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PILGRIMAGE TOUR

April - May 2017

Steps of St Francis & Celtic Christianity

Pilgrimage Leaders
Rev John Hornblow and Dr Jenny Boyack

Highlights of the 26 day Pilgrimage:

- Easter Sunday in Assisi
- Walking in the hills and forests of Umbria and Tuscany
- Canterbury Cathedral: attending worship, a Cathedral concert & a workshop by the Director of Music
- Exploring the significant sites of ancient Celtic Christianity in Wales Ireland & Scotland
- Explore the islands of Iona & Lindisfarne
- Staying in some amazing retreat centres



**Join us on this Pilgrimage through Umbria, Tuscany,
Rome, England, Wales, Ireland & Scotland**

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Saturday 15th April 2017**D**

Arrive Rome airport early afternoon and depart for Assisi by coach. Evening: An introduction to Assisi and the life of St Francis & St Clare

Casa Del Teziario, Assisi

Twin Share Rooms, private Facilities
Includes Breakfast daily.

In: 15 April

Out: 20 April

Dinner Included

**Sunday 16th April 2017****B**

Join the **Easter Sunday celebrations in Assisi**, then visit Francis' birthplace, the Cathedral of San Ruffino, site of Francis' and Clare's baptism; the place of Francis' imprisonment; Francis' family home, & walk to the site of Francis' encounter with Christ in 1205 in San Damiano.

Dinner not included

Overnight at Casa Del Teziario

Monday 17th April 2017**B**

Walk to the **Carceri** for reflective time on the mountain, to which Francis retreated for prayer and solitude. Free time for exploring the walking tracks on **Mt Subasio**. Option to visit the ancient fortress of Rocca Maggiore (at own cost) which Francis attacked as a young soldier.

Vespers or free evening.

Dinner not included

Overnight at Casa Del Teziario

**Fitness**

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Tuesday 18th April 2017**B**

Explore the **Basilica of St Francis**, and the frescoes in the lower and upper Basilica. Visit the crypt where Francis is buried. Explore the Basilica of St Clare & reflect on her ministry and significance. Attend a lecture on the life of St Clare.

Dinner not included.
Overnight at Casa Del Teziario

**Wednesday 19th April 2017****B**

Full day visit to the **Rieti Valley** to visit sanctuaries set among the spectacular Sabine Mountains. Each site visited was significant in the development of Francis' ministry including **Greccio**, where St Francis created the first nativity scene. Return to Assisi.

Dinner not included
Overnight at Casa Del Teziario

Thursday 20th April 2017**B**

Depart for **Lake Trasimeno and Cortona**. Take the ferry across the lake to Isola Maggiore – where Francis spent one Lent. Continue to Cortona, one of the loveliest and most interesting cities in southern Tuscany. Reflect in the peaceful sanctuary of Le Celle which was founded by Francis.

Dinner not included

Casa Per Ferie Betania, Cortona

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Out: 21 April



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Friday 21st April 2017**B**

Visit **La Verna** & explore the mountain in the Casentino National Park where St Francis is said to have received the Stigmata. Return to Assisi for dinner.

Dinner Not Included

Casa Del Teziario, AssisiTwin Share Rooms, private Facilities
Includes Breakfast daily.

In: 21 April

Out: 23 April

**Saturday 22nd April 2017****B**

Walking tour of the ancient town of **Gubbio, in Umbria**, where Francis is said to have made peace between the townsfolk and a marauding wolf.

Dinner not included

Overnight at Casa Del Teziario

Sunday 23rd April 2017**B, D**

Visit **Rivotorto and Lower Assisi**. This area helps to understand the motivation and mission of Francis and his brothers, and was the first centre for his small community. Visit Santa Maria del Angeli, the Porziuncola and the small chapel that marks the spot where Francis died. Transfer to Rome by coach. Free evening in Old Rome

Dinner Included

Domus Internationalis Paulus VITwin Share, Private Facilities
Includes Breakfast

In: 23 April

Out: 28 April

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Monday 24th April 2017

B

Francis travelled to Rome on a number of occasions. We will visit the Papal Basilica, **St John Lateran**, where Francis met the Pope to have the new movement officially recognised.

Dinner not included

Overnight at Domus Internationalis Paulus VI



Tuesday 25th April 2017

B

Visit **San Francesco a Ripa** where Francis lodged when in Rome and where he worked among the poor.

Optional visit to the Anglican Centre in Rome for Eucharist & lunch.

Evening Vespers in the Church of Santa Maria in Trastevere.

Dinner not included

Overnight at Domus Internationalis Paulus VI

Wednesday 26th April 2017

B

Attend the weekly **Papal audience**. Following the audience you will learn how Francis's visit to St Peter's Square transformed his life and ministry.

Rest of day free to explore St Peter's & the Vatican (cost not included – pre booking advised)

Dinner not included

Overnight at Domus Internationalis Paulus VI



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Thursday 27th April 2017

B,D

Visit the mountain retreat & Monasteries of St Benedict and St Scholastica above the village of Subiaco. View the only known portrait of Francis made in his lifetime. Return to Rome for dinner.

Dinner included

Overnight at Domus Internationalis Paulus VI



Friday 28th April 2017

B,D

Morning transfer to Rome airport

Flight:

British Airways

Departs Rome at 11.45am

Arrive London Heathrow at 1.35pm

Drive by coach to Aylesford Priory, a religious house of the Order of Carmelites dating back to the 13th century. Enjoy free time to relax in the grounds and the Friars Peace Garden. Attend Evening Prayer before dinner.

The Friary Guesthouse, Aylesford

Twin Share, Shared facilities

Includes Breakfast & Dinner

In: 28 April

Out: 29 April



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Saturday 29th April 2017**B, D**

Canterbury. Morning visit to **St Martin's Church** - the oldest church in the English speaking world. Free time for lunch. Afternoon guided visit of **Canterbury Cathedral**, then attend Evensong, followed by a one hour workshop for the group with the Cathedral's Director of Music. Return to the lodge for an early dinner. After dinner attend the Canterbury Choral Society Concert in the Cathedral.

Canterbury Cathedral Lodge

Twin share

Includes breakfast & dinner

In: 29 April

Out: 30 April

*View from bedrooms at Canterbury Cathedral

**Sunday 30th April 2017****B, D**

Morning Worship in the Cathedral then drive along the '**Pilgrim's Way**' from **Canterbury to Winchester**. Guided tour of **Winchester Cathedral**, once the seat of Anglo-Saxon and Norman royal power and situated on the site of an early Christian church. Visit Glastonbury Abbey – Which has legendary status as the earliest Christian foundation in Britain. Continue to Wales for dinner.

St Michaels College, Cardiff

Twin share

Includes Breakfast & Dinner

In: 30 April

Out 01 May



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Monday 1st May 2017**B, D**

Morning visit to **St David's** to see the sites associated with St David, including St David's Cathedral in the Glyn Rhosyn valley of Pembrokeshire.

Travel to North Wales with a stop at Mwnt to see the Celtic church where pilgrims crossed over to Bardsey Island. Stop at Llandewi- Brefi village, which stands on the spot of St David's best known miracle. Continue to Holywell for dinner.

**St Winefrides Guesthouse, Holywell**

Twin share

Includes Breakfast & Dinner

In: 01 May

Out: 02 May

Tuesday 2nd May 2017**B, D**

Morning visit to **St Winefride's Well**, a place of pilgrimage for over 13 centuries . Transfer to Holyhead for the ferry crossing to Dublin. Short panoramic tour of Dublin including a visit to St Patrick's Cathedral. Drive toward Knock, the site of an apparition on the 21st August 1879, and now Ireland's national Marian Shrine visited by 1.5 million people each year.

Dinner not included

Knock House Hotel

Twin share

Includes Breakfast

In: 02 May

Out: 04 May

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Wednesday 3rd May 2017**B**

Depart for Westport and on to Croagh Patrick, the Holy Mountain. Walk up the mountain to St Patrick's statue. Explore Connemara and the fjord of Killary near Leenane before returning to Knock.

Dinner not included

Overnight Knock House Hotel

**Thursday 4th May 2017****B**

Drive towards **Downpatrick**, travelling through the lakelands of Roscommon and Fermanagh. Afternoon visit to the St Patrick Centre, the Medieval Cathedral of County Down and St Patrick's Grave.

Dinner not included

Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast

Twin Share

In: 04 May

Out: 05 May

Friday 5th May 2017**B,D**

Boxed breakfast with an early departure from the hotel. Transfer to Belfast port and take the ferry to **Cairnryan** in Scotland. Drive to Glasgow, a city founded by St Mungo in the 6th century. Visit St Mungo's Cathedral, also called the High Kirk of Glasgow. Travel to the fishing Village of Oban and take the ferry to the Isle of Mull.

Isle of Mull hotel & Spa

Twin Share

Includes Breakfast and

Dinner

In: 05 May

Out: 07 May



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Saturday 6th May 2017

B,D

Cross to the sacred **Isle of Iona**, a small and peaceful isle of the Inner Hebrides. Iona became the heart of Celtic Christianity in Scotland when St Columba landed in AD563 and founded a new monastic community. There will be ample time to walk around the island, and to pray & reflect. Visit the Benedictine Abbey built in the 12th century, view the Celtic High Crosses & the Iona Parish church.



Dinner included
Overnight at Isle of Mull Hotel & Spa

Sunday 7th May 2017

B

Return to Iona to attend the 10:30 morning service. In the afternoon return to Mull and then across to the mainland and head towards Edinburgh. Panoramic tour of the city.



Dinner not included

Holiday inn Express, Edinburgh

Twin Share
Includes Breakfast
In: 07 May
Out: 08 May

Monday 8th May 2017

B,D

A full day pilgrimage to the **Holy Island of Lindisfarne**. St Aidan came here from Iona at the request of King Oswald in AD635 and built his monastery, a place also prominent in the life of St Cuthbert. Take a guided tour and explore the priory and Lindisfarne Centre, Depart the island for Durham.



Minsteracres Retreat Centre, Durham

Twin share, Shared facilities
Includes Breakfast & Dinner
In: 08 May
Out: 09 May

Tuesday 9th May 2017

B,D

Explore the picturesque city of Durham, including the Cathedral where monks from Lindisfarne brought St Cuthbert's body. The remains of St Bede are also here in the Galilee Chapel. Afternoon travel to York for lunch and free time. Afternoon continue to London for a final celebration dinner

St Giles Hotel London

Twin share.

Includes Breakfast & Dinner

In: 09 May

Out: 10 May

Wednesday 10th May 2017

B

Breakfast. Check out on own.

Flight details as arranged through Stephen Parsons House of Travel.

Total cost per person:

\$9785 per person

Based on 20 Pilgrims and 2 escorts.

Price correct as of 26 May 2016

Deposits/Payment

First deposit: \$4000.00 due at time of booking.

Final Payment: Due Friday 30th September

** Costs are subject to currency fluctuations, the price will be reassessed prior to final payment being due

Tour includes

Hosted by Rev John Hornblow & Dr Jenny Boyack

Italy Pilgrimage:

- 13 Nights Guesthouse/ hotel Accommodation, all rooms with private facilities and breakfast
- 3 Dinners (without drinks) & Coffee
- Meet & Greet on arrival into Rome
- Coach transport throughout, as specified
- Return Ferry crossing to Isola Maggiore

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Celtic Pilgrimage:

- 12 Nights in guesthouse/hotel accommodation, breakfast included
- 9 Dinners, 3 course & Coffee (without drinks)
- Air conditioned motor coach as per Itinerary
- Ferry crossings
 - Holyhead- Dublin Single
 - Belfast – Cairnruan singles
 - Oban – Isle of Mull Return
 - Fionnphort/Isle of Mul – Isle of Iona, Return
- Canterbury Cathedral workshop with the cathedrals Director of Music
- Tickets to Canterbury choral society concert
- Entrance fees:
 - St Martin's Church
 - Canterbury Cathedral
 - Winchester Cathedral
 - Glastonbury Abbey
 - St David's Cathedral
 - St Patrick's Cathedral
 - St Patrick Visitor Centre
 - Medieval Cathedral of County Down
 - Iona Abbey
 - Lindisfarne Priory
 - Lindisfarne Centre
 - Durham Cathedral

Additional inclusions:

- Travel insurance
- Flight – Rome to London Heathrow.

Not Included

- International flights to/from Europe
- Meals other than specified
- **Tipping, taxes, public transport, taxis if required, donations.**

Key – Meal inclusions on Itinerary

B – Breakfast

L – Lunch

D- Dinner

Insurance

Our policy covers everything we think is important. It includes:

- Unlimited medical cover
- Allianz Global assistance – helping someone, somewhere in the world, every two Seconds
- Terrorism cover for emergency medical assistance and hospital expenses
- Consultant backup and support – our booking system allows us to track our customers around the world.

Medical conditions that were pre-existing at the time of the policy being issued are not covered, unless they are a condition that Allianz Assistance expressly agrees to cover. If you have any questions about Pre-existing Medical Conditions, please talk to your consultant. Additional charges may apply.

Note that our policy has a list of conditions which are automatically covered and require no additional premium to be paid. (Ask for your copy)

House of Travel Conditions

To ensure accurate ticketing and complete documentation, House of Travel will require a copy of the personal details page from all travellers' passports/identification.

Prices quoted above are subject to availability at time of reservation and currency fluctuations prior to final payment. If passenger numbers change, the itinerary will need to be requoted. Price indicator is based on a per adult share twin. We reserve the right to change the price between the time of booking and the date of departure due to events beyond our control such as changes in prices provided by our suppliers/airlines.

If you have any questions on this quotation, please feel free to contact Katie McCool directly at Stephen Parsons House of Travel, Ph 0800 509 444 or katiem@hotmail.co.nz

Passports & Visa Requirements

Italy – No visa required, for tourism or business for a max stay of 90 days, passports must be valid at least 3 months beyond stay

Deposit-Payments

Flights are based on the best fare on the market at time of purchase.

Suppliers may demand immediate payment of particular services once confirmed in order to maximise on the best possible saving for you. This will be advised at the time of booking.

In addition to the non-refundable deposit once additional payments and full payment have been received any changes, names changes or cancellations will incur fees and or full cancellation costs.

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Cancellation policy:

Up to 01 December 2015 - Loss of Monies paid.

Thereafter - 100% of total Cost

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Your consultant

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