

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

A Journey to Assisi and Rome

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Father Thomas Walsh, of St. Bartholomew's Parish in East Brunswick, NJ, invites you on a journey to explore the life, times and vision of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. These were two of the most influential people in the life of Christianity, challenging the Church to stay true to its Gospel values. We plan an extended period of time in Assisi, where the spirit of these two visionary saints continues to be evoked by the well preserved medieval village. We will travel to nearby towns where St. Francis traveled, explore the Umbrian countryside, and have time to enjoy the serenity, breathtaking views, local art, and hospitality of Assisi. Our program ends with a couple of nights in Rome before we return home. Come join this rich and transformative journey we have planned for you.

Program Highlights

Wednesday, October 10: We will depart Newark on an overnight flight to Rome. Two meals will be served on the flight.

Thursday, October 11: Arrival Rome. We will meet our tour manager at the airport and transfer by private deluxe motorcoach to our guesthouse in Assisi. We will check into the guesthouse, and then Visit the Convento di San Damiano. We will celebrate Mass here before enjoying dinner back at the guesthouse. Dinner and overnight Assisi.

Friday, October 12: Breakfast. We will begin with morning Mass at St. Francis, followed by a guided visit to the Basilica. The rest of the day will be at leisure. Before dinner, we will visit the Porziuncula in the valley. Dinner will be at the guesthouse this evening. Overnight Assisi.

Saturday, October 13: Breakfast. Today we will travel to the Convent of La Verna, where St. Francis received the stigmata. We will visit the site and have Eucharist here. Afterwards, we will visit Gubbio - where St. Francis tamed a wolf - for a casual walking tour of the old city. We will return to Assisi for dinner at the guesthouse. Overnight Assisi.

Sunday, October 14: Breakfast. This morning we will visit San Ruffino and celebrate Mass here. We will continue with a visit to Santa Chiara, followed by the rest of the day at leisure in Assisi. Some people may want to walk to the hermitage of Eremo dei Carceri; others may want to explore the Rocca Maggiore or just take time to explore the city. We will enjoy dinner at the guesthouse this evening. Overnight Assisi.

Monday, October 15: Breakfast. Today we will travel to Rome. En route, we will stop in Greccio to see the place where St. Francis created the first crèche/live manger scene. We will celebrate Mass here before continuing on. Depending on time

or interest, we will also stop in nearby La Foresta, where St. Francis wrote the Canticle of the Creatures. We will check into the hotel upon arrival in Rome. Overnight Rome.

Tuesday, October 16: Breakfast. We will begin with Mass this morning at St. Peter's Basilica. Afterwards, we will go on a guided visit to either the Scavi (pending confirmation), or the Basilica itself. The afternoon will be at leisure. The tour manager will serve as a kind of private group concierge - facilitating other optional visits or activities. Overnight Rome.

Wednesday, October 17: Breakfast. We will enjoy the day at leisure. The tour manager will again help with arranging optional independent visits. This evening, we will enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight Rome.

Thursday, October 18: Breakfast. We will transfer to the airport for our return flight to Newark.

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Inclusive Features

Roundtrip air from Newark to Rome, 7-nights accommodations in a religious guesthouse (Assisi) and a 3 star superior hotel (Rome), breakfast daily, 5 dinners, a full time tour manager, guided visits with local experts per the itinerary, local transportation via deluxe motorcoach

Travel Resource Center

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

With questions please contact:

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Complete Program Prices

Includes group airfare and airport transfers

\$3,975 per person based on double occupancy

\$350 supplement for single occupancy

Land Only Program Prices

Excludes all airfare and airport transfers

\$3,175 per person based on double occupancy

\$350 supplement for single occupancy

Please note: Single rooms for single use are limited to 10% of the total number of rooms reserved. Should additional single rooms be requested, hotels may impose a higher supplement for all single rooms of \$600. If you have selected double occupancy but no roommate is available due to uneven numbers or if your roommate should cancel you will be in a single room and responsible for the single room supplement.

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.

All program prices are based on availability of services at the time registration material is received; currency exchange rates in effect February 22, 2018—and on 2018 land and air tariffs—and are subject to change. All services are provided subject to Illume's Conditions and Clauses.

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

Travel Protection

Illume suggests that you purchase travel insurance to help protect your trip and your investment from unexpected circumstances. Please read the Illume Conditions and Clauses attached to the Program Registration Application to review the charges that will apply in the event that you cancel your program participation. Illume offers you the option of purchasing a Group Deluxe Travel Protection Plan for your program. If you wish to purchase the plan, **the premium should be paid with your initial deposit on the same check.**

Travel Protection Rates

Group Deluxe

\$242 per person – double occupancy

\$276 per person – single occupancy

Group Deluxe – Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR)*

\$363 per person - double occupancy

\$414 per person – single occupancy

*CFAR coverage is 75% of the nonrefundable trip cost. Trip cancellation must be 48 hours or more prior to scheduled departure. CFAR is not available to residents of New York State.

This Travel Protection Plan is provided by Travel Insured International. All questions concerning covered reasons for cancellation, coverage while traveling, benefits and filing claims can be best answered by calling Travel Insured. Travel Insured International's customer care phone number is **1-(844)-440-8113**.

To download the Plan Document, please visit the "Travel Protection" link on your program's Travel Resource Center.

Program Registration

Complete the Application and forward with your **\$800.00** deposit per person (and travel protection payment, if purchasing) by **April 8, 2018** to:

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Registrations will be accepted after April 8 on a space-available basis. Additional costs may apply. Contact Illume for pricing and availability after April 8.

Checks should be made payable to Illume.

A second non-refundable deposit of **\$1800** per person due not later than:
May 22, 2018

Balance of payment due not later than:
July 12, 2018

Note: Any changes to the program will be outlined in the final documents which you will receive one month prior to departure. If changes are made that affect the program price, you will receive an invoice or a credit accordingly.

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