

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE

A Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome

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The Rev. Milton Williams invites you to join him and parishioners for an exciting pilgrimage to Assisi. St. Francis was one of the pivotal visionary saints of Christianity, calling the Church to its original evangelical richness. Assisi continues to evoke the time and events of St. Francis's life with its preserved medieval town center, soft pink stone structures, and panoramic views of the Umbrian countryside. We will be in Assisi for his feast day and have enough time in Assisi to immerse ourselves in its history, spirituality, art and food. We begin and end our program in Rome, exploring early Christian sites, visiting some of the great monuments of the city, and learning more about the traditions and institutions St. Francis challenged. Throughout the program we will enjoy the warm hospitality of the Italians, benefit from the expertise of local guides, savor Italian cuisine, and be inspired by spiritual leadership of our pastor. Join us for this transformative and memorable journey!

Program Highlights

Fri Sep 28: *We Embark on a Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Visionary Men and Women of Faith.* Depart Charlotte for Rome.

Sat Sep 29: *Ancient Rome and the Rise of Christianity.* Arrival in Rome. Meet the tour manager at the airport and transfer to the hotel. Check into the hotel with some time to freshen up. Go on an afternoon casual walking orientation to Capitoline Hill, the Forum and the Colosseum. Enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight Rome.

Sun Sep 30: *The Witness of Peter and Early Christians.* Breakfast. Begin with a morning guided walking tour of the historic center (with private mass at the Anglican Center in the Palazzo Pamphili). Sites will include the Pantheon, Piazza Navona, Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, and others. Continue to St Peter's for the noon Papal blessing, followed by a light lunch in the area. After lunch, enjoy a guided visit to St. Peter's Basilica and learn about the Circus of Nero that was here, the fire of 64 AD, Nero's persecution and martyrdom of Christians (including

Peter) and then Constantine's building of the basilica, the replacement of the Basilica in the 16th century (during the time of the Reformation). Overnight Rome.

Mon Oct 1: *We Journey to Assisi to Explore Evangelical Poverty and Reform of the Church.* Breakfast. Travel to Assisi. On arrival, visit the Convento di San Damiano – where St. Francis' story and conversion begins - with either liturgy or prayer here. Continue to the hotel for check-in and a light lunch. This afternoon, enjoy a guided visit of the Basilica of San Francesco > Dinner and overnight Assisi.

Tue Oct 2: *Our Spiritual Paths.* Breakfast. Begin with a guided visit to Santa Chiara and other historical sites associated with St. Clare and St. Francis in the city center. Have liturgy at St. Leonard's, followed by the afternoon at leisure. Gather for prayer this evening at the hotel. Dinner and overnight Assisi.

Wed Oct 3: *Solitude.* Breakfast. Travel to the Eremo delle Carceri. At the hermitage, attend public or have private liturgy or prayer. The afternoon will be at leisure

for hiking, prayer, wandering, etc. Depending on interest, visit the ceramics town of Deruta and one of the workshops or galleries here. This evening, enjoy a wine tasting and dinner at a nearby vineyard. Overnight Assisi.

Thu Oct 4: *Celebrating the Visionary Work and Message of St. Francis.* Breakfast. Attend a special liturgy today to celebrate St. Francis' feast. Visit the Porziuncula – the small chapel inside the large church in the valley city (Santa Maria degli Angeli). There may be other special events in Assisi – including concerts, liturgies, processions, etc. The afternoon will be free to participate in these. Dinner and overnight Assisi.

Fri Oct 5: *Taking the Message of St. Francis to the Larger Church Community.* Breakfast. Travel to Rome. Visit St. John Lateran as the place where St. Francis met the Pope to gain approval for the Order. Continue with a visit to St. Paul's Outside the Walls, followed by a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight Rome.

Sat Oct 6: *We Return Home as Pilgrims Renewed.* Breakfast. Transfer to the airport for the return flight to the USA.

Inclusive Features

Roundtrip air from Charlotte to Rome, 7-nights accommodations in central 4-star hotels, breakfast daily, two lunches, six dinners, a full time tour manager, guided visits with local experts per the itinerary, and local transportation via deluxe motorcoach

Travel Resource Center

Visit www.travelillum.com/trc/nbj for details and registration information.

With questions please contact:

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Complete Program Prices

Includes group airfare and airport transfers

\$4525 per person based on double occupancy

Price includes an estimate of \$500 for airline taxes, airport fees, security fees, and fuel surcharges (

\$700 supplement for single occupancy

Land Only Program Prices

Excludes all airfare and airport transfers

\$3525 per person based on double occupancy

\$700 supplement for single occupancy

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All prices listed are discounted for payment by check. When paying with a credit card you will be charged the standard base price which is 5% higher.

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The program prices will be reviewed before the invoices for the final payment are mailed, and will reflect the current prices.

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\$353 per person – single occupancy

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Program Registration

Complete the Application and forward with your **\$800.00** deposit per person (and travel protection payment, if purchasing) by **January 31, 2018** to:

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Registrations will be accepted after **January 31** on a space-available basis. Additional costs may apply. Contact Illume for pricing and availability after **January 31**.

Checks should be made payable to Illume.

A second non-refundable deposit of **\$1800** per person due not later than: **April 18, 2018**

Balance of payment due not later than: **June 30, 2018**

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