



Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi For Secular Franciscans



Rome ♦ Assisi ♦ Laverna ♦ Rieti Valley ♦ Loreto ♦ Camerino

October 10-19, 2019

\$3,250 per person (ground & nonstop air)*

\$2,050 per person (ground only)*

*Included in Price:

- ♦ Nonstop airfare from Washington DC (including taxes and surcharges)
- ♦ Accommodations including 6 nights in Assisi and 2 nights in Rome (2 pilgrims per room)
 - ♦ Continental breakfast, plus dinner daily
 - ♦ Chartered motor coach (as per itinerary)
 - ♦ Experienced Regional Tour Guides
 - ♦ Franciscan guides with reflections and prayer

NOT Included: one meal per day tips, drinks at meals, gratuity (estimate \$10/day), or optional travel insurance.

(Note that the price is based on a minimum of ten participants; with fewer, the price may be adjusted accordingly)



Itinerary inside. For more information, contact Bret Thoman, St. Francis Pilgrimages:
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Thursday, October 10, 2019

The pilgrimage will begin with departure from Washington Reagan National (DCA) (or your gateway city) on overnight flight to Rome Fiumicino airport (FCO, aka Leonardo da Vinci). Dinner and breakfast served on board.

Friday, October 11

After landing, we will meet your guide in the Rome airport. Then we will offer a private chartered coach to your Franciscan hotel in Assisi. Upon arrival in Assisi, we will begin exploring the life of St. Francis with a visit of St. Mary of the Angels Basilica. After some rest time, we will have our first time together for prayer and introduction to Assisi. Dinner and overnight in Assisi hotel.

Saturday, October 12

This morning we will continue our pilgrimage in the footsteps of Saint Francis with Mass and a guided visit of the world renowned Sacro Convento Basilica of St. Francis, where St. Francis' body is entombed. The church is adorned with beautiful frescoes painted by masters of the high Middle Ages like Giotto and Cimabue. After lunch in a nice restaurant in Assisi, we will take a walking tour through the Franciscan sites in the medieval part of Assisi including Chiesa Nuova, home of Bernard of Quintavalle, Saint Mary Major, and the Basilica of St. Clare. Overnight in Assisi hotel.

Sunday, October 13

Today we'll visit Rivotorto, where Francis and the first brothers lived in huts while they served lepers. Then we'll continue our journey eastbound through the Apennine Mountains to the little-known region of the Marches of Ancona. We will stop in Camerino to discover the origins of the Capuchin Franciscan Order and have lunch served by the friars. Then we will continue to Loreto, the city famed for the Holy House of Mary. We will return to Assisi for overnight.

Monday, October 14

After a guided visit through San Damiano in the morning, we will be free for the day in Assisi. Return to the hotel for meeting and prayer before dinner and overnight in the hotel.

Tuesday, October 15

Today we will journey to the mountain hermitage of Laverna in Tuscany where we will have a day of prayer and retreat. Time permitting, we will stop in Gubbio, where St. Francis tamed a wild wolf. Then we will continue to Laverna where, in 1224, St. Francis mysteriously received the stigmata, the wounds of Christ. We will accompany the friars on their daily procession at 3:00 and then return to Assisi for dinner and overnight

Wednesday, October 16

Today will be a free day at your leisure in Assisi for reflection or to do as you wish. Dinner and overnight in Assisi.

Thursday, October 17

This morning, we will depart for Rome. Along the way, we will stop in Greccio in the Rieti Valley, site where St. Francis initiated the first nativity scene. After lunch in a nice restaurant overlooking the Rieti valley, we will continue to Rome. After check-in at our Franciscan hotel, we will walk down to the Vatican for a casual visit.

Friday, October 18

Today, we will get to know Christian Rome with visits to Saint John Lateran (the cathedral of Rome), the Scala Santa (holy stairs believed to have been the steps on which Jesus was judged by Pontius Pilate), and Holy Cross (Santa Croce). After a bus tour of the ancient part of Rome, we will have lunch on our own, and then visit the Basilica of Saint Paul outside the Walls (where St. Paul was buried). Finally, we will visit the historic Catacombs of St. Callixtus, the official Christian cemetery during the persecutions and martyrdoms of early Christians. Dinner in a nice restaurant near St. Peter's, overnight in Rome hotel.

Saturday, October 19

Early morning chartered bus to Rome airport for return flight home.

*The itinerary is subject to change due to factors beyond our control. However, the focus on the spiritual nature of the trip will always be the overall objective and will not change

REGISTRATION FORM

Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

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\$3,250 per person (\$2050 ground-only)

Please return with a deposit of \$500 per person to reserve your place (\$200 is non-refundable but transferable). Make check payable to **St. Francis Pilgrimages**. Include a copy of passport photo/signature page. Return completed form to:

St. Francis Pilgrimages

PO Box 266

Tyrone, Georgia 30290

Name exactly as it appears on passport: _____

Passport expiration date: _____

*N.B.: Your passport must be valid for six months after trip dates to enter Italy;
if you are not a US, Canadian, or European citizen, you may need a travel visa to enter Italy.*

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Name you wish on your name badge; e.g. Bret Thoman, OFS: _____

E-mail address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home tel: () _____ 2nd number: () _____

Emergency contact (name, telephone number): _____

My roommate will be: _____

(Single-occupancy rooms may be available for \$400 per person; if you do not have a roommate, we will make an effort to provide one.)

Your flight itinerary: _____

What do you expect from the pilgrimage? _____

Will you celebrate a special event (i.e. birthday or anniversary) during the pilgrimage? _____

Do you have special needs or concerns? _____

Do you have any health conditions or do you take any medications? If so, please list:

If you have any health conditions, please see the Pilgrimage Terms and Conditions on the next page of this form.

How did you hear about this pilgrimage? _____

Upon receipt of your registration form, you will be mailed a detailed welcome letter explaining what to do and expect next.

I have read and understand the Pilgrimage Terms and Conditions on the next page. I understand the risks assumed should I choose not to purchase Trip Insurance.

PILGRIMAGE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Nature of Pilgrimage and Accommodations: St. Francis Pilgrimages, LLC organizes religious travel itineraries in the Catholic pilgrimage tradition, rather than typical tours. As such, there is time set aside for private prayer and spiritual teaching. Accommodations are based on double occupancy and utilize superior class hotels, or religious hotels of good quality. All rooms have private bath. Given the religious nature of the pilgrimage, and that groups often overnight in religious hotels, participants are asked to adhere to the expectations as such.

Price: The published price per person includes R/T airfare from IAD, ground transportation as per itinerary in chartered coach, lodging (at double-occupancy), daily continental breakfast, and daily dinner (*beverages usually not included*). The price does not include one meal per day, tips (estimate \$10/day), recommended travel insurance, personal expenses, or anything not expressly stated on the itinerary. Payment can be made through Paypal for an additional 3% surcharge.

Payment Information: A deposit of \$500 is required to secure a reservation (\$200 is non-refundable but transferrable). Payments are due as follows: \$1500 is due 100 days prior to departure, and the remaining amount is due 70 days prior to departure. Trip prices and costs are listed in US dollars (usd). Cancellations: If you cancel more than 100 days before departure, all payments will be refunded except \$200 of your deposit (which is transferrable to another pilgrimage). If the cancellation is made between 100 days and 70 days of departure, the entire \$500 deposit amount is non-refundable. If you cancel within 70 days of departure, we will attempt to recover what has been paid to suppliers, but cannot guarantee any reimbursements. Once issued, airline tickets are usually non-refundable, and refunds would be determined by the specific airline. The pilgrimage price is based on a minimum of ten participants; with fewer, the overall price may be adjusted accordingly. Note that St. Francis Pilgrimages will only cancel a pilgrimage if there are insufficient registrations; if a pilgrimage is cancelled by St. Francis Pilgrimages, all payments will be refunded. However, if a participant cancels individually before St. Francis Pilgrimages officially cancels, refunds for that person will be based on the above criteria. We strongly recommend trip insurance.

Health: Participants often comment that the pilgrimage is strenuous, as it involves a lot of walking and stair climbing. If a participant has any health conditions (including psychological/mental), full disclosure to St. Francis Pilgrimages, LLC is required. Any participant who has serious health conditions must then inform his/her doctor of their intention to participate in the pilgrimage and submit a letter from his/her medical doctor stating that he/she is capable of fully participating in the pilgrimage without assistance. If such health conditions require extra assistance, such participant must be accompanied by an assistant. St. Francis Pilgrimages, LLC cannot accept liability for food ingested by participants with life-threatening food allergies or sensitivities. St. Francis Pilgrimages, LLC and suppliers contracted for services reserve the right to refuse to accept or retain any person whose behavior or health conditions are deemed likely to affect the smooth operations of the tour, or adversely affect the enjoyment or safety of other passengers. St. Francis Pilgrimages, LLC, its agents, and suppliers shall be under no liability to any such person for refund, compensation, repatriation or any other matters arising thereof.

Consumer Disclosure Notice: St. Francis Pilgrimages, LLC cannot accept responsibility for actions and/or service of independent contractors involved including but not limited to air carriers, bus companies, taxis, hotels/accommodations, guides, etc. St. Francis Pilgrimages, LLC reserves the right to cancel a pilgrimage if there are insufficient participants registered, in which case a refund of monies paid St. Francis Pilgrimages will be granted to all participants. St. Francis Pilgrimages, LLC may change the itinerary if circumstances warrant it. St. Francis Pilgrimages, LLC cannot be held liable or financially responsible for illness, injury, or death incurred at any point during the trip. If travel is interrupted or the trip is forced to cancel for any reason including but not limited to State Department travel warning, labor strike, inclement weather, riot, national disaster, terrorism, or any other incident outside of the control of St. Francis Pilgrimages, St. Francis Pilgrimages cannot be held liable or financially responsible. Trip insurance is strongly recommended.