



## **Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi For Secular Franciscans**



Rome ♦ Assisi ♦ Laverna ♦ Rieti Valley ♦ The Marches ♦ Camerino ♦ San Severino

October 29 - November 7, 2017

Estimated price of \$2,950 per person (ground & air)\*  
Or \$1,890 per person (ground only)\*

\*Included in Price:

- ♦ Airfare from Washington DCA (including taxes and surcharges)
- ♦ Accommodations including 5 nights in Assisi and 3 nights in Rome (2 pilgrims per room)
  - ♦ Continental breakfast, plus dinner daily
  - ♦ Chartered motor coach (as per itinerary)
    - ♦ Local Licensed Tour Guides
- ♦ Franciscan guides with spiritual reflections and prayer

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



Itinerary inside. For more information, contact Bret Thoman, St. Francis Pilgrimages:  
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## PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY\*

### Sunday, October 29, 2017

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.

### Monday, October 30

Upon arrival, you will meet your guide in the Rome airport. Then we will offer a private chartered coach to your hotel in Rome near the Vatican. After some rest time, walk down to St. Peter's for a leisurely visit. Dinner and overnight in Rome hotel.

### Tuesday, October 31

Today, we will get to know Christian Rome with visits to the Basilica of Saint Paul outside the Walls (where St. Paul was buried), Saint John Lateran (the cathedral of Rome), and the Scala Santa (holy stairs believed to have been the steps on which Jesus was judged by Pontius Pilate). After lunch in the oldest Roman restaurant, Ulpia, we will continue with a bus tour of the imperial part of Rome including the Coliseum, Roman Forum, and Circus Maximus. Finally, we will visit the famed Catacombs of St. Callixtus, the largest of the excavated Catacombs and official Christian cemetery during the persecutions and martyrdoms from the first through the fourth centuries AD. Dinner on your own near St. Peter's.

### Wednesday, November 1

This morning, we will head back to St. Peter's for a papal Audience in which Pope Francis will give a reflection in various languages. Take the afternoon free to explore Rome at your leisure. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

### Thursday, November 2

This morning, we will depart for Assisi. Along the way, we will stop in Greccio in the Rieti Valley on the way down. After lunch in a nice restaurant in Greccio overlooking the Rieti valley, we will continue to Assisi. Upon arrival, we will begin exploring the life of St. Francis with a visit of St. Mary of the Angels Basilica. We will conclude our first night with dinner and overnight in the Capuchin hotel just outside the Assisi city walls.

### Friday, November 3

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, Martini, and Lorenzetti. 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.

### Saturday, November 4

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.

### Sunday, November 5

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 meet and have lunch served by the Poor Clare Sisters. They will introduce us to the life of Blessed Camilla Bap-tista, a 15th century Poor Clare nun, canonized in 2010. Then we will continue to San Severino where we will spend the evening with another community of Poor Clare Sisters. Here we'll have a reflection given by one of the Sisters, followed by evening prayer and dinner. We will return to Assisi for overnight.

### Monday, November 6

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

### Tuesday, November 7

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.

# PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION FORM

Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome: October 29-November 7, 2017

\$2,950 per person (ground and air from Washington DC)

\$1,890 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, GA 30276**

Name exactly as it appears on passport: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

*N.B.: To enter Italy, your passport must be valid for at least six months after the trip ends;  
if you are not a Canadian or US citizen, you may need a travel visa to enter Italy.*

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name you wish for your name badge; e.g. Bret Thoman, OFS: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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, one will be provided)*

Your flight itinerary (if not on group flight) \_\_\_\_\_

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 serious health conditions or do you take any medications for serious illness? If so, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

*If you have any health conditions, please see the 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 e-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 based on double occupancy and utilize good 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 airfare (including taxes, surcharges, etc. from Washington DCA), ground transportation (as per itinerary) in chartered coach, lodging (double-occupancy), daily continental breakfast, and dinner. 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 Information:** A deposit of \$500 is required to secure a reservation (\$200 is non-refundable but transferrable). Payments are due as follows: \$1,200 is due 120 days prior to departure, and the remainder is due 90 days prior to departure. Trip prices and costs are listed in US Dollars. If you cancel more than 100 days before departure, all payments will be refunded except \$250 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 \$300 (in addition to the \$200 deposit penalty). If you cancel within 90 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. Note also that the quoted cost is based on a minimum of ten participants; if the group falls below ten, the price may change.

**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 pilgrim must be accompanied by such an assistant. 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.

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