



Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

April 25-May 3, 2018

Accompanied by Msgr. Al Jowdy

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Atlanta, Georgia

\$2,990 (ground and air, if registration received before October 25, 2017)

\$3,090 (ground and air, if registration received after October 25, 2017)

\$1,990 (ground only)

Papal Audience with Pope Francis ♦ Vatican Museums ♦ Sistine Chapel ♦ Major papal Basilicas of St. Peter's, St. Paul's, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major ♦ Church of Holy Cross (Santa Croce) ♦ Catacombs ♦ Assisi

*Included in Price:

- ♦ Nonstop Round trip airfare from Atlanta (including taxes/surcharges)
- ♦ First-class Accommodations consisting of 5 nights in Rome and 2 nights in Assisi
 - ♦ Continental breakfast, plus dinner daily
 - ♦ Private, chartered motor coach (as per itinerary)
 - ♦ Accompanying guide for duration of pilgrimage
- Entrances to churches, museums, etc. as per itinerary
 - Daily Mass

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

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Wednesday, April 25

Our pilgrimage will begin with overnight nonstop flight from Atlanta to Rome Fiumicino airport. Dinner and breakfast will be served on board.

Thursday, April 26

Upon arrival in Rome Fiumicino airport, a chartered coach will bring us to Assisi. After check-in at the hotel, we will have some rest time followed by an initial orientation and time to get to know the guide as well as one another. Then we will walk into Assisi for a leisurely visit. We will return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Friday, April 27

Today we will enjoy a day in Assisi, home of Sts. Francis and Clare. We will begin with a visit to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, built over the small church called the Portiuncula, where St. Francis lived most of his life. (It also offers a Plenary Indulgence that is granted to those who visit it.) After lunch in a nice restaurant in the center of Assisi, we will have a guided visit of the Basilica of St. Francis, where St. Francis's body is entombed. The church is adorned with beautiful frescoes painted by masters of the high Middle Ages like Giotto, Martini, and Lorenzetti. In the afternoon we will take a walking tour through the medieval part of Assisi including the Basilica of St. Clare, which houses the body of St. Clare. We will return to Assisi for overnight in the hotel.

Saturday, April 28

This morning, we will depart for Rome. After check-in at our hotel, we will begin with a guided visit of St. Peter's basilica and Square. We will return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Sunday, April 29

This morning, we will visit two more papal basilicas: St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls – built over the tomb of St. Paul. After lunch on our own, we will have a guided visit of the Catacombs of St. Calixtus, the oldest and most important catacombs in Rome. St. Calixtus was the only official cemetery in Rome for Christians dur-

ing the persecutions, and it is estimated that half a million martyrs were buried there over the course of three centuries.

Monday, April 30

This morning, we will visit the cathedral of Rome, St. John in Lateran as well as the adjacent Holy Stairs, believed to have been the stairs where Pontius Pilate judged Jesus. Next, we will walk by one of the world's most famous monuments, the Flavian Amphitheatre, more popularly known as the Roman Coliseum, as well as the Roman Forum – the center of political, economic, and religious life in ancient Roman times. After lunch at Rome's oldest operating restaurant – Ulpia – we will also visit Santa Croce in Jerusalem, famous for its collection of relics. Return to the hotel for overnight.

Tuesday, May 1

We will begin this day with an early morning mass at St. Peter's Basilica, followed by a guided visit of the world-renowned Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica. Since the 15th century, the Vatican Museums have housed some of the world's most important pieces of art and culture. In the afternoon, we will offer a walking tour of Sant'Angelo Castle, Tiber River, Piazza Navona, Pantheon, and the church of St. Ignatius. Dinner will be served at the hotel.

Wednesday, May 2

Early in the morning, we will return to Vatican City where we will attend the weekly General Audience of the Holy Father in the Piazza of St. Peter's. We will have the afternoon free to explore Rome as you wish. We will conclude with dinner and overnight in our hotel.

Thursday, May 3

Transfer to the Rome airport for return nonstop flight back to Atlanta.

*Note that the itinerary is subject to change due to factors beyond our control; however, the focus on the spiritual nature of the trip will remain the overall objective and will not change.

PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION FORM

Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi: April 25-May 3, 2018
\$2,990 per person (ground and air)
(\$3,090 if registration received after October 25)
\$1,990 (ground only)

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

St. Francis Pilgrimages
PO Box 143
Senoia, Georgia 30276

Name exactly as it appears on passport: _____

Passport expiration date: _____

*N.B.: Your passport must be valid for 180 days after the return date;
if you are not a US citizen, you may need a travel visa in order to enter Italy.*

Name you go by, what you wish on your name badge: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

E-mail address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

Emergency contact (name, telephone number): _____

My roommate will be: _____

(Single-occupancy rooms are limited and may be available for \$450 per person; if you do not have a roommate, one will be provided)

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 (i.e. food allergies)? _____

Do you have any health conditions or do you take medications for serious illness? If so, please list and describe: _____

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

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 terms and conditions on reverse and on website.

Signature (s) _____ Date: _____

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Nature of Pilgrimage and Accommodations: St. Francis Pilgrimages, LLC organizes religious travel itineraries in the pilgrimage tradition, rather than typical tours. As such, there is time set aside for private prayer and spiritual teaching. Accommodations are in first-class accommodations based on double occupancy and utilize hand-picked 3- or 4-star accommodations. All rooms have private bath. Given the religious nature of the pilgrimage participants are asked to adhere to the expectations as such.

Price: The ground and air amount is \$2,990 if registration is received before October 25; after October 25, the total cost is \$3,090. The price per person includes round trip nonstop airfare, ground transportation as per itinerary in chartered coach, lodging (at double-occupancy), daily continental breakfast, and daily dinner. The price does not include one meal per day (estimate \$15/day), tips (estimate \$10/day), contributions to church collection plates during Masses, recommended travel insurance, personal expenses, or anything not expressly stated on the itinerary. Note that the price is based on a minimum of 15 paying participants; with less than 15, the price may be adjusted accordingly.

Payment Information: A deposit of \$500 is required to secure a reservation (\$200 is non-refundable but transferrable). Payments are due as follows: \$1,500 is due 120 days prior to departure and the final amount is due 90 days prior to departure. Payment can be made by personal check, money order, or through Paypal for an additional fee. Trip prices and costs are listed in US dollars (usd). Cancellations: If you cancel more than 120 days before departure, all payments will be refunded except \$200 of your deposit (which is transferrable). If the cancellation is made between 120 days and 90 days of departure, all payments will be refunded minus \$500 (in addition to the non-refundable \$200 from the deposit). If cancellation occurs between 90 to 30 days of departure, the above amount is non-refundable in addition to what has been paid to suppliers. Within 30 days of departure, the full amount is non-refundable. Once issued, airline tickets are usually non-refundable, and refunds would be determined by the specific airline. 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), we require full disclosure to St. Francis Pilgrimages, LLC. Any participant who has serious health conditions, must 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, a participant must be accompanied by such an assistant. St. Francis Pilgrimages, LLC and suppliers contracted for services reserve the right to refuse to accept 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, i.e. air carrier, bus company, taxi, hotel, 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, LLC will be granted to 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 due to 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. We strongly recommend trip insurance.