



VITERBO UNIVERSITY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Fr. Conrad Targonski and President Rick Trietley invite you

Alumni and Friends Franciscan Heritage Tour

Oct. 23–Nov. 1, 2023



Join Viterbo alumni and friends this fall for a tour of Franciscan Italy led by Viterbo's chaplain, Fr. Conrad Targonski, OFM and accompanied by President Rick Trietley. The theme of the tour is "The Valleys of St. Francis: Discovering our Viterbo Heritage." Walking in the footsteps of Sts. Francis, Claire, and even Rose of Viterbo, we will fly into historic Rome and then explore our Franciscan legacy in picturesque Italian valleys which include the cities of Greccio, Viterbo, Assisi, and Gubbio. Options include the celebration of Mass at the various sanctuaries; contemplating the spirituality of the places we visit and opportunities for relaxation, prayer, and of course, shopping.

TOUR ITINERARY *(subject to change)*

MONDAY, OCT. 23

- Departure from U.S. for Rome

TUESDAY, OCT. 24

- Arrive in Rome
- Pranzo (lunch)
- Orientation
- Cena (dinner)
- Night walk to St. Peter's Square

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25

- Colazione (breakfast)
- Mass and historical visit to St. Peter's Basilica
- Pranzo
- Historical visit to St. John Lateran
- Walking tour of ancient Roman ruins
- Cena

THURSDAY, OCT. 26

- Colazione
- Depart Rome
- Mass and historical visit at Greccio
- Festive Christmas pranzo
- Historical visit to Viterbo
- Bus to Assisi
- Cena
- Assisi welcome prayer and evening walk in the Piazza Comune

FRIDAY, OCT. 27

- Colazione
- Visit Chiesa Nuova
- Break
- Mass and historical visit to Santa Maria Maggiore
- Pranzo
- Historical visit and baptism ritual at San Rufino
- Cena

SATURDAY, OCT. 28

- Colazione
- Group Reflection
- Mass, historical visit, and healing ritual at San Damiano
- Pranzo
- Group Reflection
- Historical visit to the Basilica of St. Clare
- Prayer in front of the San Damiano Crucifix
- Cena
- Clare walk

• SUNDAY, OCT. 29

- Colazione
- Mass and historical visit to the Proziuncola
- Visit Rivo Toro
- Picnic lunch
- Leper ritual
- Cena

MONDAY, OCT. 30

- Colazione
- Depart for LaVerna
- Mass and historical visit at La Verna
- Pranzo
- Walking tour of Gubbio
- Cena
- Group Reflection

TUESDAY, OCT. 31

- Colazione
- Mass at the Tomb of St. Francis
- Historical visit to the Basilica of St. Francis
- Pranzo
- Free afternoon
- Closing ritual
- Cena on your own

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

- Bagged breakfast
- Bus to Rome FCO
- Depart for the U.S.

Good health is necessary to enjoy this experience. Tours are strenuous, with considerable walking, often in hilly areas, and stair climbing each day. Most international sites are not handicap or wheelchair accessible. Your full commitment is required from beginning to end.

Cost: \$3,500 (roundtrip airfare not included)

\$500 deposit due at booking.

Balance due Aug. 23, 2023.

Includes taxes; security fees; lodging in Rome and Assisi; all gratuities for bus drivers, lodging, baggage handling, and restaurants; all group entrance fees; all taxi services in Assisi; all but one or two meals when participants have free time on their own; daily Mass and rituals; two qualified guides/leaders.

Visit www.franciscanpilgrimages.com to review important details about the program.

For more information and booking scan the code or call the alumni office at 608-796-3072

