilgrims will be welcomed by a team of volunteers organised by **language** (English, Italian, French, Polish, Portuguese and Spanish), ready to offer support and information to make the Youth Jubilee experience the best it can be.

SAFETY AND HEALTH GUIDELINES

Given the high temperatures expected during the summer, it is recommended to:

- Protect yourself adequately from the sun (hat, sunscreen);
- Wear light clothing;
- Stay hydrated frequently.

For more guidance, please visit the Civil Protection website: <u>In caso di ondate di calore | Dipartimento della Protezione Civile</u>

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Accessibility to Jubilee areas and events is guaranteed for people with disabilities.

For people with visual and hearing disabilities we recommend downloading the *Vatican for All* App to follow the main events.

- Vatican for All App on Google Play
- Vatican for All on App Store

We recommend downloading the App before arrival.

MULTILINGUAL TRANSLATION OF THE JUBILEE EVENTS

In order to allow pilgrims to enjoy the opening Mass and the main moments of the event at Tor Vergata in their own language, it is recommended to download the *Vatican Vox* App which provides a real time translation service.

- <u>Vatican Vox on the App Store</u>
- Vatican Vox Apps on Google Play

Should pilgrims wish to access the translation service integrated by commentary, they can instead download the *Vatican Radio* App through the following links:

- Radio Vaticana on the App Store
- Radio Vaticana App on Google Play

We recommend downloading the Apps before arrival.

CIVIL PROTECTION WEBSITE - EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Pilgrims arriving in Rome are invited to subscribe to the Civil Defense Communication System of Roma Capitale for service information about the Tor Vergata Youth Jubilee. The channel will send, starting July 28, information and updates useful for attending the event via email or text message directly to your smartphone.

You can subscribe via the following link Roma Capitale | Sito Istituzionale | INFOROMA - Newsletter or with the QR code below.



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SEPARATE WASTE COLLECTION

During Jubilee events, dedicated waste separation containers, Cestò bins (for on-the-go waste), and Smart Bins will be available at main places of worship, rest areas, and food courts.

We encourage everyone to use them properly by following the instructions on the bins or simply scanning the QR Code available at info points and gathering areas.

• Plastic packaging, metals, and polystyrene: yellow bins

• Paper and cardboard: blue bins

• Food scraps and organic waste: brown bins

• Glass: green bins

• Non-recyclable waste: grey bins

For more information, please visit the dedicated page: Media