

DELEGATION GUIDE

International Rule of Law Delegation
April 28 - May 2, 2025

We look forward to you joining us on our International Rule of Law Delegation. During this Delegation, attorneys general will visit Rome to engage in international law enforcement cooperation and strategic discussions with European counterparts. These meetings will focus on strengthening transnational legal frameworks, enhancing investigative collaboration, and improving efforts to combat organized crime, financial fraud, and cyber threats. As top legal officers in their states, attorneys general will seek to address pressing issues such as human trafficking, child exploitation, and money laundering, which require coordinated international responses. These discussions will help foster mutual understanding and cooperation on legal and policy matters that impact public safety and the rule of law.

Additionally, the delegation will meet with Vatican representatives to explore collaborative efforts in areas where the Catholic Church's global presence intersects with law enforcement priorities. The Vatican has been an active voice in international affairs. Attorneys general will engage in discussions on strengthening anti-trafficking initiatives, supporting victims of exploitation, and advancing policies that promote justice and accountability. Given the Church's extensive humanitarian and charitable networks, these engagements may provide valuable insights and potential partnerships to enhance victim services and prevention strategies.

Strengthening ties with international partners will be a key component of the visit. There will be in-depth conversations with public officials from Rome, Ireland, Qatar and the United Kingdom. Attorneys general will collaborate with international law enforcement officials like Interpol to improve intelligence-sharing, streamline extradition processes, and enhance joint investigations into transnational crime. These discussions will focus on financial crime—including cryptocurrency fraud and money laundering—terrorism financing, cyber threats, and the prosecution of offenses that cross international borders. The Vatican's global reach and diplomatic presence may also help facilitate cooperation between jurisdictions, offering avenues for better coordination in tackling complex criminal enterprises.

By engaging in these high-level discussions, state attorneys general will reinforce their commitment to protecting the public, enhancing international legal frameworks, and fostering collaboration with both governmental and non-governmental organizations. These efforts will contribute to more effective enforcement strategies and stronger protections for vulnerable populations worldwide.

Below is important information regarding international travel.

U.S. EMBASSY

U.S. Embassy in Rome

Via Vittorio Veneto 121

00187 Roma

Telephone: +39 06 46741

PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS

PASSPORT VALIDITY:

Your passport must be valid at least three months before the Delegation.

BLANK PASSPORT PAGES:

Your passport must have at least two blank pages for stamps.

VISA:

A tourist visa is not required for stays that are less than 90 days.

HOTEL

Your hotel confirmation number will be sent to you directly.

Rome Cavalieri, A Waldorf Astoria Hotel

Via Alberto Cadlolo, 101, 00136 Roma RM, Italy

Phone: +39 06 35091

The hotel is located close to a number of historical landmarks. However, due to additional Jubilee traffic, it will take approximately 20 minutes of travel time.

- **2 miles** from Vatican City (St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican Museums, and Sistine Chapel)
- **5 miles** from the Colosseum and Roman Forum
- **4 miles** from the Trevi Fountain
- **4 miles** from the Spanish Steps

There is a taxi station located just outside of the hotel, with taxis available starting from 6:00am.

For private transportation services, you can arrange this by emailing romhi.concierge@waldorfastoria.com or going to the concierge desk.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CURRENCY:

The national currency of Italy is the Euro. The currency symbol is €, and EUR is the 3-letter code. In Italy, the symbol is more commonly written before the numeral, as in €10. Today's conversion rate is:

1 USD = 0.9334 EUR

Currency Converter

Currency Restrictions for Entry to Italy: 10,000 EUR

Currency Restrictions for Exit: 10,000 EUR

U.S. dollars are not accepted in most establishments, though some hotels, shops, and restaurants may accept U.S. dollars at a negotiated exchange rate.

ATMs:

Your best source of cash is an automated teller machine (ATM). ATMs are often referred to as a Bancomat in Italy. Bancomats are widely available in banks and tourist centers all over Italy, and most machines offer step-by-step instructions in your choice of Italian, English, and other languages.

Bancomats generally offer better exchange rates than currency exchange offices and hotel reception desks. Daily withdrawal limits vary depending on the bank, but you can expect them to be from €250 to €1,000 per day.

CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS:

Credit and debit cards are widely accepted throughout Italy, especially in cities. However, a significant number of Italians still prefer to use cash for everyday transactions.

While cashless payments are common, it's a good idea to carry some cash for small purchases and tipping (often not available as an option for electronic transactions).

Be sure to notify your bank before leaving the United States to avoid issues using your cards abroad.

TIPPING

Tipping is not required in Italy, and many locals only tip for exceptional service. Waitstaff in Italy are paid a living wage, so tips don't make up the majority of their income. However, the gesture of leaving a tip is often seen as a sign of appreciation for exceptional service. At restaurants, tipping is usually around 10–15% of the bill, but can vary depending on the restaurant, occasion, and order size.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INTERNET

TELECOMMUNICATIONS:

It is safe to use your cell phone and stay connected to friends and family while traveling in Italy. Please check with your cell phone provider before leaving the United States for your service options.

We encourage attendees to download and update the WhatsApp app before departing the United States. AGA will send text message updates while in Italy and will use WhatsApp as a convenient means of communication. If you do not already have the app, please download to your phone. <https://www.whatsapp.com/>

INTERNET:

Our hotel, as well as many public spaces in Italy will have access to the Internet for your mobile devices.

POWER ADAPTERS

For Rome, Italy, the commonly used power plugs are Type C and Type F. Both plugs have two round pins, with Type F also including two grounding clips on the side. Italy operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz frequency. If your devices are not compatible with this voltage, you will need a voltage converter. To simplify your travels, consider using a combined travel adapter and voltage converter to ensure your devices work safely and efficiently.

AGA will be sending you a power adapter before the trip.

CLIMATE AND WEATHER

April is one of the best months to visit Rome. Daytime highs are typically in the mid to upper 60s°F, occasionally reaching the low 70s°F, while nighttime lows drop to the mid 40s°F. Rainfall is common during this time, so a travel umbrella is recommended. Pack a light jacket or sweater for cooler evenings.

Weather in Rome

HEALTHCARE

There are no health notices currently in effect in Italy,

nor are any vaccines presently required.

Similar to dialing 911 in the U.S., you may dial 118 to connect to emergency medical services or dial 112 to reach an emergency operator.

Ambulance services are widely available, though English is not widely spoken.

Medical care is comparable to that found in the United States.

Italy guarantees medical assistance to anyone who needs it and goes to a public hospital or similar facility.

MEDICATIONS/PRESCRIPTIONS:

If you plan to bring medication, check if it's legal in Italy. Different countries have varying rules and regulations about the maximum quantity and types of medicine they allow to be taken into the country. Some medicines available over the counter in the United States may be controlled in other countries.

Please carry medicines and medical equipment (needles, syringes, etc.) in their original, correctly labeled packages. You should also carry your medication in your carry-on luggage, if possible, with a copy of your prescription. You may also consider packing some extra medicine in your checked suitcase. Please confirm that the expiration dates of your medication will be valid for the duration of your visit abroad.

It is also recommended that you carry a copy of your prescription or a letter from your doctor stating: 1.) What the medicine is; 2.) How much you'll take (dose); and 3.) That it is for personal use.

LOCAL TIME

Time zone UTC+2 (Central European Summer Time) • (DST)
Current Time in Rome, Italy

Rome is 6 hours ahead of Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

Rome is 7 hours ahead Central Daylight Time (CDT)

Rome is 8 hours ahead Mountain Daylight Time (MDT)

Rome is 9 hours ahead Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)

Time Zone Converter

SAFETY TRAVEL TIPS

When visiting Rome, stay alert to pickpockets, especially in crowded areas like public transport, tourist sites, and markets. Use a secure crossbody bag and avoid carrying valuables in back pockets. Be cautious of street scams, such as unsolicited offers of help or vendors giving "gifts" like bracelets or roses expecting payment. Stick to well-lit, populated areas at night and avoid secluded streets. Only use official white taxis with meters or pre-book them.

In case of emergencies, dial 112 for police or 118 for medical assistance.

ATTIRE

BUSINESS MEETINGS:

Men should wear a jacket and tie to all officially scheduled business meetings.

Women should wear a business-style dress, suit, or blazer to all officially scheduled business meetings.

For all business meeting participants, we recommend packing only one jacket or suit for the trip.

Please note that entry into locations in Vatican City is permitted only to appropriately dressed visitors. Sleeveless and/or low-cut garments, shorts or skirts above the knee, and hats are not permitted in Vatican City.

DINNERS:

Business casual clothing is recommended for our meals. For women, a dress, skirt, or nice jeans and a dressy top would be appropriate. For men, slacks or jeans along with a button-down or polo shirt would be appropriate. We do not have any dinners that require formal or business attire.

FOOTWEAR:

For business meetings, please plan to bring comfortable dress shoes. Please plan for comfort as we expect to walk a fair amount at the various sites.

TRANSPORTATION/LUGGAGE

AGA will be providing transportation for all AGs from the airport. We will be reaching out directly with transportation details.

TRANSPORTATION IN ROME:

The public transportation system in Rome is varied, affordable, and generally efficient, covering the entire city and surrounding suburbs. It includes buses, trams, metro, suburban trains, and taxis. The metro is the fastest way to travel, with three lines connecting key landmarks like the Colosseum, Vatican City, and Termini Station. The metro operates daily with trains running every 5-10 minutes.

Uber is the main ride-sharing app used in Rome. Free Now is another popular ride sharing app in Italy. Uber and Free Now rates are slightly cheaper than standard taxicabs.

AGA will be sending you luggage straps and tags as well as a power adapter for the trip. We recommend putting a luggage tag on your suitcases and carry-on bags with your name and a phone number you will have with you on the trip.

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT RESOURCES

FACT SHEET

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April 28 - May 2, 2025

State attorneys general will visit Rome to strengthen international law enforcement cooperation and address transnational crime. They will engage with international counterparts from on issues like human trafficking, financial fraud, and cyber threats. Meetings with Vatican Officials will explore collaborations on victim support and justice initiatives. The Delegation will also work with European law enforcement to enhance intelligence-sharing, extradition, and joint investigations. These efforts aim to improve global enforcement strategies and protect vulnerable populations.

Itinerary
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Sunday, April 27

All day

Arrivals to Rome

**Dinner at your leisure at the hotel*

Monday, April 28

All day

Continued Arrivals to Rome

1:15pm

Departures for Vatican City

Delegates will visit the Vatican Museums

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Opening Reception & Dinner

Tuesday, April 29

Business Meeting (Primary Delegates Only)

9:00am – 9:15am

**Welcome and Opening Remarks by AGA Chairman, Treg Taylor,
Alaska Attorney General**

9:15am – 9:45am

Unmasking Scams: The Rise of Consumer and Investment Fraud

We will start the day with a detailed presentation from the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol), the world's largest international police organization that facilitates worldwide police cooperation and crime control. This presentation will focus on "Pig Butchering" and other novel scams affecting consumers across jurisdictions. This session will examine the scope of these fraudulent schemes, shedding light on the staggering volume of victims and the widespread impact we see in the US and abroad.

9:45am – 10:30am

From Chaos to Order: Outsmarting Criminal Enterprises

Because of the ubiquitousness and evolving nature of digital assets and cryptocurrency, wrongdoers are often two steps ahead of the government. This discussion will focus on training and collaborative work with law

enforcement to track, trace, seize, liquidate, and return digital assets to their rightful owners.

10:30am – 10:45am

Break

10:45am – 11:45am

Public-Private Collaboration: Uniting Forces to Safeguard Consumers

This panel discussion will focus on the vital need for reform and collaboration to ensure that violations of law are removed from the economic supply chain. The discussion will cover the perspective of government, legal advisors, and businesses and highlight instances where all three have worked together to combat human trafficking, money laundering, and other organized crime.

12:00pm – 1:30pm

Lunch for all delegates

**Dinner on your own*

Wednesday, April 30

Business Meeting (*All Adult Delegates Permitted)

6:30am

Departures for Vatican City

Delegates will visit the Pontifical Academy of Sciences for an extensive day of training with Vatican Officials on the promotion of justice, economic development, collaboration, peace, and the resolution of conflict.

7:30am – 12:00pm

Faith, Freedom, and the Law

The Bill of Rights guarantees both the freedom of religion and protection from government interference in religious practice. But how do these foundational principles apply when the government exercises its law enforcement authority? This discussion will explore the delicate balance between religious liberty, equal treatment under the law, and the role of the state in an increasingly complex legal and social landscape.

12:00pm – 2:00pm

Lunch for all adult delegates at the Academy's headquarters in the Casina Pio IV, in the Vatican City

2:30pm – 3:30pm

Optional Tour of St. Peter's Basilica

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Dinner

Thursday, May 1

Business Meeting (Primary Delegates Only)

9:00am – 9:15am

Elevating Survivor-Leaders

This presentation will highlight the importance of prioritizing survivor voices in anti-trafficking policy and advocacy. Drawing on her global experience, our speaker will explore trauma-informed, rights-based approaches to combating human trafficking that support and elevate survivor leadership.

9:15am – 10:15am

Changing the Paradigm: Making Human Trafficking a Crime That No Longer Pays

During this discussion, our esteemed speakers—Frances Fitzgerald, Member of the European Parliament for Dublin, Ireland, and Gordon Brown, United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education and Former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom—will explore collaborative strategies to transform human trafficking from a lucrative enterprise into a high-risk crime subject to strict law enforcement accountability.

10:15am – 11:00am

Justice in Action: Advocating for Victims Through Successful Legal Strategies

With an estimated 49.9 million human trafficking victims and only 5,577 global convictions—one for every 8,780 victims—this panel features legal experts sharing their successful case studies and any challenges they encountered while collaborating with law enforcement to advocate for victims.

11:00am – 12:00pm

The Role of Conflict Resolution and Mediation in a Complex World

During this session, Dr. Majed bin Mohammed bin Hassan Al-Ansari from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar will discuss diplomacy, humanitarian and other foreign affair issues in the Arabian Gulf region and beyond.

12:00pm – 1:30pm

Lunch for all delegates

7:00pm – 10:00pm

Dinner

Friday, May 2

8:00am

Optional Excursion

**Lunch on your own*

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Closing Dinner

**RSVP Required*

Saturday, May 3

All day

Departures