

Franciscan Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

"... in the footsteps of Francis and Clare"

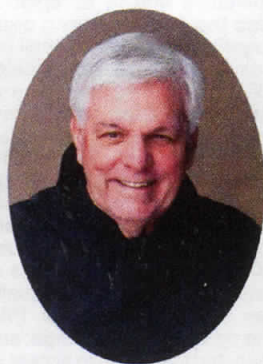
September 10 - 19, 2024, 10 days



Friar Noel Danielewicz, OFM Conv. - Spiritual Guide

All inclusive cost from Newark: \$3,990 per person, dbl room

Single room supplement: \$500



Sisters and Brothers,

May the Lord give you peace! Journey with us to Rome and Assisi on a Pilgrimage of Gratitude in the way of Francis & Clare".

Based in Assisi, we will travel to the hermitages of La Verna and Greccio where we celebrate Mass as we visit the sacred sanctuaries. Along the way we will experience the Italian landscape, 13th century art and architecture, the delight of Italian cuisine while being immersed in Gospel spirituality and fraternity.

This is indeed a blessed moment to walk together as sisters and brothers sharing love for Francis and Clare. This journey is guaranteed to change your life.

Have sandals will travel! Ciao, Friar Noel



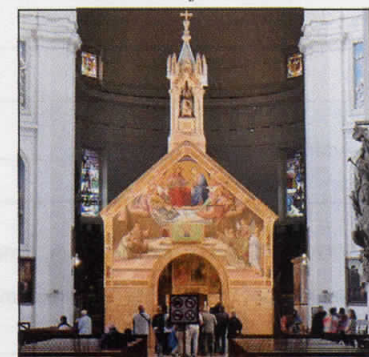
St. Peter's Basilica



Greccio



Basilica of St. Clare



Porziuncola

PILGRIMAGE PROGRAM

September 10/Tue - Depart for ROME. This evening depart on an overnight flight for Rome with meals on board.

September 11/Wed - ROME - ASSISI. Upon arrival in Rome we will continue by coach to Assisi (110 miles) for a five night-stay in the Hotel CRISTALLO. Time to rest and unpack before dinner. (D)

September 12/Thu - ASSISI. Our first day in Assisi begins with a Mass at the Tomb of St. Francis and a tour of the Basilica. After lunch in a local restaurant we visit Church of St. Mary above Minerva, the Piazza Comune and the Cathedral of San Ruffino. (B, D)

September 13/Fri - ASSISI. Today we travel to the Basilica of St. Clare and pray at the Chapel of the Crucifix of San Damiano and the tomb of Clare. After independent lunch have free time to enjoy the ceramic shops at the Piazza Santa Chiara. In the afternoon we drive to the Church of San Damiano to celebrate Mass and continue to St. Maria Maggiore with the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis. End the day with an evening prayer with the Poor Clares. (B, D)

September 14/Sat - ASSISI - LA VERNA. Today we head North for La Verna and the Sanctuary of the Stigmata beautifully situated on Mount Penna. We celebrate Mass at the hermitage. After lunch in Pilgrims Dining Room visit the chapel of the Stigmata and have some free time to admire the views and terracotta works of Della Robbia. (B, L)

September 15/Sun - ASSISI - BASTIA - RIVOTORTO. We start with the Sunday Mass at Porziuncola, a small chapel within the walls of the Basilica of Santa Maria Degli Angeli from where the Franciscan movement began. After independent lunch continue to Rivortorto, the first Franciscan Friary. In the Church of Santa Maddalena, dating back to the 12th century

we have a Healing Service in the Chapel of the Lepers. It is believed that it belonged to the hospital where St. Francis nursed the lepers. (B, D)

September 16/Mon - ASSISI - GRECCIO- ROME. Leaving Assisi after breakfast, our coach journeys to the Eternal City of Rome. En route we will stop in Greccio where St. Francis began the Christmas Creche tradition 800 years ago. Here we will celebrate Christmas. After lunch on our own, continue to Rome and settle-in at the CASA RAVASCO SAN PIETRO in the center of Rome within walking distance to Vatican City. (B, D)

September 17/Tue - ROME. After breakfast we will get acquainted with the treasures of the St. Peter's Basilica and have Mass in one of the chapels at the Vatican Grottoes. After independent lunch we will walk to the Vatican Museum to admire the renown Sistine Chapel created by Michelangelo in the 16th century. Balance of the day is at leisure. (B, D)

September 18/Wed - ROME. On our final day in Rome we meet a local guide for a tour of its ancient monuments, the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Trevi Fountain. Included is the magnificent Basilica of St. John Lateran where we celebrate Mass. It is here that St. Francis received the Church's approval of the Franciscan Rule (way of life). (B, D)

September 19/Thu - ROME - USA. After breakfast, depart for the airport and check-in for our flight home. (B)

As we say Arrivederci to Rome, pray that this pilgrimage has been filled with blessings and gratitude for all God's goodness as we continue to journey forward and inward into the GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Friar Noel, OFM Conv.

PILGRIMAGE COST INCLUDES:

- Round trip air transportation from NEWARK. Flights from other cities are available on request
- Accommodations in hotels specified in twin bedded rooms with private bath
- Two meals daily: breakfast (B), lunch (L) or dinner (D)
- Transfers on arrival and departure with assistance
- English speaking guide for excursions in Rome
- Mass daily
- Transportation between cities by air conditioned motor coach or vans
- All U.S. and international departure taxes, customs and immigration fees
- In Assisi, Friar Noel will be your personal guide and spiritual director

OUR HOTELS:

ASSISI - Cristallo

ROME - Casa Ravasco San Pietro

Pilgrimage program is subject to change due to local conditions.



TOUR CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS/PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$250 per person is required at the time of booking. Full payment is due July 11, 2024 payable by check. Price of the tour includes a built-in discount of 3% for payment by cash or check. There is no discount on credit card sales.

TOUR COST: Tour price is based on group airfares and currency exchange levels in effect at the time of printing. It is subject to adjustment in the event of significant changes in the exchange levels or any surcharges imposed by the airlines.

TOUR/AIR ARRANGEMENTS: Air transportation will be provided on United airlines non-stop flights from Newark.

Hotel accommodations will be provided in twin bedded rooms with private bath. Very limited number of single rooms is available at the supplement shown.

Unused hotel accommodations or any other unused features of this tour are not refundable or exchangeable for other services. The right is reserved to substitute hotels and sightseeing features if it becomes necessary.

Each tour member must be able to get on and off the motor coach unaided and not require walking devices or wheelchairs. Please note that some sites may require walking on cobblestone streets and staircases which will present difficulties for tour members with physical limitations.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST: Cost of passports, items of a personal nature; phone calls, laundry, optional insurance, additional meals/beverages, gratuities to the tour guides and drivers.

BAGGAGE: Free baggage allowance on checked baggage is one suitcase not exceeding 50 lbs plus one carry-on bag not exceeding 17 lbs.

NO VACCINATIONS are required by law.

DOCUMENTS: A valid U.S. or foreign passport is required. To apply for passport, contact your local Post Office. Check the validity of your passport. Expiration date must be beyond March 21, 2025.

CANCELLATIONS: All cancellations must be made in writing to PAT TOURS. Full refund will be made for cancellations received up to 61 days prior to departure less a \$25 administrative fee. Between 60 - 46 days deposit of \$250 is non-refundable. No refund will be made for cancellations received less than 45 days prior to departure. AIRLINE TICKETS, when issued, are subject to the airline cancellation policy applicable to the airfare used. After completion of the tour, claims for refund must be made in writing within 30 days.

INSURANCE: All-inclusive insurance (cancellation, accident/health, baggage, delays) is strongly recommended and will be offered to all tour participants with confirmation. *If you have a pre-existing condition, insurance must be purchased within 7 days of deposit. Call PAT TOURS to request insurance application.* Insurance premium is non-refundable once purchased.

RESPONSIBILITY: The travel agency and the tour operator, PAT TOURS, 1446 Riverdale St, W. Springfield, MA 01089, Tel: 413-747-7702, act only as an agent in making arrangements for hotels, sightseeing tours, and transportation or any other service in connection with the itineraries of individual tour members who by acceptance thereof, acknowledge that the sponsoring organization and/or its agents and suppliers shall not be liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity, liability or expense to person or property due to act or default of any hotel, carrier or other company or person providing or rendering of services included in the tours. Further, the sponsoring organization and/or its agents accept no responsibility for any sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, government restraints, wars, whether declared or not, riots, theft, weather condition, defect in any vehicle of transportation or for any misadventure or casualty or any other causes beyond their control. PAT TOURS reserves the right to cancel, change, and substitute any service and to decline to accept or retain any tour member at any time for any reason including insufficient number of participants.

Printed in Feb '24

Complete and return the reservation form with a copy of your passport* to:

PAT TOURS, 1446 Riverdale St. West Springfield, MA 01089

e-mail: info@pattours.com

Tel: 413-747-7702; 1-800-388-0988; Fax: 413-747-8114

For information, call Friar Noel at 410-818-8149, e-mail: tau1226@gmail.com

*If you applied for passport, complete the form below and provide a copy of your new passport when available.

RESERVATION FORM: FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI, September 10 - 19, 2024

Enclosed is my deposit check \$ _____ (\$250 per person) payable to PAT TOURS to reserve _____ seat(s) on the above tour departing on September 10, 2024. Deposit can also be made by credit card.

Please charge the amount of \$ _____ to my (AX, Visa, Master Card, Discover) # _____ Exp. Date _____

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME (as appear in your passport)

Tel: Home: _____ Cell: _____

e-mail: _____

I/We will be departing from: Newark _____;

Other (please specify) _____

Special requests: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

ROOM OCCUPANCY: Double room: One bed _____; Two beds _____;

Single room _____; Need roommate _____

Sharing with: _____
If requesting a roommate, please advise if smoking or non.

I have read and accepted the Tour Conditions on behalf of the above persons:

Signature _____