



# JUBILEE OF YOUTH 28 JULY – 3 AUGUST 2025 <u>GENERAL</u> 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

• 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

• 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 must **arrive by 18:00** at the sector reserved for them in St Peter's Square, bringing their celebret and the filed declaration of clerical status (downloadable from <u>Materiale necessario per l'iscrizione</u>).

### **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</u> <u>Giubileo dei Giovani, 28 luglio - 3 agosto 2025 | Roma Mobilità</u>

Also visit <u>www.atac.roma.it/utility/mappe</u> 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 will be published soon on the official Jubilee website.

## 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</u> <u>Roma Mobilità</u>.

# FOOD TICKET

Participants who purchased packages including food will receive a **food ticket**, present on the Youth Jubilee Pass. It consists of a **QR code** through which they can access the "Amici del Pellegrino" web app to activate **meal vouchers worth €10 each**. These vouchers can be used at **participating venues and distribution points** to purchase food and menus specially designed for the occasion. The **vouchers are valid for 12 months** from the date of issue, are **cumulative**, and have no daily spending limit. The web app also offers a <u>store locator</u> to easily find participating outlets throughout Rome and access special promotions.

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# 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 Jubilee of Youth, all groups will have the opportunity to cross the **Holy Doors** of the Papal Basilicas without needing a reservation. Due to the expected high turnout, please proceed with patience and a welcoming spirit, prepared for possible queues and waiting times. Access to the Holy Doors will be possible from 08:00 onwards.

Note: To cross the Holy Door of St Peter's, you must go to Piazza Pia (<u>https://maps.app.goo.gl/ELnUK4bB39ZKgmoE7</u>), where volunteers will welcome pilgrims and groups and guide them along the pilgrimage route to the Door. Please note the **following extraordinary closing times for St Peter's Basilica and its Holy Door**:

- > 29/07/2025 from 13:30 onwards (last pilgrimage from Piazza Pia at 13:00)
- > 30/07/2025 from 08:00 to 13:30 (indicative time depending on the end of the Papal Audience)
- > 31/07/2025 from 12:30 onwards (last pilgrimage from Piazza Pia at 12:00)
- > 01/08/2025 from 13:30 onwards (last pilgrimage from Piazza Pia at 13:00)

**On 30 July 2025**, the **Holy Door of the Basilica of St John Lateran** will be crossed by all pilgrim groups from the French Episcopal Conference; a significant increase in flow and possible congestion is therefore expected. Please plan your visit accordingly.

## 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</u> <u>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 enable the enjoyment of the opening Mass and the main moments of the event at Tor Vergata in one's own language, it is recommended to download the *Vatican Vox* App available at the following links:

- Vatican Vox on the App Store
- Vatican Vox Apps on Google Play

We recommend downloading the App 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 <u>Roma Capitale | Sito Istituzionale | INFORoMA -</u> <u>Newsletter</u> or with the QR code below.



### **ROME'S VIRTUAL ASSISTANT "JULIA"**

The Municipality of Rome during the Youth Jubilee will make available to young pilgrims arriving in Rome, "Julia," the virtual assistant accessible via website (julia.comune.roma.it) that provides useful information to pilgrims: mobility directions such as waiting times for public transportation, train connections, airport connections, and cab fares.

In addition, for those who are interested, "Julia" provides directions on how to experience the city through suggestions on restaurants by area, type and budget, and infopoints of the municipality, restrooms, places of cultural interest, museums and events.

Through the virtual assistant, it is also possible to consult the calendar of Jubilee celebrations, receive updates on pharmacies on duty, emergency room waiting times, and Civil Defense alerts.

