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Fodor's Holy Rome, 1st Edition: A Millennium Guide To Christian Sights (Travel Guide)



Synopsis

Holy RomeA Millennium Guide to the Christian SightsYears of massive renovations have prepared Rome for the 26th Jubilee and the start of the third millenium. Today the city gleams more brilliantly than ever, displaying a fresh, bright face that conjures up the city of centuries gone by, when popes, cardinals, and powerful families were adding magnificent new works of art and architecture to the city's treasure of antiquity and its early Christian relics. Like no other guidebook before, FODOR'S HOLY ROME explores every aspect of the stunning legacy of Christendom -- and brings you close to the powerful soul of the city that has drawn travelers and pilgrims since the dawn of the first millennium. No other guidebook highlights so many sights important to Christianity. Nearly 500 are covered in all, from the Vatican museums to the many churches, cloisters, shrines, and relics of saints. Covering them all, district by district, this one-of-a-kind guidebook gives you all the tools to explore. Clear overviews and complete descriptions help you understand what you see. You'll find moving anecdotes from the lives of the saints, tales of Jubilees through the centuries, biographical sketches of key artists working in Rome, inside stories about recent renovations, and thorough background information on every sight. An exceptional city atlas from Italy's premier cartographers keep you on track. It's more up-to-date and more detailed than in any other guide, and all the churches and holy sights described in the texts are keyed to the maps. Exclusive themed itineraries highlight key facets of the city. You'll walk in the footsteps of Peter and Paul, take in Christmas in Rome, and see subterranean Rome, angels and altars, relics and reliquaries, and outdoor shrines and pilgrimage routes. Calenders from the Vatican and the Rome Agency for Jubilee Preparations give you dates and key information on masses, celebrations, exhibitions, concerts and other Jubilee events. A wonderful souvenir as well as an essential companion. More than 230 gorgeous photographs depict Rome's landmarks fresh from their face-lift -- and document Rome as it looks today.

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If you're planning on making a millennium pilgrimage to Rome, you'll need the holy scoop--a guide specializing in the Christian monuments, tombs, martyrs, saints, catacombs, mausoleums, monasteries, churches, and basilicas, plus Rome's origins, its popes, and the Vatican. Fodor's Holy Rome explains everything you'll need to know about the origins and history of the Jubilee. It contains a chronology of Roman Jubilees (from the first in 1300, through the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, and up to the Jubilee of Reconstruction in 1950 and the Jubilee on Television in 1975). The Christian Jubilee of Rome 2000, however, will be a bash such as has not been seen in a long time, and there's a full chapter devoted to it, with Main Jubilee Destinations--listed by basilicas, catacombs, way stations, and churches, and then plotted on a map of Rome--followed by a calendar of the Holy Year 2000, with events starting in December 1999 and running through January 2001. The text is instructive and engaging. The pictures are beautiful. The Rome Atlas in back (all 16 pages of it) is unbeatable. And the focused, thorough, well-organized information is irreplaceable. --Stephanie Gold

The year 2000 promises to be particularly significant in the city of Rome. Following a tradition begun by Boniface VIII in 1300, John Paul II has declared 2000 a year of Christian jubilee, during which pilgrimages and religious celebrations will mark Rome as not only the city of the Caesars but also the city of Christ. Moreover, the completion of 2000 years since the birth of Jesus and the hope that Christians have for the next millennium give cause for special celebration in the city. A Catholic's Guide to Rome (CG) and Holy Rome (HR) are part of the panoply of guidebooks being published in connection with the jubilee. CG, which is organized from the perspective of religious history, provides the religious pilgrim with contemporary details and historical traditions surrounding the important churches and shrines of the city. HR is organized largely from the perspective of city geography. After providing a readable history of Christian Rome and an essay on Rome's jubilees, it provides brief descriptions of the chief religious attractions of the city's 22 regions, supplies a color atlas, and gives basic information on the events planned for the jubilee celebration. While both

books are usable, they should be viewed as supplements to, not replacements, for the venerable Blue Guide to Rome and Georgina Masson's classic The Companion Guide to Rome. A David I. Fulton, Coll. of St. Elizabeth, Morristown, NJ Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I used this wonderful book while in Rome. It has detailed maps and information that the guide didn't always tell us. Great to study beforehand, take with you, and as a souvenir of your trip. I highly recommend it.

This one is a comprehensive guide of churches and holy sites throughout Rome. If you've never been, it's hard to imagine how many (400+) churches there are! Each one is a treasure, but most books only list a fraction of them. This is a great book to use while discovering Rome neighborhood by neighborhood. If you're traveling light, take Frommer's Rome and this book and you'll be in great shape.

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