



Rome and Assisi Immersion during the Transitus and Feast day of St. Francis

Assisi ♦ Laverna ♦ The Marches ♦ Camerino ♦ San Severino ♦ Greccio ♦ Rome

Led by Bret Thoman, OFS

September 30-October 9, 2017

\$1,650 per person* (ground-only)

*Included in Price:

- ♦ 6 nights in Assisi (with day trips)
- ♦ 2 nights 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.

**Contact us about airfare and meeting point in Rome airport.

Itinerary on following page:



Itinerary, registration form, terms and conditions inside. For more information, contact Bret Thoman, St. Francis Pilgrimages:
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PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY*

Saturday, September 30, 2017

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

Sunday, 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 the Capuchin hotel in Assisi: www.domuslaetitiaeeassisi.it

Monday, October 2

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.

Tuesday, 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.

Wednesday, 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.

Thursday, October 5

Today we'll continue our journey eastbound through the Apennine Mountains to the little-known region of the Marches of Ancona. But first we will stop in Rivotorto, where Francis and the first brothers lived in huts while they served lepers. Then we will continue to Camerino to meet and have lunch served by the Poor Clare Sisters. They will introduce us to the life of Blessed Camilla Baptista, 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.

Friday, October 6

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 7

Today we will depart for Rome. 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 arrive and check-in at the Franciscan hotel near St. Peter's. Next, we will offer a guided tour of St. Peter's basilica and square. Dinner on your own. Overnight in the Rome hotel: www.ilcantico.it

Sunday, October 8

This morning, we will visit St. Peter's. At 12:00 noon, we will see Pope Francis deliver his Papal Angelus from the Apostolic Palace window.** After lunch on your own, you will have some free time in Rome to do what you wish. We will conclude with dinner and overnight in our hotel.

Monday, October 9

We will offer one chartered bus departure 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.

**The Angelus is dependent on the Holy Father's presence in Rome.

PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION FORM

Assisi Immersion/Rome: September 30-October 9, 2017

\$1,650 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 90 days after the return date;
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: \$750 is due 100 days prior to departure, and the remainder 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, all payments will be refunded minus \$500 (in addition to the \$200 deposit). 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.

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