



# WALKING THE PATHS OF SAINT FRANCIS

## Franciscan pilgrimage in Italy

### 11 days – 10 nights

*This pilgrimage invites you to step gently into the world of Saint Francis of Assisi, one of the most beloved saints in Christian history, whose life continues to inspire millions through his message of peace, humility, and love for all creation. More than a journey between cities, this is an invitation to slow down, to listen, and to rediscover the essential values of faith through places that still echo with Francis' presence.*

*Born in Assisi at the end of the 12th century, Francis chose a radically different path from the life of comfort that awaited him. He embraced poverty, simplicity, and service, not as an escape from the world, but as a deeper way of loving God, humanity, and the natural world. His spirituality was rooted in joy, compassion, and an extraordinary closeness to everyday life—qualities that continue to resonate deeply with pilgrims today.*

*This all-year-round itinerary follows a coherent and comfortable route through Umbria, Tuscany, and Lazio, combining the most important Franciscan sanctuaries with some of Italy's most beautiful historic cities. Along the way, you will walk through medieval towns, tranquil valleys, forested mountains, and art-filled cities, discovering how Francis' spirit shaped not only religious life, but also culture, art, and community across Italy.*

*The journey balances prayer, reflection, and discovery. Daily Masses are celebrated in meaningful locations, while guided visits provide historical and spiritual context, making this pilgrimage ideal both for seasoned travelers and for those visiting Europe for the first time. Moments of silence and contemplation are naturally woven into the program, alongside time to enjoy local traditions, landscapes, and cuisine.*

*From the quiet paths of Assisi and La Verna, to the artistic treasures of Florence and Siena, and finally to the timeless heart of Rome, this pilgrimage offers space to reconnect—with faith, with history, and with oneself. It is a journey inspired by Saint Francis' gentle wisdom: to walk lightly, to trust deeply, and to find God in all things..*

#### DAY 1 ROME Arrival

Arrival in Rome, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Depending on arrival time, enjoy a short orientation walk or time to rest after your journey. Rome, the Eternal City, offers a first encounter with Europe's layers of history, faith, and culture. In the evening, gather for a welcome dinner and introduction to the pilgrimage. Overnight in Rome. (D)

#### DAY 2 ROME - VATICAN Christian Origins and Pilgrim Traditions

Breakfast at the hotel. Today is dedicated to discovering Rome's Christian heritage. Visit St. Peter's Basilica, the heart of the Catholic Church, and spend time in quiet prayer. Continue to St. Paul Outside the Walls, one of the four Major Basilicas, reflecting on the early Church and the missionary spirit that later inspired Francis. Optional Mass at a Franciscan church and free time to explore Rome's piazzas, fountains, and historic neighborhoods. Overnight in Rome. (B) (D)

#### DAY 3 ROMA – ASSISI The Path of Miracles and Forgiveness

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart Rome and travel north into Umbria, known as the "green heart of Italy." As the landscape becomes gentler and more rural, you sense the peaceful atmosphere that shaped Saint Francis' spirituality. Arrive in Assisi, Francis' hometown. Visit the Basilica of Saint Francis, with its magnificent frescoes depicting his life, and celebrate Mass. Walk through the medieval streets, visiting key sites connected to his early life and vocation. Dinner and overnight in Assisi. (B) (D)

#### NET PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE ROOM

**15-19 Pax EUR 2.540.-**

**20-25 Pax EUR 2.250.-**

**26-29 Pax EUR 2.075.-**

**30-35 Pax EUR 1.958.-**

**SURPLUS SINGLE EUR 570.-**

#### DEPARTURES 2026

**Every day from March through October**

**FULLY CUSTOMIZABLE!**

Please let us know your dates and we will check availability to confirm your group

#### INCLUDED SERVICES

- All transfers in private bus
- 10 nights in 3\*\*\* and 4\*\*\*\* selected hotels including breakfast
- 10 dinners including
  - ✓ Welcome dinner on the first day
  - ✓ Farewell dinner on the last day
- All excursions mentioned in the program.
  - ✓ Guided tour ROME's CHRISTIAN HERITAGE
  - ✓ Guided visit in Assisi, surroundings & Basilica
  - ✓ Guided visit of La Verna Sanctuary
  - ✓ Guided walking tour in Florence and Siena
  - ✓ Guided visit in Pisa and San Gimignano
  - ✓ Guided tour IMPERIAL ROME incl. Colosseum
  - ✓ Piazzas and fountains guided walking tour
- Local english-speaking tour guide in all aforementioned excursions.
- Mass celebrations in different cities
- Entrance fees for all visits in Museums.
- 24 h. support (Hotline)

#### NOT INCLUDED

- International and local flights.
- Local airport taxes
- Tips for Guides, drivers and Porters
- Personal expenses
- Optional tours
- Other services not mentioned in the program





#### DAY 4 ASSISI The life and spirituality of Saint Francis

Breakfast at the hotel. Today brings together the most meaningful Franciscan sites in and around Assisi. Begin with a visit to San Damiano, where Francis heard Christ call him to “rebuild my Church.” Continue to the Cathedral of San Rufino, where Francis was baptized, and the Basilica of Saint Clare, dedicated to his closest companion and spiritual sister. In the afternoon, visit Santa Maria degli Angeli, home to the Porziuncola, the humble chapel at the heart of the Franciscan movement. Celebrate Mass in this profoundly symbolic place, reflecting on Francis’ message of simplicity, humility, and trust in God. Free time in Assisi to pray, walk, or simply absorb the peaceful atmosphere. Overnight in Assisi. (B) (D)

#### DAY 5 ASSISI – LA Verna - FLORENCE

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart Assisi and travel north to La Verna, nestled in the forests of the Tuscan Apennines. This is the place where Saint Francis received the stigmata, marking a profound moment in his spiritual life. Guided visit of the sanctuary, chapels, and hermitages, with time for silent prayer in the natural surroundings. Celebrate Mass at the sanctuary. In the late afternoon, continue to Florence. Dinner and overnight in Florence. (B) (D)

#### DAY 6 FLORENCE Art, Faith, and Franciscan Influence

Breakfast at the hotel. Guided visit of Florence, focusing on its spiritual and artistic heritage. Visit Santa Croce, the great Franciscan basilica, and learn how Franciscan ideals influenced Renaissance thought and art. Optional Mass in a Franciscan church. Free afternoon to explore Florence’s historic center or relax along the Arno River. Overnight in Florence. (B) (D)

#### DAY 7 FLORENCE – PISA – SAN GIMIGNANO – SIENA

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart Florence for Pisa, visiting the Cathedral Square and the famous Leaning Tower. Continue to San Gimignano, with its medieval towers and peaceful atmosphere—an ideal cultural pause in the journey. Arrive in Siena in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight in Siena. (B) (D)

#### DAY 8 SIENA - ORVIETO

Breakfast at the hotel. Guided visit of Siena, including the Cathedral and historic center. Learn about the city’s deep spirituality and medieval traditions. In the afternoon, continue to Orvieto, dramatically set on a volcanic plateau. Visit the magnificent Orvieto Cathedral, renowned for its Eucharistic significance. Celebrate Mass. Overnight in Orvieto. (B) (D)

#### DAY 9 ORVIETO – GRECCIO - ROME

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart Orvieto and travel south to Greccio, in the Rieti Valley. Visit the Sanctuary of Greccio, where Saint Francis created the first living Nativity. Reflect on his humility and creativity in communicating faith to ordinary people. Late afternoon continuation to Rome. Dinner and overnight in Rome. (B) (D)

#### DAY 10 ROME Imperial Rome, Piazzas and Fountains

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning, enjoy a guided tour of Imperial Rome, exploring the Colosseum area, Roman Forum, and ancient ruins that reveal the grandeur of the Roman Empire—a powerful contrast to the humility embraced by Saint Francis. In the afternoon, enjoy a guided walking tour of Rome’s piazzas and fountains, including Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, and Spanish Steps. This leisurely walk offers a perfect blend of history, daily life, and beauty. Dinner and overnight in Rome. (B) (D)

#### DAY 11 ROME Departure

Breakfast at the hotel. As your pilgrimage comes to an end and before your transfer to the airport, take a final moment to reflect on the journey you’ve lived—walking the paths of Saint Francis, praying in the places that shaped his faith, and discovering how his message of peace, humility, and joyful trust in God continues to speak to the world today. This final morning is not simply a farewell to Italy, but an invitation to carry the spirit of Saint Francis back into everyday life: a spirit of simplicity, compassion, gratitude, and care for others and for creation. End of our services. (B)

**(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (B) Dinner**

