

Italy Pilgrimage

In the Footsteps of St. Francis

with Fr. Mark Wajda



Fr. Mark Wajda
Your Chaplain



Itinerary (Subject to Change)

September 14 - 24, 2026

Day 1: Sept. 14, 2025 | Departure from USA

Our pilgrimage to Italy begins today as we board our flights from Orlando to Rome.

Day 2: Sept. 15, 2025 | Arrival in Rome - Transfer to Assisi

Upon arrival at Rome Fiumicino Airport, we are greeted by our local guide and board our private motor coach for the scenic drive to Assisi. After checking into our hotel, we gather for a welcome dinner before retiring for the night. Overnight in Assisi.

Day 3: Sept. 16, 2025 | Basilica of St. Francis - St. Clares

Today we visit the quaint hilltop birthplace of St. Francis. We begin with Mass at Chiesa Nuova, built in 1615 on the site of the birthplace of St. Francis. Next, we will proceed to the Church of St. Clare to see the Saint's body, pray for her intercession, and see the San Damiano Cross. Then on to the basilica of St. Francis where we will pray over his tomb. Dinner and overnight in Assisi.

Day 4: Sept. 17, 2025 | Day trip to La Verna

Today we will travel to La Verna. One of the best known of the Franciscan shrines it is the place where, on the 14th of September 1224, St. Francis of Assisi received the Stigmata. On the floor of the chapel of the Stigmata we will see a stone which marks the spot where the Saint received the ultimate mark of Christ. We will celebrate mass at the Franciscan Sanctuary. In the afternoon we will return to Assisi for dinner and an overnight.

Day 5: Sept. 18, 2025 | Mass at Basilica of St. Francis - St. Carlo Acutis - St. Mary of the Angels

After breakfast, we will return to the Basilica of St. Francis to celebrate Mass. We then visit the Sanctuary of the Spoliation, where we venerate the tomb of St. Carlo Acutis, the first millennial to be beatified. Next, we visit St. Mary of the Angels where St. Francis spent most of his life. Here we'll visit the Chapel Portiuncola, the rose bush and the cave where the saint retired for prayer. Afternoon at leisure, dinner and overnight in Assisi.

Day 6: Sept. 19, 2025 | Siena day trip

We embark on a day trip to Siena. Our first stop is the Basilica of San Domenico, which houses the relics of St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church and co-patroness of Europe. We visit the Siena Cathedral, a masterpiece of Italian Romanesque-Gothic architecture, and explore the Piazza del Campo, famous for the Palio horse race. After celebrating Mass, we return to Assisi for dinner and overnight.

Day 7: Sept. 20, 2025 | Hermitage of Carceri

After breakfast we'll board our bus for a short drive to the Hermitage of Carceri. In the 13th century, Saint Francis of Assisi would often come to this place to pray and contemplate. We will celebrate mass at the Hermitage before visiting Chiesa di San Damiano where St. Francis experienced a powerful conversion, hearing a voice from a crucifix urging him to rebuild the Church. Afternoon at leisure, dinner and overnight in Assisi.

Day 8: Sept. 21, 2025 | Greccio - Transfer to Rome

Today our journey to Rome begins, en route we visit the medieval town of Greccio, renowned for its connections with St. Francis of Assisi and the birthplace of the Christmas crèche. On Christmas Night 1223, St. Francis led shepherds to the top of a nearby hill where they gathered in a stable sheltering an ox and a donkey. According to legend, the Baby Jesus miraculously appeared in the manger. On this spot the Franciscan convent of Greccio was built, and the Chapel of The Crib was erected in 1228. After Mass and lunch we will continue on to Rome. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Day 9: Sept. 22, 2025 | Major Basilicas of Rome

Today, we explore three of the major basilicas of Rome, beginning with St. John Lateran, the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome. We visit the Holy Stairs, believed to be the steps Jesus ascended during his trial before Pontius Pilate. Next, we visit St. Mary Major, one of the oldest churches dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the afternoon, we visit St. Paul Outside the Walls, where we venerate the tomb of St. Paul. We will celebrate Mass at one of these sacred sites. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Day 10: Sept. 23, 2025 | Papal Audience - Vatican City - St. Peters Basilica

After breakfast we will head to Vatican City to attend the Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square with our new Holy Father (subject to his availability), followed by Mass nearby the Vatican. After lunch, we tour the Vatican Museums, marveling at the treasures of the Church and St. Peters Basilica. In the evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner before retiring for the night. Overnight in Rome.

Day 11: Sept. 24, 2025 | Return Home

We transfer to Rome Fiumicino Airport for our flight back home, carrying with us the spiritual graces, friendships, and unforgettable experiences from our pilgrimage.

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