

# ITALY

## *Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi*

Led by Bishop Roger Jupp SSC & David Hudson

Monday 3rd - Monday 10th September 2018



Bishop Roger Jupp and David Hudson led a pilgrimage in 2016 to the Holy Land and are joining together once again to make this trip to Italy, visiting both Assisi and Rome.



Assisi, a hill town in central Italy's Umbria region, is the birthplace of St Francis, who founded his religious order of poor friars there in 1208. Rome, one of the most magnificent and interesting cities of the world, and once the centre of a powerful empire, displays nearly 3000 years of art, architecture and culture. As the Eternal City, with its tomb of the Apostle Peter, it has been a place of pilgrimage since the Middle Ages, and is the centre of Western Christianity.

Thank you for your interest in our pilgrimage.

We hope that our varied programme will encourage you to join us.

**Day 1. Monday, 3rd September**  
**ROME - ASSISI**

Flight from Luton to Rome where we will be met and transferred to our Assisi hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

**Day 2. Tuesday, 4th September**  
**ASSISI**

After breakfast we have a guided walking tour of Assisi, visiting the Basilica of St Francis, where Giotto's well-known frescoes portraying the life of the saint can be seen, and the Basilica of St Clare, founder of the Poor Clares. In the afternoon we visit the Hermitage, the cave where Francis went to meditate, and San Damiano where he heard the voice of God whilst praying.  
Dinner and overnight stay in Assisi.

**Day 3. Wednesday, 5th September**  
**ASSISI**

After breakfast we visit the Church of Santa Maria degli Angeli in Lower Assisi, built around the chapel Francis himself built, and the Transito Chapel where he later died. We then drive through the beautiful Umbrian countryside to La Verna for a guided tour of the monastery. On our return to Assisi we stop at Rivortorto Church, once an animal shed where Francis and his early companions sheltered.  
Dinner and overnight stay in Assisi.

**Day 4. Thursday, 6th September**  
**ASSISI**

The morning free in Assisi and then transfer by private coach to Rome. Arrive at hotel accommodation, dinner and overnight.

## **Day 5. Friday, 7th September**

### **ROME**

We enjoy a morning guided tour of the Vatican City, St Peter's Basilica, the largest of all Catholic Churches, with its amazing grand and elaborate interior, and Vatican Museum. Marvel at the Sistine Chapel, with Michelangelo's masterpiece ceiling and Last Judgement. In the afternoon a guided tour visiting the Trevi Fountain, and the famous Spanish Steps loved by John Keats, in the bustling centre of the city.

Dinner and overnight in Rome.

## **Day 6. Saturday, 8th September**

### **ROME**

In the morning we reach the Basilica of St. Paul outside the Wall for the celebration for the Holy Eucharist. Then meet our guide for a tour of the Basilica. Then on to the site of early Christian Rome at the Appian Way, over which the Roman legions marched. In the afternoon there will be a visit to the Church of San Giovanni in Laterano and Santa Maria. Dinner in the hotel.

In the evening a possibility to enjoy a coach tour of Rome by night (Coliseum, Forums, Squares).

Overnight in Rome.

## **Day 7. Sunday, 9th September**

### **ROME**

A FREE day to relax and explore Rome. You may wish to re-visit places seen on previous days or explore new sites such as The Catacombs and the Pantheon.

Dinner and overnight in Rome.

## **DAY 8. Monday, 10th September**

### **ROME**

Breakfast in the hotel. Transfer to Rome airport for our return flight to London.

*NB. The Eucharist will be celebrated at various sites where appropriate.*

*Itinerary subject to change.*

### **Price £1535 per person**

#### **What the price includes**

- Return flights from London Luton to Rome with easyJet
- Accommodation in twin bedded rooms with private facilities on half board basis
- Services of a fully qualified English speaking guide
- Entrance fees, service charges and portorage
- Tours and transfers in deluxe air-conditioned coaches
- Gratuities for guide, driver and hotel
- Airport and local taxes
- ATOL protection

#### **Not included in the price**

- Single supplement £336 per person
- Travel insurance (see back page)

You will need a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) before you travel. It gives the holder rights to healthcare that becomes necessary during a temporary visit to EEA (European Economic Area) countries or Switzerland.

The EHIC replaced the E111 form in Jan 2006. The E111 form is no longer valid. More information can be found at [www.ehic.org.uk](http://www.ehic.org.uk)

Please note that the cost of the tour may be subject to surcharges - please see the booking conditions. Currency exchange rates used £1 = € 1.1005 as published in the Financial Times on 14th August 2017.

\* APC (ATOL Protection Contribution) provides passenger protection via the ATTF (Air Travel Trust Fund). For further information visit [www.caa.co.uk](http://www.caa.co.uk)

## How to Book

You can either book online at [www.christian-travel.com](http://www.christian-travel.com) or by completing the attached booking form and sending it together with your deposit of £200 (full payment if within 10 weeks of departure) to:

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## General Information

### Fitness

People of all ages are welcome, but, whatever your age, we must insist on a reasonable level of fitness. A number of sites involve rough walking.

### Your protection

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Travellers are responsible for ensuring that they have a valid passport for travel to the relevant countries and that it is valid for at least 6 months after the date of travel. A visa is not required for British Passport holders visiting Italy. At the time this brochure went to press no

vaccinations or inoculations are required for travel but you may wish to consult your own doctor for advice concerning this. If you have any queries regarding the above, we will be happy to help.

### Travel Advice

For the latest travel advice please visit [www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk), see BBC Ceefax page 470 onwards or call 0870 606 0290.

### Further Information And Paying The Balance

Further information will be sent to you regarding any action that may be required approximately 12 weeks before departure.

A final invoice will also be sent at this time and the balance for the tour must be paid at least 10 weeks before departure.

### Travel Information

Full travel information, including details of meeting points, flight times, accommodation and travel information, will be sent to you approximately 2 weeks before departure. Normally, tickets are not issued but are handed to you at the airport or departure point by our representative who will be there to ensure that you depart without a hitch and to deal with any last minute difficulties.

### Travel Insurance

It is compulsory to have travel insurance for your booking. Holiday Extras have a range of policies available at very competitive prices.

You can obtain a quote online by visiting [www.christian-travel.com](http://www.christian-travel.com) or alternatively you can call 0871 360 2742 and quote ABTA number 93522.

### Gratuities

Our normal procedure is to deal with tips on a group basis and these are included in the price. The tour leader will distribute them to the guide, driver and hotels on your behalf. Individual tipping is not recommended unless the circumstances are exceptional.

### Room Check In and Check Out Times

The standard international practice is to let rooms from midday to midday. However times do vary. Check-in times are usually between 2pm and 3pm, check-out times between 11am and 12 noon on the day of departure. Therefore, if you check-in immediately after a night flight this would normally count as one night's accommodation. Similarly if your return flight is at night you will normally be required to vacate your room at 12 noon prior to leaving for the airport. Day rooms are subject to availability/cost and should be arranged locally with the accommodation management.

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