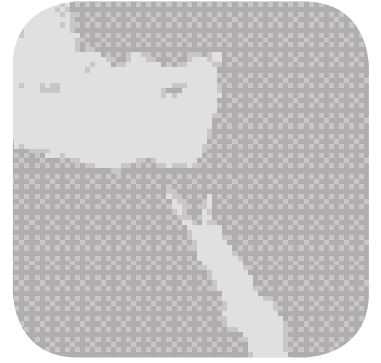


Franciscan Journey - Springtime in Assisi & Rome



18 Days 09 -26 May 2011 with Fr John Davis

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Join Fr John Davis on a pilgrimage to Assisi, home of St. Francis and St. Clare, with a difference. Enjoy ten rich and wonderful days soaking in the gifts and graces of the Franciscan spiritual tradition, while enjoying the warm and welcoming hospitality of the Franciscan nuns who run your guest house accommodation. An opportunity to reflect and pray at the major shrine places in and around this most beautiful of Umbrian hill towns, not as a fleeting visitor but as a resident pilgrim. All this in the perfection of a European late spring.

Prior to our stay in Assisi we have four nights in Rome, seeing the sights and enjoying the grandeur.

Each day prayer and worship will be offered, sometimes very simple, sometimes grand. In addition there will be daily visits to places of special cultural or religious focus, for those who want to explore more in depth. All this with the quality of experience and comfort that comes from being part of a group no larger than 25.

Pax et bonum - peace and well-being - is the Franciscan greeting. The easy pace of this Franciscan Journey will go a long way towards all of us receiving this gift.

Our Tour Leader is Fr John Davis tssf, Vicar of St Peter's Eastern Hill, Melbourne. From November 2010 he will be Diocesan Archdeacon in the Diocese of Wangaratta. He first went to Assisi in 1972 and there have been regular stays since. He is now a Third Order Franciscan and is co-author of The Gift of Saint Francis - a handy little introduction to Assisi.



For further information

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TOUR PRICE PER ADULT

Twin Share Land & flight package	AUD \$5599.00
Land Only Cost twin share	AUD \$3599.00
Single Supplement	AUD \$1350.00

Business Class Upgrade -
Cost & availability upon application

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Economy class flights with Emirates Melbourne to Rome & return
- All Airline taxes
- All Tips to Drivers & Guides
- Fully escorted ex Melbourne
- Arrival transfer from Airport to hotel in Rome
- Porterage at hotel in Rome
- 4 nights ROME – 4 star centrally located hotel – on Half Board Basis (Breakfast & Dinner)
- 2 full days sightseeing with Guide in Rome including Vatican, Sistine Chapel, Catacombs, Classic Rome – Colosseum & The Forum
- All Entrance fees to included sights in Rome & Assisi City sightseeing tour
- 1 full free day in Rome
- Coach transfer from Rome to Assisi & return to Rome Airport at conclusion of tour
- Half day guided walking tour of Assisi
- 10 nights Assisi on Bed & Breakfast basis staying with Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement- Assisi
- 3 day trips from Assisi to La Verna, Perugia, Rieti Valley, Greccio & surrounds
- 3 days coach usage for local trips around the Assisi area
- 3 full free days in Assisi
- Option to extend & stay on in Europe at the completion of the tour (upon application)

DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Any personal expenses.
- Travel Insurance
- Any not mentioned expenses and services.

LEGEND:

B = Breakfast/L= Lunch/D = Dinner

WHAT TO DO NEXT

A deposit of \$400 per person is required to secure your place on the tour. You will need to complete our Registration Form and return to our office with the deposit and a photocopy of the front photo/information pages of your current Passport. Please contact our office to obtain the Registration Form.

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ITINERARY

Monday 09 May

Depart Melbourne for our overnight journey with Emirates Airlines via Dubai to Rome.

Tuesday 10 May

Early afternoon arrival in Rome. Upon arrival into Rome you will be met by our local representative & transferred to our accommodation in Rome. The remainder of the day at leisure.

Tonight you will join your Tour Leader Fr. John Davis for an opportunity to meet your fellow pilgrims over Dinner.
(D)

Wednesday 11 May

After breakfast this morning we will venture into Rome for a full days touring today to cover the Vatican Museum, St. Peter's Basilica & Sistine Chapel world famous for Michelangelo's ceiling paintings & The Last Judgement. This afternoon we will visit some of the many beautiful churches in Rome – St. Maria Maggiore, St. John the Lateran & the Roman Cathedral. We will also explore the Catacombs today. The Christian catacombs, which are the most numerous, began in the second century and the excavating continued until the first half of the fifth.

(B & D)

Thursday 12 May

Full day of sightseeing today exploring Classical Rome including this morning a visit to the Colosseum & The Forum, where Roman Legions marched in triumph. This afternoon our sightseeing will include the Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps and the Pantheon.

(B & D)

Friday 13 May

Today your time is your own - a free day to relax, shop or further explore this wonderful, vibrant city.

(B & D)

Saturday 14 May

After breakfast this morning we will depart Rome & make our way to Assisi where we will spend the next 10 nights at St. Anthony's Guest House run by the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement.

This afternoon we will have a guided walking tour of the old town of Assisi to familiarise yourself with this wonderful hilltown – home to St. Francis & St. Clare. We will visit the Church of St. Clare, Piazza del Comune with the Minerva temple, Portico del Monte Furmentario & the Basilica of Saint Francis. (B)

Sunday 15 May

Today will be leisure day to allow you to attend the major Church services offered in Assisi.
(B)

Monday 16 May– Wednesday 18 May

Over these 3 days we will have 3 full days of leisurely sightseeing to La Verna, Perugia, Rieti Valley, Greccio & surrounds.

(B)

Thursday 19 May – Saturday 21 May

Over these 3 days you will have coach transportation for sightseeing in and around Assisi & neighbouring towns.

(B)

Sunday 22 May – Monday 23 May

Free time over these 2 days for you to spend as you wish – to relax & enjoy, reflect & immerse yourself in this spiritual experience before our homeward journey.

(B)

Tuesday 24 May

This morning after breakfast we bid a fond farewell to Assisi & the Franciscan nuns as we make our way back to Rome for our mid afternoon flight home back to Melbourne.

(B)

Wednesday 25 May

In flight (via Dubai)

Thursday 26 May

Early morning arrival into Melbourne.