



# Jubilee Journeys

## THE PAPAL BASILICAS

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### Papal Basilica of San Pietro Piazza San Pietro

St Peter's Basilica is one of the most important architectural masterpieces in all of Christendom. Completed in the 17th century, over the site of the ancient church from the 4th century, it has always been dedicated to the Prince of the Apostles, over whose tomb the main altar stands. Full of works of art and the tombs of numerous popes, artists such as Michelangelo, Bernini and Bramante collaborated in its design.



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### Papal Basilica of San Giovanni in Laterano Piazza di S. Giovanni in Laterano, 4

The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the Cathedral of Rome, as well as the oldest and most important basilica in the West. Consecrated in the 4th century, it is dedicated to the Most Holy Savior and Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. Inside there are the relics of the heads of the Holy Apostles of Rome Peter and Paul, kept in the monumental Gothic canopy from 1370 which stands over the papal altar.



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### Papal Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore Piazza di Santa Maria Maggiore

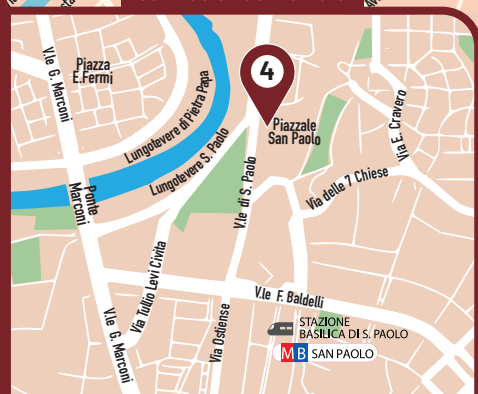
The Basilica of St Mary Major was built, according to tradition, in the second half of the 4th century, and is the oldest Marian church in Rome. The interior preserves an early Christian design, which, according to tradition, Our Lady herself gave to Pope Liberius, at a miraculous snowfall on the Esquiline Hill on 5 August. Within the basilica are kept the crib of Baby Jesus and the icon of the *Salus Populi Romani*.



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### Papal Basilica of San Paolo Fuori le Mura Piazzale San Paolo, 1

Built in 324 on the site where, since the 1st century, the 'Apostle of the Gentiles' was believed to have been buried, his tomb is found today under the papal altar. The Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls is the second largest church in Rome. It has been a destination for pilgrims since the 8th century. It is also home to an abbey of Benedictine monks, who are entrusted with the pastoral care of the complex.



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