

World Youth Day

World Youth Day is a youth-oriented Roman Catholic Church event. While the event itself celebrates the Catholic faith, invitation to attend is non-denominational. World Youth Day is not associated with International Youth Day or any of the international observance days.

World Youth Day (or in short 'WYD') was initiated by Pope John Paul II in 1986. It is celebrated on a diocesan level annually, and at a week-long international level every two to three years at different locations. The international level events attract hundreds of thousands of youth from almost every country on the planet. It is a major part of the upsurge in Catholic Youth Work in some countries over recent years; for example, the Director of Catholic Youth Services for England and Wales has said of the event that it would have far-reaching effects, not restricted to those who attended.



Your WYD Pilgrimage Includes

- **Roundtrip air transportation** from Oklahoma City
- **Airport Transfers at destination**
- **Land transportation:** During tour, via deluxe motor coach; during WYD, local transportation provided by WYD Council
- **Accommodations** in 3-star hotels
- **Meals:** During tour, breakfast & dinner daily; during WYD, breakfast at hotel and other meals provided by WYD Council
- **WYD Registration Fee** (\$250)
- **Taxes & fuel surcharge** (\$300)
- **Exchange rate** of \$1.42=€1.00

(Rates based on double-occupancy, the airline fuel surcharges and currency exchange rate(s) at the date of quotation to your host, which are subject to change up to 45 days prior to departure.

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World Youth Day 2011 Madrid, Spain

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World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain

The next World Youth Day (WYD) will be held in Madrid, Pope Benedict XVI announced on July 20, 2008 as he waved "arrivederci" to the Catholic masses in Sydney.

The Holy Father officially brought the church's marquee youth event in Australia to a close, ending six days of religious and celebratory events staged across the city.

At the conclusion of the WYD Papal Mass at Randwick Racecourse in Sydney, Australia, the Pope announced WYD 2011 would be hosted by the capital of Spain.

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World Youth Day 2011

Day 1 Fri, Aug 12: OKLAHOMA CITY - ITALY. Depart for Italy. Our flight includes meals, drinks and in-flight entertainment.

Day 2 Sat, Aug 13: ROME. Upon arrival in Rome, we enjoy a panoramic tour to view the classical and modern squares of the city.

Day 3 Sun, Aug 14: ROME - ASSISI. This morning, we visit the Vatican City and the Museum, the Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Square and Church of St. Peter. In the afternoon, we drive to Assisi to visit the Tomb of St. Francis and the Portiuncula where the great Franciscan family has its origins. Celebrate Mass here. We also see the relics of St. Clare. Dinner in Assisi before returning to Rome for overnight.

Day 4 Mon, Aug 15: ROME. This morning, we drive the ancient Appian Way stopping at the Chapel of Quo Vadis where we celebrate Mass. Then on to visit the catacombs of St. Calixtus. We next drive to the Ancient Rome area and see Circus Maximus, Aventine Hill, Capitoline Hill and Arch of Constantine. Continue with a walking tour to the Roman Forum, Arch of Titus, the Coliseum - site of early Christian martyrdom - and Mamertine Prison, possibly the final place of confinement of the Apostle Paul before his execution, and the Pantheon. On the return to the hotel, we see Moses' Fountain and Quirinale Palace. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Day 5 Tue, Aug 16: ROME - MADRID - WYD. Today, we fly to Madrid and have a short orientation tour before we register. This evening, we attend the opening ceremonies and celebrate Mass by the Archbishop Cardinal at Plaza de Castilla, Cibeles Square or other location (to be determined.)

Day 6 Wed, Aug 17: This morning, we participate in Catechesis sessions & Eucharist. In the afternoon and evening, we join the Youth Festival with religious & cultural activities.

Day 7 Thu Aug 18: This morning, we participate in Catechesis sessions & Eucharist. Afternoon arrival and welcome of the Holy Father at Plaza de Castilla

and traveling through Calle Alcalá, Puerta de Alcalá, Cibeles, Recoletos, Castellana to Plaza de Castilla (to be determined.) We join the Youth Festival in the evening.

Day 8 Fri, Aug 19: Catechesis, Eucharist or Sectorial meetings in the morning: Families, youth, seminarians, religious, contemplative life, caritas, solidarity, culture of life. Following this, we take part in the Forgiveness Festivity. This afternoon, we participate in the Stations of the Cross - a re-enactment of our Lord's Passion and Death. Youth Festival in the evening.

Day 9 Sat, Aug 20: Pilgrimage walk to site of our evening Vigil. In the afternoon, "Cuatro Vientos" (Four Winds) event. Evening Vigil with the Holy Father and sleep out 'under the stars'.

Day 10 Sun, Aug 21: After morning prayers, we participate in the closing Eucharist and Ángelus. Announcement of the next World Youth Day by the Holy Father. Afternoon is at leisure for pursuits on our own.

Day 11 Mon, Aug 22: MADRID - OKLAHOMA CITY. Transfer to the airport for our flight home—the end of our Pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2011.

World Youth Day schedule & activities are subject to change per WYD Council. See

<http://wyd.catholicpilgrimoffice.com>

for the latest information.

