



**15 YEARS  
15 PILGRIMS  
\$1500 DOLLARS (ground only)**

**September 30-October 9, 2018**

***THIS WILL BE A SPECIAL PILGRIMAGE COMMEMORATING 15 YEARS  
SERVING PILGRIMS***

**Join Bret Thoman, OFS with a close group of just 15 other pilgrims during the Feast and Transitus of St. Francis exploring all the Franciscan sites in Assisi, plus day trips to Laverna, Loreto, the Rieti Valley, Rome, and more.**

\*Included in Price:

- ◆ 7 nights in Assisi (with day trips)
- ◆ 1 night in Rome (walking distance to Vatican)
  - ◆ Continental breakfast, plus dinner daily
  - ◆ Chartered motor coach (as per itinerary)
    - ◆ Hotel Room (2 pilgrims per room)
      - ◆ Local Licensed Tour Guides
        - ◆ Daily Mass
- ◆ Franciscan guide with spiritual reflections and prayer

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



Itinerary, registration form, terms and conditions inside. For more information, contact Bret Thoman, St. Francis Pilgrimages:  
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### Sunday, September 30, 2018

The pilgrimage will begin with a departure from your gateway city on overnight flight to Rome Fiumicino airport (FCO, aka Leonardo da Vinci).

### Monday, October 1

Upon arrival, you will meet your guide at the Meeting Point in the Rome airport. At 10:30am, we will offer one chartered coach to Assisi. Please book your airline ticket accordingly to land in Rome no later than 9:15am. Upon arrival in Assisi, we will begin the pilgrimage with Mass and a visit of St. Mary of the Angels Basilica. We will conclude our first night with dinner and overnight in our Capuchin-run hotel in Assisi.

### Tuesday, October 2

This morning we will begin our first full day of 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 medieval part of Assisi including the birth place of Francis, the home of his first follower, the old cathedral of Assisi and the Basilica and tomb of St. Clare housing the San Damiano crucifix. Overnight in Assisi hotel.

### Wednesday, October 3

After a guided visit of San Damiano in the morning, we will be free for the festivities of the Transitus at St. Mary of the Angels. This triumphant procession and evening vespers commemorate Francis's passing from this world. We will have dinner and overnight in the Assisi hotel. At night, there will be a solemn prayer service in the Basilica. Dinner and overnight in the hotel.

### Thursday, October 4

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.

### Friday, October 5

In the morning, we will have some time for meditation and prayer in the hermitage of the Carceri on the slopes of Mount Subasio. In the afternoon, you will have some free time in Assisi to do what you wish. Dinner and overnight in the hotel.

### Saturday, October 6

Today we'll continue our journey eastbound through the Apennine Mountains to the lesser known region of the Marches of Ancona. Our first stop will stop in Renacavata, near Camerino, where the Capuchin order was founded. After visiting the 16th-century church, friary, and museum, we will have a scrumptious lunch served by the friars. Next, we will continue to Loreto where we will visit the famed Holy House of Mary, where, according to tradition Mary was born and the Annunciation took place. Return to Assisi for dinner/overnight.

### Sunday, October 7

Today will be free at your leisure in Assisi. Dinner/overnight in Assisi hotel.

### Monday, October 8

Today we will depart for Rome with a stop in the Rieti Valley, a rustic area with four hill hermitages, known as the second Assisi. Most important is Greccio, the town where St. Francis created the first live nativity scene. After lunch in a nice restaurant in Greccio overlooking the Rieti valley, we will arrive and check-in at the Franciscan hotel near St. Peter's. Next, we will offer a casual guided tour of St. Peter's basilica and square. Dinner on your own. Overnight in the Rome hotel.

### Tuesday, October 9

We will offer one early morning van or bus to the Rome airport. It will arrive at Rome Fiumicino airport by 7:00am. Please book your airline tickets accordingly.

\*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

15/15/15 Pilgrimage to Assisi: September 30-October 9, 2018

\$1,500 per person 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 143**  
**Senoia, Georgia 30276**

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.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 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 airfare, 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: \$1000 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). 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. 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), we require full disclosure to St. Francis Pilgrimages, LLC. St. Francis Pilgrimages, LLC cannot accept liability for food ingested by participants with life-threatening food allergies or sensitivities. 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, 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 issued 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.

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