

Franciscan Pilgrimage

Veterans of the Military Pilgrimage

This itinerary may vary based on dates of travel and reservation availability.

Day 1

Depart USA

Day 2 - *New Beginnings*

- 12:10 PM Pilgrims arrive at Rome's Fiumicino airport
Prayer at the airport
Depart for hotel Il Cantico
- 2:00 PM Pranzo (lunch)
Time to unpack
- 4:00 Orientation Il Cantico rooftop
Prayer to open "pilgrimage"
- 5:00 Walking tour to Castel San'Angelo, Piazza Navonna, Pantheon, Trevi
Cena (dinner) at own's expense along the way

Day 3 – *Exploring Rome*

- 6:30 Colazione at Il Cantico
- 7:15 Leave Il Cantico--Walk to Vatican for Mass at St. John XXIII Altar
- 8:45 Mass at St. John XXIII Altar
- 9:30 Historical Visit of St. Peter's Basilica
Time on one's own to visit Rome and eat lunch on one's own
- 2:00 PM Meet at Obelisk in Vatican and walk to train for St. John Lateran
- 2:45 Historical Visit of St. John Lateran
- 3:30 Free Time to explore Rome; Coliseum, Changing of the Guard, Forum on one's own
- 7:00 Sharing at Il Cantico Rooftop
- 7:30 Cena Il Cantico

Day 4 – *The Journey and the Dream*

- 6:45 AM (Luggage in lobby)
- 7:00 Colazione
- 7:30 Depart for Rieti Valley
- 9:30 Arrive at Poggio Bustone, Eucharist in the Chapel
- 10:00 Eucharist in the Chapel
- 10:20 Expedition up the mountain
- 11:30 Depart for Sanctuary of Greccio
- 12:15 PM Greccio Sanctuary visit
- 1:00 Bus leaves for the town of Greccio
Pranzo at il Nido del Corvo
- 3:00 Depart for Assisi
- 5:00 Arrive in Assisi and walk down to hotel Casa Papa Giovanni (CPG)
- 5:30 Orientation to Assisi at the Piazza Comune
- 7:30 Cena at CPG
- 8:15 Rooftop discussion at CPG

Day 5 – Responding to the Call

7:00 Colazione at CPG
7:45 Meet at CPG rooftop to walk to Rocca Maggiore
8:15 AM Outdoor Mass at Rocca Maggiore
9:30 Historic Visit of San Rufino with baptismal ritual at font
Prayer Service in Memorial Chapel
10:30 Continue walking history: Chiesa Nuova, San Francesco Piccolo, the Family Shop
1:00 PM Pranzo at CPG
Riposo and personal time for reflection
3:00 Presentation on San Damiano Cross at CPG Chapel
3:20 Depart for St. Chiara Basilica for prayer in front of San Damiano Cross
4:00 Historic Visit with Stripping Ritual in San Maria Maggiore
6:30 Rooftop discussion at CPG
7:30 Cena at CPG

Day 6 – Francis and the Lepers

6:45 AM Colazione
7:00 Taxis down to Porziuncola
7:30 Mediation on walking over the Porziuncola threshold; Reflection of Mercy Walk
7:45 Eucharist in the Porziuncola Chapel
8:45 Historical Visit
Personal time
10:00 Walk to train station, Bus to Rivo Torto with ceremony by statue of Leper
11:00 Walk to WWII cemetery--Ceremony by the Grave of the Unknown Soldier
12:00 PM Taxi back to CPG; Cestini's, and pilgrims go in pairs to places of reflection and sharing
6:30 Rooftop sharing
7:30 Cena at the Lantern--Staff's treat to pilgrims

Day 7 - La Verna: The Wounds of St Francis

7:00 AM Colazione
7:45 Depart for Parcheggio B for bus
7:55 Bus departs for La Verna
9:30 Bus arrives
10:00 Historical visit of La Verna
11:00 Mass in St. Lawrence Chapel
12:30 PM Pranzo at Foresteria della Verna
3:00 Midday Prayer and Procession
3:45 Depart for Assisi
7:30 Cena at CPG

Day 8 -- *Healing and The Journey Inward and Onward with God*

6:45 AM Colazione
7:30 Depart for Basilica of St. Francis
8:00 Eucharist at Tomb of St. Francis
9:00 Historical visit of the Basilica
10:00 Taxis Depart for San Damiano
10:15 Healing Ritual
10:30 Historic Visit of San Damiano
1:00 pm Pranzo Festivo at CPG
2:00 Closing Ceremony with Evals at CPG Rooftop
Free Afternoon
Optional: Visit to World War II museum
Optional: Visit to Carceri
Optional: Visit to LaRocca
7:30 Cena at own expense

Day 9 -- The Return Home

TBD Bag breakfast
TBD Luggage at front door
TBD Leave for Fuimicino airport
TBD Plane departs for USA