

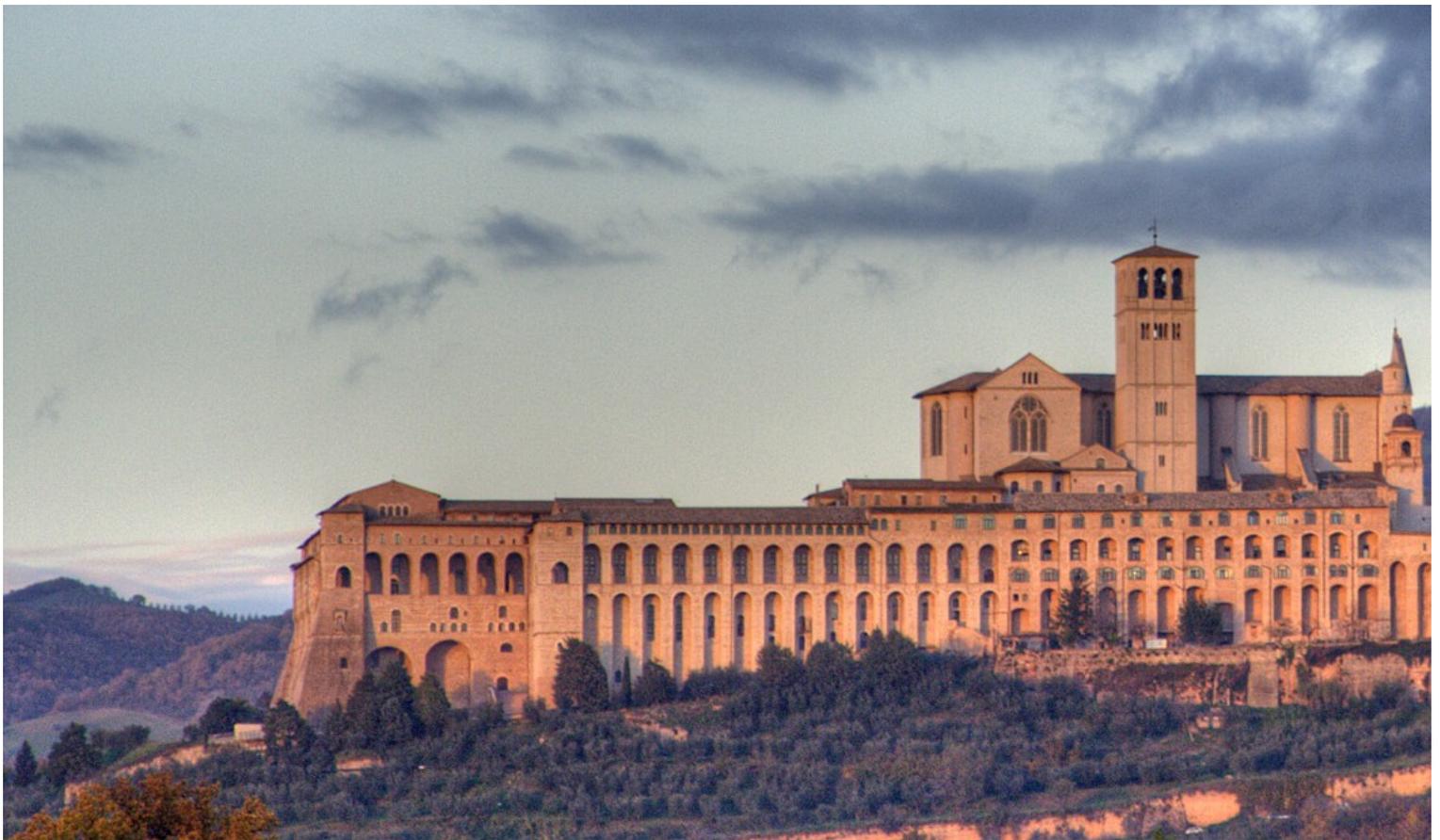


Pilgrimage to
ASSISI

For the Feast of St Francis

Led by Fr Allen Morris

Tuesday 3rd - Friday 6th October 2017



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Assisi is situated in the heart of Italy in the province of Umbria, a region celebrated for being verdant and an ever-changing landscape of mountains, wooded hillsides and wide open valleys. It was in this area sometimes also called 'The Land of Saints' that St Francis and St Clare were born at the end of the 12th century. Both of them were reluctant leaders but their stubborn devotion to following the gospel ideals proved to be a beacon, which attracted many people and has meant that the Franciscan and Poor Clare orders have had a profound effect on the Church. Time will be spent in Assisi and its surrounds seeing the places where the saints lived out their mission, whilst also being able to appreciate as Francis did the glory of the natural world in this special place.

Day one - Tuesday 3rd October 2017

London - Perugia

We fly from Stansted to Perugia on a scheduled direct flight. On arrival in Italy, we transfer by coach to Assisi (20 minutes) where we check into our guesthouse, situated in the old town, for a 4-night stay. This afternoon we travel the short distance into the valley below Assisi and visit the Porziuncola and the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli. We are welcome to stay for the Solemn Commemoration of the death of St Francis (Transitus di San Francesco) in the Basilica. Afterwards return to our guesthouse. Dinner will be in the hotel on each evening of our stay.

Day two - Wednesday 4th October

Feast of St Francis

This morning will be free to attend Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Saint. There will be many festivities in Assisi to mark the Feast Day. This afternoon there will be the opportunity to attend Vespers in the Lower Basilica.

Day three - Thursday 5th October

Assisi

This morning, we walk through the streets of Assisi as Saints Francis and Clare would have known it. Visit the Cathedral of San

Ruffino, the church of Santa Maria Maggiore and the Chiesa Nuova (New Church), built on the site of Francis' house. Afterwards we visit St Clare's Basilica, which now houses the Crucifix that called to Francis and the tomb of St Clare. In the afternoon there will be an explanation of the Basilica of St. Francis, hopefully by one of the resident friars.

Day six - Friday 6th October

Perugia - London

After breakfast, transfer to Perugia airport for our return flight to London Stansted.



NB: This tour involves a substantial amount of walking, some of which may be over irregular surfaces such as cobblestones and badly maintained walking areas. If everyday walking is something you find difficult, this tour may be unsuitable for you.

This itinerary is subject to change without prior notification

PRICE = £549

Includes:

- Return scheduled flights: Stansted - Perugia. UK and Italy airport taxes.
- 15kg luggage allowance (1 piece) plus one piece of hand luggage per person.
- 3-nights accommodation in shared twin-bedded rooms private facilities as follows: 3rd - 6th October in Assisi, in a guesthouse in the old town.
- Meal plan: 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 3 dinners.
- All transfers by air-conditioned coach.
- A walking tour of Assisi in the footsteps of St Francis and St Clare.
- A guided tour around the Basilica of St Francis by a resident friar (provided that there is a English-speaking friar in the residence at the time).
- A Pax Travel Tour Manager to accompany the group.
- Daily Mass.
- ATOL and ABTA financial protection.

Extras:

- Travel insurance at £26.00 per person.
- Single room supplement at £60 per person for 3 nights (limited availability).
- 2 lunches.
- Gratuities to hotel, restaurant staff and coach drivers (we recommend €20 from each pilgrim).
- U.K. coach transfers. Fuel surcharges if passed on by the airline.

Deposit of £200 (plus the insurance premium if the cover we offer is required) per person, with a completed booking form. The balance payment to be received by Pax Travel no later than 3rd August 2017.

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