

Franciscan Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, Italy
October 24 - November 5, 2018

The 2018 Franciscan Pilgrimage will be led by the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist, a Pontifical Congregation based in Meriden, Connecticut.

The Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist have served the Church in Rome and Assisi, Italy, for over thirty years.

In the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, the Sisters hold a deep reverence for the holy places, culture, sacred traditions and inspiring beauty of Rome and Assisi.

Franciscan Pilgrimage in Rome includes:

Ancient Rome: Colosseum, Imperial Forum, Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona, Circus Maximus, and other historical places.

Early Christian Rome: Tombs of St. Peter and St. Paul, excavations under St. Peter's Basilica

Rome of Sacred Art: Sistine Chapel, Vatican Museums, Works of Caravaggio, centuries of artwork in local churches.

Rome in modern history: Anzio WWII American war cemetery and museum, Church of St. Maria Goretti, Castel Gondolfo in the Roman hills.

Rome, the heart of the Church: Visit to all four Papal Basilicas: St. Peter's, St Paul Outside the Walls, St John Lateran and Mary Major, Marian Walk in the Vatican Gardens, Aventine Hall.

General Audience with Pope Francis at St. Peter's Square.
(if he is not traveling that week)

Franciscan Pilgrimage in Assisi includes:

Go, Rebuild My Church

"When he (St. Francis) had returned to the places mentioned where the church of San Damiano had been built in ancient times, he repaired it zealously within a short time aided by the Grace of the Most High." *First Life of St. Francis by Thomas Celano*



San Damiano Cross at Assisi, Italy



Fresco by Giotto of Pope Innocent III approving the Rule (Upper Basilica of St. Francis)

Historical and Holy Places: Roman-Medieval Assisi

San Damiano: where the Crucifix spoke to Francis
"Go rebuild my Church for as you see it is falling into ruin."

Basilica of St. Clare: Holds the body of Clare and the original Crucifix that spoke to Francis.

St. Mary of the Angels, Portiuncula: Place of the beginning of the Franciscan Order and where Francis died on October 3, 1226. It is where Clare made her commitment to follow Francis and his way of life. Here a Plenary Indulgence of the Pardon of Assisi can be obtained.

Basilica of St. Francis: Holds the body of St. Francis and famous frescoes by Giotto, Cimabue, Lorenzetti and Martini

Carceri: Place of contemplation and prayer for Francis and his brothers.

LaVerna: Where Francis received the Sacred Stigmata.

General: The Pilgrimage Offers:

- Daily Mass at one of the Holy Places
- Opportunity for Confession
- Daily "Reflection Meeting" to share the events of the day
- Visits to the Franciscan Sisters' Centers in both Rome and Assisi.

To complete registration:

- FSE Pilgrimage Registration Form to Rome and Assisi is attached.
- Please complete one registration form per person.
- The Pilgrimage rate is \$3,750. See the payment schedule on the form.
- Please make all checks out to: Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist
- and Mail it to:
Sister Patricia Glass, FSE
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Rate includes: Half pension (double occupancy, breakfast, one other meal daily), local transportation, fees, and economy class airline reservation from JFK to Rome-FCO.

(If you choose to upgrade your airline reservation to business or first class, arrangements are to be made independently by pilgrim and at the pilgrim's cost, but must be on the same flight so as to facilitate arrival and departure transport.)

Travel insurance is not included in Pilgrimage fee. If interested, please secure it independently.

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