## Hotels for Rome Visit

As you know, it is the Jubilee Year of Hope and Rome will be busier than other years. If you are planning to arrive early before Hope 2025 begins or stay later, be sure to get your accommodations arranged/confirmed early.

We are discouraging the idea of staying at the retreat center. It is far from the city/Vatican and transportation is challenging. An Uber or taxi will cost \$70 USD each way. It is best to stay in the city somewhere close to the metro or walking distance.

Here are a few ideas for lodging.

(1) Use a site like Booking.com, Kayak.com, Expedia, Priceline, etc. to search for hotels. These sites have hotels and places to stay within all budgets.

A quick search on Booking.com for May 30 – June 3 in Rome City Centre offers rates for 4 nights from \$209 USD. Several offerings are highly rated and are under \$300 USD for the 4 nights (less than \$100 per night).

Search for locations outside the city that are close to the metro stations. These are likely less expensive and the metro allows for easy travel to see the sites.

- (2) If you are traveling with a group, it may be worth looking at booking an Airbnb or VRBO. These offer apartments and houses that can hold many people for reasonable cost, and you also have a kitchen which helps with the cost of meals.
- (3) Are you connected with an international group or federation? Reach out to your contacts and see if there are houses in the area that can provide hospitality. It seems that "everyone knows someone" in Rome. Reach out and use your network to see if something is possible. And, you then have the advantage of meeting new sisters.
- (4) We do not know of any specific places to stay. We wish we could offer you specific locations.

The site, <u>www.monasteries.com</u> provides access to convents and monasteries throughout the world.

Another place is <a href="https://www.casamariaimmacolata.it/en/">https://www.casamariaimmacolata.it/en/</a> (Daughters of Charity Hostel). Check out their website and you need to submit a request for availability.

Ibis Budget hotels are a good choice (<a href="https://ibis.accor.com/">https://ibis.accor.com/</a>). They offer 3 levels of hotel – Ibis Budget is the cheapest. Clean and nice (with breakfast usually included).