

thy ship • go differently

What is a travel and pilgrimage apostolate?

Thy Ship is a ministry that helps individuals, families, and groups plan travel rooted in beauty and faith, both locally and abroad. We combine the precision of a professional travel concierge with the heart of a Catholic apostolate to design experiences of authentic encounter.

Go deep, not just far. Whether you're planning a honeymoon, family vacation, solo retreat, girls' getaway, or group pilgrimage, we design and manage well-crafted travel with expert care. But our true mission is to help you *go differently*.

We believe travel is not an escape, but an awakening—an invitation to rediscover your sacramental nature and encounter the One who loves you most. When body and soul are authentically integrated, travel becomes transformative.

The power of personal. Unlike travel services driven by commissioned partnerships and promos, we prioritize the personal over prepackaged. Every experience is thoughtfully tailored to your unique vision, season of life, and the personal graces you're seeking.

What we can do for you:

- Stillgrimages—fully guided, custom, short-form pilgrimages
- Full-service pilgrimages
- Student field trips and group or staff experiences
- Custom personal travel planning
- Sanctified itinerary briefs
- Formation resources
- Speaking, retreats, and events

What can we build for you?

Stillgrimages

Stillgrimages are our signature short-form pilgrimages—like a staycation, but make it holy! We'll take you to sacred places you've driven past a hundred times, but never entered, and to others you didn't know were there.

Best for families, parishes, schools, staff teams, small groups, or individuals seeking deeply meaningful retreats, field trips, staff formation days, or days of reflection.

From \$600 | Custom, fully guided one-day group stillgrimage

- Personal consultation: An in-depth session to understand your vision, needs, and scope
- Custom itinerary: A thoughtfully designed plan with logistics, pacing, and experiences tailored for your audience and focus
- Spiritual formation: Dynamic talks, presentations, and guided reflection throughout the day
- Seamless logistics: All bookings and reservations, plus dining and transportation recommendations
- Custom Apple or Google Map for easy navigation
- Personalized pilgrimage playlist (Apple Music or Spotify)
- Expert guidance for prayer, preparation, and pilgrim formation

Related Services:

- **Self-guided stillgrimage field guide** (no accompaniment or presentations): \$200
- **Custom one-day pilgrim journal** (digital product; printing also available): \$100

Third-party ticket or tour fees are added at face value. When Thy Ship arranges dining and transportation reservations, payments are made directly to the suppliers. Rates may increase for larger groups or more complex experiences.

Full-service pilgrimages

Pilgrimages near and abroad for families, schools, parishes, or other groups. Pilgrimages are custom-quoted based on scope and always include:

- End-to-end pilgrimage planning and logistics fully customized for your personal focus, needs, budget, and demographics
- Formation support before, during, and after travel
- Custom schedules, prayer resources, and preparation guides
- Custom pilgrim journals and formation materials
- Ongoing collaboration with group leaders

Because of the depth of care and coordination, pilgrimage projects are limited each season.

Personal travel planning

We do all the research and logistics to craft thoughtful itineraries that help you make the most of your chosen destination.

Best for honeymoons, anniversaries, family vacations, girls' trips, bachelorettes, or getaways that you want to plan with deeper intention and impact.

From \$300 | Fully custom, three-day itinerary planning includes:

- Personal consultation: An in-depth session to understand your vision, needs, and intentions
- Custom itinerary: A thoughtfully designed, three-day plan for your destination that details all logistics, pacing, and experiences
- Spiritual formation: Personalized recommendations that integrate sacred sites, local sacramental schedules, and guidance for prayer, preparation, and reflection
- Expert guidance: Recommendations for dining, transportation, and packing
- Custom Apple or Google Map for easy navigation
- Text and call support
- Your custom plan is a ready-to-reserve guide with all relevant links—just click to book and start packing!
- We also offer full-service bookings and reservations.

Related services:

- Additional itinerary days: \$50
- Booking and reservations service (dining, tickets, transportation): begins at \$200
- Custom travel journal (digital product; printing also available): \$100

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Sanctified itinerary briefs

Share your existing trip itinerary and we'll show you how to make any place a pilgrimage from our deep expertise, meticulous destination research, and great connections.

Best for solo travelers, couples, families, or groups of friends who want to turn travel into transformation.

From \$100 | Fully custom itinerary brief for one destination includes:

- Suggested churches and notable pilgrimage sites
- Saints and blessed associated with the locale
- Local sacramental schedules
- Journal prompts
- Daily Mass readings and feasts for the dates of your trip
- Additional stories, biographies, and other resources
- Your brief is delivered in a beautiful, clickable digital format (digital product; printing also available).

Speaking, retreats, and events

We are award-winning authors and educators with 25+ years of experience in speaking, presenting, and ministry. We can plan and present retreats, parish missions, days of reflection, workshops, and formation sessions.

Formation and resources

Custom travel journals, preparation guides, study and discussion guides, and pre-trip formation, designed to help you harvest the graces of your pilgrimage or trip.

- Custom travel journals
- Preparation and reflection guides
- Post-trip integration resources
- Pricing varies based on scope and customization.

No dream, destination, or desire is too big or small.

If you're ready to go differently, we'd love to serve you.

FAQs

Is Thy Ship a travel agency or a ministry?

Both! We combine the precision of a professional travel concierge with the heart of a Catholic apostolate to design experiences of authentic encounter. Our mission is to help you go differently and encounter the One who loves you most through meaningful travel. We offer professional logistics and planning—the “what/where/when”—and help you dive deep into “why.”

Can you plan my itinerary if I want to handle my own bookings?

Absolutely! This is a great “light” option for travelers comfortable handling their own bookings. Our custom itineraries include all the links and details you need to book flights, accommodations, and tickets (and even dinner!), so you maintain full control of your reservations and loyalty points.

Can you plan and book everything for me?

Yes! We provide full-service travel planning and can handle all bookings, logistics, and coordination for you. All you need to do is plan what to pack.

Can I still make a pilgrimage if I can't get away for several days/ don't live near a major destination/ have a limited budget/ etc?

Definitely! Our deepest passion is helping all people become pilgrims. True pilgrimage is defined not by distance, but by intention. Our stillgrimages serve precisely this need. We also specialize in making any place a pilgrimage. We'd love to give you the life-changing impact of pilgrimage that fits your personal needs.

What speaker and retreat content do you offer?

We provide talks, retreats, guided reflections, workshops, and small group sessions tailored to your group's needs and focus. We have 25+ years of experience in education, speaking, presenting, and ministry.

Can you plan within my budget?

Yes. Budget is a major part of our planning process. We aim for honest, thoughtful stewardship, helping you invest in what matters most to you.

How far in advance should I start planning?

- **Local stillgrimages and personal travel:** 2–4 months ahead
- **Full-service pilgrimages:** at least 12 months ahead to secure availability and allow for proper formation and preparation

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