

CHICHESTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

"One in Christ":

A Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

under the leadership of
The Rt Rev'd Martin Warner
- The Bishop of Chichester -

13th - 20th April, 2026



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Paul said :

“After I have been to Jerusalem, I must also see Rome”

Acts 19:21

You are invited to take this opportunity to deepen your own spiritual experience and join me on this special two-centre pilgrimage. We will encounter some of the great saints who have shaped Western Christianity.

We begin our programme in Rome, the Eternal city to visit those places which have done so much to give the Christian faith tangible expression, whether through the witness of the blood of the martyrs or the sheer beauty of art, sculpture and architecture.

Visit the Vatican with its amazing museums, the catacombs where the early Christians worshipped secretly. Visit the churches of St. Peter & St. Paul and of St. Mary & St. John. Besides its importance to the development of the Christian faith, Rome is an open-air museum where archaeological remains and monuments of past centuries and civilizations are found everywhere. The Coliseum, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps are just some of the marvellous wonders we will encounter.

We will finally we spend a couple of days in the Umbrian town of Assisi set atop a hillside about 80 miles away from Rome, Assisi is the birthplace of St Francis, founder of the Franciscan Order and the Patron Saint of Italy. This picturesque town boasts much art and fine architecture too. It offers a peaceful and serene comparison to Rome.

Like millions of Christians before us, we will seek to learn, pray and experience God in the pilgrimage sites of these cities.

I hope you will join me.

+ Martin

Itinerary

Day 1, Monday 13th April

LONDON - ROME

We gather at London Gatwick Airport to join an early morning flight to Rome. On arrival we will be met by our guide and



then driven to our hotel in central Rome. We will drop off our cases and proceed to visit the Piazza di Spagna (Spanish Steps) and the Trevi Fountain, and the Basilica of Santa Maria del Popolo, run by the Augustine order, before proceeding to check-in at the Hotel Pienta Palace in the



afternoon and in good time to relax, freshen up before dinner. Overnight stay in Rome.

Day 2, Tuesday 14th April

CLASSICAL ROME

After breakfast we make our way to Rome to visit one of the most famous



sites, the Coliseum and the Roman Forum. We then continue to visit St Giorgio in Velabro, Carinal Newman's church, and Santa Maria AraCoeli, before proceeding to The Anglican centre, for Eucharist and lunch. In the afternoon Pantheon, one of the best-preserved of all Roman buildings. It has been in continuous use throughout its history and since the 7th century the Pantheon has



been used as a Roman Catholic church dedicated to "St. Mary and the Martyrs" but informally known as "Santa Maria della Rotonda" and finally to Piazza Navona, one of the most beautiful and vibrant squares in Rome, before continuing to our hotel for relaxation and to freshen up before dinner. Overnight stay in Rome.



Day 3, Wednesday 15th April **THE EARLY CHRISTIANS**

We begin our day with a visit to the Basilica of St Mary Major, , one of the oldest shrines dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, a shrine that contains a relic from the infant Jesus' manger from Bethlehem. Then on to the Basilica of St John in Lateran, a former residence of the popes prior to their return to Rome in 1377. The first basilica was dedicated on this site in the early 300s. From that time until the 1300s, it was the principal residence of the popes. It is still officially the seat of the Patriarch of Rome. The current church dates from the 17th century. Finally we continue to the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls, which houses the remains of St Paul under its main altar. The original Basilica was built by Constantine in 323 outside the city walls. We finally visit the



Catacombs of Domitilla, the only catacombs in Rome that has an underground Basilica. Return to our hotel in good time to relax before dinner. Overnight stay in Rome.



Day 4, Thursday 16th April **THE VATICAN CITY**

This morning after breakfast we make our way to the Vatican and begin by visiting St Peter's Basilica, built on the site of St Peter's crucifixion. The present grand building was started in 1506 and replaced an earlier Romanesque structure built by Constantine in 323. After visiting the Basilica and crypt, burial place of the Popes. We then proceed to visit the Vatican Museums (Subject to availability).



After a break for lunch we drive to St Onofrio, a titular church in Trastevere, Order of the Holy Sepulchre, where we hope to celebrate Mass (to be confirmed). Return to our hotel in good time to relax before dinner. Overnight stay in Rome.



Day 5, Friday 17th April
TO SANTA MARIA DEGLI ANGELI

Today we depart Rome after breakfast and drive through the hills of Umbria towards Assisi. On arrival we will stop in the large piazza which is dominated by the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli. The basilica was constructed in the Mannerist style between 1569 and 1679,



encompassing the earlier 9th century little church, the Porziuncola, the most sacred place for the Franciscans. It was the place where the young Francis renounced the world in order to live in poverty and the beginning of the Franciscan movement. The church was designed by the architect Galeazzo Alessi in collaboration with Vignola and a gold

statue of the Madonna stands out against the sky on the top of the basilica. After a break for lunch we continue to our hotel in Santa Maria degli Angeli and check-in for a three-night stay. The remainder of the afternoon is free to relax and explore this beautiful place. Dinner and overnight stay in Santa Maria degli Angeli.



Day 6, Saturday 18th April
ASSISI (St Francis Basilica, Old Town and Basilica of St Clare)

This morning we begin with a guided tour of the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, which is divided into two parts: one is known as the "lower church", built in the rock on one side of Mount Subiaso between 1228 and 1230, and the other as the "upper church", built above it between 1230 and 1253. This is in Gothic style. The two churches, united under the same name of "basilica", and have been listed as



Day 6 continued

UNESCO World Heritage Sites since 2000. The body of St. Francis was secretly transferred to the crypt in 1230 and was so well hidden that it was only rediscovered in 1818. After a break for lunch we begin a walking tour of the Old Town including the New Church (Chiesa Nuova), built on the site of St Francis' house. We then continue to the Basilica of St Clare which was built in the second half of the 13th century. Three large flying buttresses characterize the construction. The interior is simple and bare. A flight of steps leads down to the Crypt, which contains the mortal remains of St. Clare. The chapel of the Crucifix contains the famous Byzantine crucifix (12th century), which, according to the tradition, is supposed to have spoken to St Francis in the church of St Damiano. Return to our hotel in good time to freshen up before dinner. Overnight stay in Santa Maria degli Angeli.



Day 7, Sunday 19th April

The Eremo delle Carceri & San Damiano

Today we journey above Assisi to the architectural complex called "Hermitage of Carceri" developed around a grotto in which Saint Francis of Assisi used to retreat in order to pray. The Hermitage of Carceri is a place of memory, kept alive



by the Franciscan friars who still live there; and a place of witness, as well, permeated with spirituality. We then continue to San Damiano, a church with a monastery built in the 12th century and where Saint Clare built her community. Worship here is permitted so we will join together at this spot for reflection. After a break for lunch we will return to Santa Maria degli Angeli where the remainder of the afternoon will be free to enjoy this beautiful area, with its shops and cafes. Farewell dinner and overnight stay in Santa Maria degli Angeli.

Day 8. Monday 20th April

OUR JOURNEY HOME.

Today we leave Assisi after breakfast and travel west to Rome and enroute, time permitting, we will visit Orvieto, the town that sits on a high rock formation and crowned by Italy's most renowned Gothic cathedral. Because of its strategic location, Orvieto has served as a refuge for the popes in troubled times. Finally we make our way to Rome airport, breaking for lunch enroute. We then check-in for our return flight to London.

Please note this complex programme may be subject to minor local amendments and the order of visits could vary.

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- ✓ **A luggage allowance of 23kgs (50lbs) per person**
- ✓ **7 nights accommodation at the following selected hotels.**
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- ☐ Twin Bed Room
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TOUR PAYMENT

Deposit per person @ £250 = £

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