

Do you organize pilgrimages only within Italy?

Yes. We specialize in Italy because of our extensive background there. Katia is from Italy, and has lived in Assisi for 7 years where she made many friends among the friars and Sisters. Bret lived in Italy for several years and has a master's degree in the language. With their background in Italy they are able to put together a very personalized experience.

Why do many of your pilgrimages offer so little time in big cities like Rome?

We know of many charming towns off the beaten path. There is a special spirituality with shrines that do not receive many visitors. While cities like Rome are very important to a pilgrimage, the crowds tend to detract from the overall spiritual experience. We have found that most of our pilgrims appreciate the charm and beauty of the smaller places and once they arrive in Rome they prefer to return elsewhere.

What kind of pilgrimages do you organize?

While many of our pilgrimages are aimed at Franciscan groups, i.e. Secular Franciscan regions/fraternities, Franciscan schools, etc., we organize a variety of spiritual pilgrimages throughout all of Italy designed for parishes, youth groups, or other Catholic groups.

Are you a travel agency?

No, we are a tour operator who organizes and leads pilgrimages. We do not earn a commission on any travel we organize.

Why do your pilgrimages cost so much less than others?

A typical price for a 10-day pilgrimage to Italy can easily cost \$3,000. Ours is much less for several reasons. Since we are a small tour operator we do not have the overhead that many big companies do. We have always sought to create an affordable pilgrimage experience by booking in religious retreat centers while staying away from the big touristy areas. And we do this without compromising the experience. Our primary objective is to offer a spiritual experience and not to create a high-end financial return.

