



ASSISI – ROME 2009
Discovering the Spirit of
St. Francis & St. Clare

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Submit this application to: **Cathy Wong**



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Please check your preference:

Single Occupancy [] \$ 3100.00 CAD

Double Occupancy [] \$ 2,810.00 CAD

Person sharing with: _____

Triple Occupancy [] \$ 2,760.00 CAD

Persons sharing with: _____;

Meals: Breakfasts are included; however Lunch and Dinners will be left to each participant. Frequently on pilgrimages we will go in small groups to various local eateries. As a rule, if you choose to eat inside (seated) it will be more expensive than eating at a stand up bar or outside. Be sure to ask in advance to avoid any confusion or unexpected problems, remember we are guests in a foreign country and our familiar North American customs simply do not apply here.

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Important Notes:

1. Gratuities are **NOT** included in the tour price.
The suggested tipping amount is €4 - €6 per participant for the guide for a full day tour.
2. Travel / Health Insurance is **NOT** included in the tour price.
Travel Insurance is available for Canadian participants on request, through Tour Design. American participants will need to source US based insurance coverage.
3. Payment by cheque is preferred; payment by credit card will incur a 3% surcharge.
4. Please ensure that your name as submitted on this form is your name as it appears on your passport.
5. Passports must be valid until 6 months from the date of departure at the last destination.
6. The **“Scavi” or City of the Dead** beneath the St. Peter’s is a separate tour (these are beneath the Papal Grottoes level), participants wishing to take part in this must indicate their intention here [] and bring with them the €10.00 entrance fee.
7. **Tour Design requires the submission of a photocopy of your passport information, Please send this information only, along with any medical concerns (in confidence) to:**

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Bro. Alan R. Gaebel, ofm, cap.

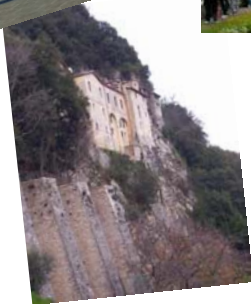
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Cancellation Charges:

Between date of booking and May 26, 2009 (inclusive)	\$200.00 CAD
Between May 26 and June 25, 2009 (inclusive)	\$500.00 CAD
Between June 26 and September 20, 2009 (inclusive)	50% of tour cost
Between October 1 and departure (inclusive)	100% of tour cost



Detailed Itinerary

- Day 1 (October 2) An evening flight from Toronto's Pearson Airport, arriving in the morning at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport (Fiumicino). Be certain to arrive at the airport early and be prepared for our friends at security and customs!*
- Day 2 (October 3) (Transitus) Arriving in Rome we will take a private coach to Casa Il Rosario. There we will unpack, adjust to our new surroundings and time zone, rest! We will go out for dinner and later have a gathering orientation and celebrate the Transitus of St. Francis.*
- Day 3 (October 4) (Feast of Francis) Today we will visit the nearby sites of San Giovanni Laterano, the Holy Steps (La Scala), San Clemente, the Coliseum and the Roman Forum. In the evening we will celebrate Eucharist and the Feast of St. Francis.*
- Day 4 (October 5) Vatican City! We will explore St. Peter's, the Papal Grottoes, the Scavi, the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel.*
- Day 5 (October 6) Piazza Barberini named for the Barberini family! Here we will celebrate Eucharist at the Capuchin Church of the Immaculate Conception and visit the Capuchin Grottos, the Pantheon, Fontana di Trevi, and the Spanish Steps.*
- Day 6 (October 7) Arrivederci Roma! As we depart via private coach for Assisi. Soon, we will arrive at St. Anthony's guesthouse, unpack and settle in... we will be here for the next seven days! There will be a welcoming and introduction to Assisi followed by an orientation walk of this ancient and medieval town.*
- Day 7 (October 8) We will travel 4 km up Mt. Subasio to Eremo della Carcheri where we will celebrate an Outdoor Mass (weather permitting) among the tranquil trees and vistas to be found here. We will also visit the historic La Rocca Maggiore, as well as the Basilicas of San Rufino and Piazza San Rufino where St. Clare's childhood home was located.*
- Day 8 (October 9) This morning we will celebrate Eucharist in the Capele della Pace at the Sacro Convento, following which we will visit the Basilica San Francesco and St. Francis' Tomb. We will then walk up to the Piazza del Comune for lunch and then visit the Basilica Santa Chiara, where we will see the San Damiano Cross that spoke to St. Francis and visit the Tomb of St. Clare.*
- Day 9 (October 10) Today we will tour the valley below Assisi as we visit San Damiano the church that St. Francis rebuilt and where St. Clare lived with her Poor Ladies of Assisi in the early days of the Franciscan movement. We will also visit Rivo Torto where Francis and the early brothers lived among the lepers. From here we travel across the valley to Santa Maria degli Angeli and the Portiuncola... the Franciscan Bethlehem so named because the Franciscan Order was born here. In the evening we will gather to celebrate Eucharist.*

- Day 10 (October 11) Today we will visit some of the sites which figured in St. Francis' conversion and the earliest days of the Franciscan movement, the Vescovado, House of Bernard of Quintevalle, Chiesa Nuova and San Francesco a Piccolino. In the evening we will celebrate Eucharist.*
- Day 11 (October 12) Viva Toscana! Today we will travel through Tuscany by private coach visiting Eremitaggio di La Cella a favoured hermitage of St. Francis, the Basilica of St. Margaret of Cortona who was the first Secular Franciscan to be canonized, Monte Cassale where St. Francis encountered the three thieves and finally La Verna, the mountain retreat where St. Francis received the sacred stigmata two years before his death in 1226.*
- Day 12 (October 13) Free Day in Assisi! Stop now! this is the time to revisit places that spoke to your spirit or to wander about Assisi and connect with its enchantments. Can you feel the spirit of Francis and Clare and the early brothers? Or perhaps you might choose to visit Florence, only a short train excursion away where you can see Michelangelo's "David", Ponte Vecchio or Santa Croce.*
- Day 13 (October 14) Viva Rieti! Travelling south into the Appenine Mountains we will visit the Rieti region where we will see Greccio, here is where our custom of the Christmas Crib or Nativity Scene began with St. Francis. Take note of the many and varied live-sized Creche's in the Basilica. Here also, is a monastery built by St. Bonaventure in the late 1200's. From Greccio we will travel to Fonte Columbo where Francis wrote his Rule of Life (the 800th anniversary of which is being celebrated this year!). Across the valley we will also visit Poggio Bustone, also visited by St. Francis as he returned from Rome after receiving the Popes approval of his Rule of Life and permission to preach. Here he famously greeted the townsfolk, "Buon Giorno, buona Gente!*
- Day 14 (October 15) Arrivederci Assisi! This morning we return to Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport where we will catch our flight home to Toronto, taking with us our recent memories and newly enlightened spirits to share with our family and friends in the weeks, months and years to come!*

