

Addendum to Terms and Conditions

Rules and Restrictions of the Domus Santa Marta

Assisi to the Apostles: Bones of Francis to the Tombs of Peter & Paul **March 2026**

Because this pilgrimage includes the extraordinary privilege of lodging inside Vatican City, specifically at the Domus Santa Marta, each participant is required to review and accept the following Rules and Restrictions as a condition of participation.

Failure to comply with these rules may result in removal from Vatican accommodations and dismissal from the pilgrimage, as outlined below.

Photography and Media

- **Photography and recording are strictly prohibited at all times** inside the Domus Santa Marta, including (but not limited to) guest rooms, hallways, offices, and common areas.
- **Mobile phones and electronic devices are not permitted in the chapel or dining room under any circumstances**, whether powered on or off.
- Cameras, mobile phones, and other electronic devices may only be carried **when entering or exiting the building for an authorized purpose**, such as a scheduled excursion outside the Domus.
- **No social media posting** of any kind is permitted regarding your stay at the Domus Santa Marta. This includes all platforms (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, X/Twitter, etc.), both during and after the pilgrimage.

Group Participation

- **Group participation is mandatory.** Participants must remain with the group at all times.
- If a participant must remain behind due to illness or fatigue, they are **not permitted to access common areas** of the Domus Santa Marta, including the chapel.

Conduct

- **Smoking is strictly prohibited** inside the Domus Santa Marta.
- Participants **are not permitted to approach the front desk** with questions or requests. All inquiries must be directed to the designated pilgrimage leaders.

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Dining Room Rules

- Entry is permitted **only during scheduled meal times**.
- Do **not remove decorations or items** from the dining table, and do not request permission from staff to do so.
- Movement within the dining room must be limited to travel **only between your assigned table and the salad/service table**.
- Voices must be kept **at a very low volume** at all times.
- Upon departure, chairs must be returned to their original position.

Dress Code

- **Shoulders and knees must be covered at all times**.
- Prohibited attire includes (but is not limited to): leggings, shorts, baseball caps, flip-flops, and clothing displaying large logos.
- Casual denim is not permitted. This includes jeans that are torn, tattered, distressed, faded, frayed, or contain holes. Clean, neat, well-fitted jeans in a dark or solid wash are permitted, provided they are presentable and styled in a business-casual manner.
- Sandals must include a back strap.
- Business casual attire is required throughout your stay at the Domus Santa Marta.

Restricted Access

- Upon exiting the Domus Santa Marta, participants may proceed **only** to:
 - The VIP entrance of St. Peter's Basilica, or
 - Directly outside the Vatican walls.
- Participants may sit by the fountain in **Piazza Santa Marta**, located just outside and in front of the Domus, **unless access is restricted** due to papal activity or security requirements.

Security Protocols

- Participants must **not approach** Swiss Guards, Vatican Police, or any person inside the Vatican, including **guests, staff, or residents of the Domus Santa Marta**.
- Vatican Police or Swiss Guard authorities may impose **additional rules or restrictions at any time**. All security directives must be followed **without exception**.

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Accommodations

- Each participant will be assigned a **private single room**. Double rooms are not available.
- Use of the “**Do Not Disturb**” sign is **not permitted** during your stay.

Encountering the Holy Father

- Participants may **not initiate contact** with the Pope.
- If the Holy Father initiates an encounter, participants may greet him **from their place**.
- The proper form of address is: “**Your Holiness.**”

Acknowledgment of Terms

I acknowledge that I have received, read, and agree to comply with the **Rules and Restrictions of the Domus Santa Marta** applicable to the *Assisi to the Apostles: Bones of Francis to the Tombs of Peter & Paul — March 2026 pilgrimage*.

By submitting payment for this pilgrimage, I acknowledge and accept these terms and conditions and understand and agree that:

- **Violation of any rule or restriction** may result in **immediate dismissal from the pilgrimage without refund**;
- **Any alternate accommodations, transportation, or related expenses** resulting from such dismissal shall be **my sole responsibility**;
- **Dismissal for violation of these rules is not covered by travel insurance**;
- **Personal belongings may be subject to inspection** at any time while staying inside Vatican City.

Please read these terms carefully and then answer the question on our online booking portal. If you disagree, your deposit will be fully refunded. If you have any questions, please let us know in your response, and we will be in touch with you.