



Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

2016 Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy

February 20-28, 2016

Accompanied by Fr. Richard Wise

\$1750 per person (ground only)

(\$750 per person: optional add-on February 28-March 4)

Papal Audience with Pope Francis ♦ Vatican Museums ♦ Sistine Chapel ♦ Major papal Basilicas of St. Peter's, St. Paul's, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major ♦ Church of Holy Cross (Santa Croce) ♦ Coliseum ♦ Roman Forum ♦ Assisi

*Included in Price:

- ♦ 7 nights in Rome in first-class, newly restored hotel near St. Peter's (2 pilgrims per room)
(Note that single-occupancy rooms are limited and may be available at an additional cost)
 - ♦ Continental breakfast, plus dinner daily
 - ♦ Private, chartered motor coach (as per itinerary)
 - ♦ Day trip to Assisi
 - ♦ Accompanying guide for duration of trip
 - Entrances to churches, museums, etc. as per itinerary
 - Daily Mass

NOT Included: airfare one meal per day, tips/gratuity (estimate \$10/day), or optional travel insurance.

**Contact us about airfare.

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Itinerary*:

Saturday, February 20

Our pilgrimage will begin with overnight flight from your departure city to Rome Fiumicino airport. Dinner and breakfast will be served on board. (Note that you will be sent instructions on where/how to meet the group in the Rome airport or at the hotel.)

Sunday, February 21

At 10:30 in the morning, we will offer a chartered coach to pick up to take you to the hotel. After check-in at the hotel (walking distance to the Vatican), we will have some rest time followed by an initial orientation and time to get to know the guide as well as one another. Then we will walk down to St. Peter's for a leisurely visit. After lunch on our own, and some free time around the Vatican we will return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Monday, February 22

This morning, we will enjoy a guided visit to two more of the four papal Basilicas: St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls – built over the tomb of St. Paul. After lunch on our own, we will have a guided visit of the Catacombs St. Calixtus, the oldest and most important catacombs in Rome. St. Calixtus was the only official cemetery in Rome for Christians during the persecutions, and it is estimated that half a million martyrs were buried there over the course of three centuries. We will return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Tuesday, February 23

This morning, we will tour by one of the world's most famous monuments, the Flavian Amphitheatre, more popularly known as the Roman Coliseum. Next, we will walk along the Roman Forum – the center of political, economic, and religious life in ancient Roman times. After lunch at Rome's oldest operating restaurant – Ulpia – we will have a guided visit of the cathedral of Rome, St. John in Lateran as well as the adjacent Holy Stairs, believed to have been the stairs where Pontius Pilate judged Jesus. We will also visit Santa Croce in Jerusalem, famous for its collection of relics including a piece of the True Cross. Return to the hotel for overnight.

Wednesday, February 24

In the morning, we will walk down to Vatican City where we will listen to Pope Francis give his weekly Papal Audience in various languages. We will have the afternoon free to explore Rome as you wish. We will conclude with dinner and overnight in our hotel.

Thursday, February 25

Today we will enjoy a day trip to Assisi, home of Sts. Francis and Clare. We will begin with a visit to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, built over the small church called the Portiuncula, where St. Francis lived most of his life. (It also offers a Plenary Indulgence that is granted to those who visit it.) After lunch in a nice restaurant in the center of Assisi, we will have a guided visit of the Basilica of St. Francis, where St. Francis's body is entombed. The church is adorned with beautiful frescoes painted by masters of the high Middle Ages like Giotto, Martini, and Lorenzetti. In the afternoon we will take a walking tour through the medieval part of Assisi including the Basilica of St. Clare, which houses the body of St. Clare. We will return to Rome for overnight in the hotel.

Friday, February 26

This morning will be free to explore Rome at your leisure. In the afternoon, we will offer a walking tour of: Sant'Angelo Castle, Tiber River, Piazza Navona, Pantheon, and the church of St. Ignatius. Dinner will be served at the hotel.

Saturday, February 27

In the morning, we will have a guided visit of the world-renowned Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica. Since the 15th century, the Vatican Museums have housed some of the world's most important pieces of art and culture. The afternoon will be a free day to do as you wish in Rome. Return to the hotel for farewell dinner and overnight in Rome.

Sunday, February 28

Transfer to the Rome airport for return flight back to the US.

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Sunday, February 28: ROME-SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

This morning will be free in Rome until the 12:00 Papal Angelus. After, we will head south along the Adriatic Sea to San Giovanni Rotondo. Dinner and overnight in SGR.

Monday, February 29: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

Today we will get to know Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (1916-1968) who lived most of his life here in San Giovanni Rotondo. St. Pio was known for many supernatural experiences such as bi-location, reading souls, and bearing the wounds of Christ (the stigmata). Our tour will include the friary, old church, and the new church. In the afternoon, we will visit nearby Monte Sant'Angelo, an important place of pilgrimage, as it was a site of an apparition of St. Michael the archangel who appeared in a grotto here in the 5th century AD. We will return to San Giovanni Rotondo for dinner and overnight in the hotel.



Tuesday, March 1: SGR-LANCIANO-MANOPPELLO-LORETO

This morning we leave SGR and head north along the Adriatic Sea. We will visit the Capuchin church near the village of Manoppello housing what is believed to be the veil of Veronica. The veil, slightly transparent, shows the face of a peaceful man with long hair, beard, open eyes and the mouth slightly open. Its origin and composition remain mysterious. Next, we will continue to Lanciano housing one of the most well-known Eucharistic miracles in the Church. Here, visitors we will see up close the 12-century-old Host which became flesh (determined to be heart muscle), as well as coagulated droplets of blood (determined to be AB blood type). Next, we will continue to Loreto for dinner and overnight.



Wednesday, March 2: LORETO

Today, we will visit the Basilica built over the house of Mary in Loreto, the traditional birth-home of our Lady, which was brought to Italy in the 13th century. This house has been studied by many scholars who have concluded that the stones are from Nazareth, and the house was transported to Loreto most likely after the Crusades in the Middle Ages. In the afternoon, we can visit the area of Montorso, established by Pope John Paul II. Time and weather permitting, we can walk along the beach nearby. Dinner and overnight in Loreto.



Thursday, March 3: VALLEREMITA

Today, we will head north along the Adriatic Sea. Our first stop will be Sirolo. The seaside vacation resort area, with breathtaking views of the Adriatic, holds important relics. Next, we will arrive in Valleremita for a day of retreat and prayer. Nestled in the mountains behind Fabriano, this hermitage is known by the friars from the Marches as their "Portiuncula." This recently renovated hermitage was originally built originally as a fortress in the 9th century for a local lord. In the 11th century, it became a Benedictine convent for nuns until the Franciscans took custody of it in the 13th century. Return to Loreto for dinner.



Friday, March 4: LORETO-ROME AIRPORT

Today we will offer early morning transportation to the Rome airport, Fiumicino, for return flights home.

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PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION FORM

Pilgrimage to Rome for the Extraordinary Jubilee Holy Year: February 20-28, 2016
\$1,750 per person (*ground only*)
optional add on-Feb 28-March 4 — \$750 additional [\$2,500 per person total]

Please return with a deposit of \$500 per person to reserve your place (\$200 is non-refundable but transferable). Make checks payable to **St. Francis Pilgrimages**. Include a copy of passport photo/signature page. Return completed form to:

St. Francis Pilgrimages
PO Box 143
Senoia, Georgia 30276

Name exactly as it appears on passport: _____

Passport expiration date: _____

*N.B.: Your passport must be valid for 90 days after the return date;
if you are not a US citizen, you may need a travel visa in order to enter Italy.*

Name you go by, what you wish on your name badge: _____

Please circle which itinerary you are registering for: FEBRUARY 20-28 or FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 4, 2016

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

E-mail address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home tel: () _____ 2nd number: () _____

Emergency contact (name, telephone number): _____

My roommate will be: _____

(Single-occupancy rooms are limited and may be available for \$450 per person; if you do not have a roommate, one will be provided)

Your flight itinerary: _____

What do you expect from the pilgrimage? _____

Will you celebrate a special event (i.e. birthday or anniversary) during the pilgrimage? _____

Do you have special needs or concerns? _____

Do you have any health conditions or do you take medications for serious illness? If so, please list and describe: _____

If you have any health conditions, please see the Terms and Conditions on the next page of this form.

Upon receipt of your registration form, you will be mailed a detailed welcome letter explaining what to do and expect next.

I have read and understand terms and conditions on reverse and on website.

Signature (s) _____ Date: _____

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Nature of Pilgrimage and Accommodations: St. Francis Pilgrimages, LLC organizes religious travel itineraries in the pilgrimage tradition, rather than typical tours. As such, there is time set aside for private prayer and spiritual teaching. Accommodations are based on double occupancy and utilize a first class hotels near St Peter's. All rooms have private bath. Given the religious nature of the pilgrimage, and that groups often overnight in religious hotels, participants are asked to adhere to the expectations as such.

Price: The advertised price per person includes ground transportation as per itinerary in chartered coach, lodging (at double-occupancy), daily continental breakfast, and daily dinner. The price does not include airfare, one meal per day (estimate \$15/day), tips (estimate \$10/day), contributions to church collection plates during Masses, recommended travel insurance, personal expenses, or anything not expressly stated on the itinerary. Note that the price is based on a minimum of 15 paying participants; with less than 15, the price may be adjusted accordingly.

Payment Information: A deposit of \$500 is required to secure a reservation (\$200 is non-refundable but transferrable). Payments are due as follows: \$1,250 is due 100 days prior to departure. The optional add-on amount is due 70 days prior to departure. Payment can be made by personal check, money order, or through Paypal for an additional fee. Trip prices and costs are listed in US dollars (usd). Cancellations: If you cancel more than 100 days before departure, all payments will be refunded except \$200 of your deposit (which is transferrable). If the cancellation is made between 100 days and 70 days of departure, all payments will be refunded minus \$500 (in addition to the \$200 deposit). If you cancel from 70 to 30 days of departure, we will attempt to recover what has been paid to suppliers, but cannot guarantee any reimbursements. Within 30 days of departure, the full amount is non-refundable. Once issued, airline tickets are usually non-refundable, and refunds would be determined by the specific airline. Note that St. Francis Pilgrimages will only cancel a pilgrimage if there are insufficient registrations; if a pilgrimage is cancelled by St. Francis Pilgrimages, all payments will be refunded. However, if a participant cancels individually before St. Francis Pilgrimages officially cancels, refunds for that person will be based on the above criteria. *We strongly recommend trip insurance.*

Health: Participants often comment that the pilgrimage is strenuous, as it involves a lot of walking and stair climbing. If a participant has any health conditions (including psychological/mental), we require full disclosure to St. Francis Pilgrimages, LLC. Any participant who has serious health conditions (including psychological/mental), must inform his/her doctor of their intention to participate in the pilgrimage and submit a letter from his/her medical doctor stating that he/she is capable of fully participating in the pilgrimage without assistance. If such health conditions require extra assistance, a participant must be accompanied by such an assistant. St. Francis Pilgrimages, LLC and suppliers contracted for services reserve the right to refuse to accept any person whose behavior or health conditions are deemed likely to affect the smooth operations of the tour, or adversely affect the enjoyment or safety of other passengers. St. Francis Pilgrimages, LLC, its agents, and suppliers shall be under no liability to any such person for refund, compensation, repatriation or any other matters arising thereof.

Consumer Disclosure Notice: St. Francis Pilgrimages, LLC cannot accept responsibility for actions and/or service of independent contractors involved, i.e. air carrier, bus company, taxi, hotel, etc. St. Francis Pilgrimages, LLC reserves the right to cancel a pilgrimage if there are insufficient participants registered, in which case a refund of monies paid St. Francis Pilgrimages, LLC will be granted to participants. St. Francis Pilgrimages, LLC may change the itinerary if circumstances warrant it. St. Francis Pilgrimages, LLC cannot be held liable or financially responsible for illness, injury, or death incurred at any point during the trip. If travel is interrupted or the trip is forced to cancel due to labor strike, inclement weather, riot, national disaster, terrorism, or any other incident outside of the control of St. Francis Pilgrimages, St. Francis Pilgrimages cannot be held liable or financially responsible. *We strongly recommend trip insurance.*

