

***Selected paragraphs of interest for pilgrims and local Coordinators
from the agreement established between Italy and the Holy See
concerning the emission of “Jubilee-Tourism” visas***

(Excerpt from the Modus Procedendi)

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2. The procedure described below will only apply for pilgrims from countries that require a visa for tourist stays not exceeding 90 days.

3. Each Diocese within a country mentioned in point 2 that is organizing a Diocesan pilgrimage to Rome for Jubilee 2025, will appoint a local Person in Charge for the pilgrimage. The said person will guarantee that the pilgrims will return to their country of origin at the end of their visit, and will take care of any communication/interaction with the local Italian diplomatic-consular office. This local Person in Charge will be appointed by the Diocesan Ordinary or his delegate.

4. The local Person in Charge will prepare the list of names (the template is an integral part of the present *Modus Procedendi*) of the participants in the planned pilgrimage for Jubilee 2025 and will indicate the following:

- Group Leader of the pilgrimage (who will be the same local Person in Charge if participating in the pilgrimage);
- complete personal data of all participants, including the type, number and expiration date of the travel document in the possession of each;
- nationality and home address of the participants;
- air, sea and land border crossing points of entry and exit;
- planned itinerary to and from Italy;
- arrival and departure dates;
- type of accommodation (also for the purpose of verifying financial means).

5. Given the high risk to minors in such circumstances, minors should not be included on the list without persons expressly authorised to accompany them.

6. The local Person in Charge will deliver the list well in advance (and not less than one month before the planned departure) to the competent diplomatic-consular office for the granting of visas and will send a copy, through the Apostolic Nuncio, to the Dicastery for Evangelization, who will then transmit the same list to the MAECI visa office.

7. The MAECI visa office will transmit each list received from the Dicastery for Evangelization to the pertinent office, in order to compare it with that received from the local Person in Charge, and will authorize the relevant visa offices to enter the names corresponding to both lists into L-VIS for “Tourism – Jubilee” entry visas.

The duration of the visa will be strictly limited to the requirements of the specific Jubilee event or Diocesan pilgrimage; this will be a Uniform Schengen Visa (VSU).

8. With regard to health insurance envisaged by the Schengen regulations, visa applicants will need to have a health insurance policy, valid for the whole Schengen area, with the minimum coverage provided for by the European regulations in force at the time of the visa application, for emergency hospitalization and repatriation expenses (currently, the minimum coverage required is €30,000 - thirty thousand Euros).

9. Pilgrims must go to their relevant diplomatic-consular office in order to have their biometrics taken for visa issuance purposes. The procedures for submitting visa applications and taking biometrics will be agreed upon locally with the consular offices.

10. In connection with the Jubilee, the Dicastery for Evangelization will cooperate as far as possible with the Italian authorities for the correct implementation of immigration regulations.

At the end of the pilgrimage, the local Person in Charge appointed by the Diocesan Ordinary will inform the consular office which issued the entry visa that the pilgrims have indeed returned home, and will also communicate to the Dicastery for Evangelization the names of any who have not returned. These names will then be forwarded by the visa office to the Ministry of the Interior.

In any case, it will be the responsibility of the Group Leader to ensure the utmost cooperation with the border control authorities, and with all available documentation explain any absences of pilgrims at the time of their return home due to *force majeure* (e.g. due to illness, hospitalization, repatriation that has already taken place).

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