

# The Soul's Journey into God: A pilgrimage with the Franciscan mystics

Join us for a pilgrimage to Assisi May 27-June 5, 2014

**Our Pilgrimage** is based in the beautiful Umbrian town of Assisi, hometown of Francis and Clare. With its cobblestone streets, sacred shrines, and rich tradition of culture, Assisi has been a pilgrimage destination for centuries. Days will afford ample opportunity to enjoy local cuisine, sample wines, and savor the beauty of landscape, art, and culture. From Assisi, participants will travel to other Franciscan sites in Umbria and Tuscany.

The trip will explore the life and thought of the thirteenth-century Italian mystics: Francis of Assisi, Clare of Assisi, Angela of Foligno, and Bonaventure, and the medieval culture and context that shaped them. Participants will stay in a convent of Franciscan sisters in the historic center of Assisi and travel to the places and shrines in the surrounding areas where these saints lived and ministered and where they have left a spiritual imprint upon the local cultures through their writings, art, architecture, and legends.



The pilgrimage will be led by **Margaret Benefiel, Ph.D.**, and held in conjunction with an Earlham School of Religion class taught by **Carole Spencer, Ph.D.** For many of our sessions, the two groups will be together.



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Our 10 day, 9 night **itinerary** includes visits to religious sites, beautiful countryside, and magnificent Medieval and Renaissance art:

- San Damiano, where St. Francis received his call (later became St. Clare's convent)
- Basilica of St. Francis with art and relics
- Basilica of St. Clare with San Damiano cross
- St. Francis' hermitage, Mount Subasio
- Porziuncola (St. Francis' headquarters)
- Cathedral of San Rufino, including baptismal font where Francis and Clare were baptized as infants
- Chapel of the Stigmata (LaVerna)
- LaVerna Basilica
- Home of Blessed Angela of Foligno (Foligno)
- Church of San Francesco, where Blessed Angela is buried (Foligno)
- Birthplace of Bonaventure (Civita di Bagnoregio)
- Hilltop pedestrian-only city (Civita di Bagnoregio)
- Ancient Etruscan caves (Civita di Bagnoregio)
- Giotto frescoes of the life of St. Francis
- Della Robbia terracottas

## **Costs and Conditions:**

\$1900 per person for double room, \$2200 per person for single room. Cost includes room and breakfast and lunch daily, plus dinner on three nights, and all land travel and entrance fees during the pilgrimage. Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements and costs to Assisi. Trip insurance is not included, and participants are encouraged to acquire their own. Trains and buses run regularly from Rome. Until January 31, 2014, registration will be limited to ESR alumni/ae and their traveling companions. On February 1, 2014, registration will open to others. The pilgrimage is limited to 12 participants.

\*A \$750 non-refundable deposit will save your spot in the pilgrimage.

Checks should be written out to Earlham School of Religion and mailed to the following address:

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