



WANDERING the WORLD
INSPIRATIONAL TRAVEL EXPERIENCES



THE VIA FRANCIGENA

Gran San Bernardo to Rome

A life changing, 1,000km journey of discovery awaits you, not only the beauty of nature but also of history, art, and stunning landscapes, this itinerary presents the entire passage from Gran San Bernardo to Rome.

The Via Francigena, is the historic route from northern Europe leading to the Eternal City. Following in the footsteps of the pilgrims who, even before the year 1000, travelled down the Italian peninsula. Passing through the valley of Aosta, Piedmont, Lombardy, Emilia-Romagna, Liguria, Tuscany and Lazio.

You are invited to join us. Take your first step to Rome here on one of our escorted journeys

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Gran San Bernardo to Rome (55 days) commencing August 24, 2019

From Price: Euro5,770 per person twin share.

Single Supplement: Euro1,350

Lucca to Rome (25 days) commencing September 23, 2019

From Price: Euro3,680 per person twin share.

Single Supplement: Euro1,150

Siena to Rome (18 days) commencing September 30, 2019

From Price: Euro2,850 per person twin share.

Single Supplement: Euro980

Deposit: AUD 1,000 to secure your booking

TRIP TYPE: Moderate to Challenging (with some easy walking days)

BREAKFAST: Included daily **GROUP SIZE:** Limited to 12

OTHER: Luggage Transfer

SELF-GUIDED OPTIONS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

BACKGROUND:

The Via Francigena, also referred to as 'Grande Randonnee' – route number GR145 was not a single road, like a Roman road, paved with stone blocks and provided at intervals with a change of horses for official travellers. Rather, it comprised several possible routes that changed over the centuries as trade and pilgrimage waxed and waned. Depending on the time of year, the political situation, and the relative popularity of the shrines of the saints situated along the route, travellers may have used any of three or four crossings of the Alps and the Apennines. The Lombards financed the maintenance and security of the section of road through their territories as a trading route to the north from Rome, avoiding enemy-held cities such as Florence. Another important point is that unlike Roman roads, the Via Francigena did not connect cities, but relied more on abbeys.

In the Middle Ages, Via Francigena was the major pilgrimage route to Rome from the north. The route was first documented as the "Lombard Way", and was first called the Iter Francorum (the "Frankish Route") in the Itinerarium sancti Willibaldi of 725, a record of the travels of Willibald, bishop of Eichstätt in Bavaria. It was "Via Francigena-Francisca" in Italy and Burgundy, the "Chemin des Anglois" in the Frankish Kingdom (after the evangelisation of England in 607) and also the "Chemin Romieux", the road to Rome.

The name Via Francigena is first mentioned in the Actum Clusio, a parchment of 876 in the Abbey of San Salvatore at Monte Amiata (Tuscany).

At the end of the 10th century Sigeric the Serious, the Archbishop of Canterbury, used the Via Francigena to and from Rome in order to receive his pallium; he recorded his route and his stops on the return journey, but nothing in the document suggests that the route was then new.

Later itineraries to Rome include the Leiðarvísir og borgarskipan of the Icelandic traveler Nikólás Bergsson (in 1154) and the one from Philip Augustus of France.



ACCOMMODATION & LUGGAGE TRANSFER:



Your 'Wandering the World' team has secured your accommodation in rural local bed and breakfast style properties including small hotels and guesthouses. At times we will have the pleasure of staying in small remote villages and therefore limited for choice, however always clean and comfortable lodging with a friendly welcome.



ABOUT THE WALKING:

You will be equipped with easy to read maps and instructions complete with directions to guide you on the well-marked paths and tracks. Wandering the World takes care of all your accommodation and daily luggage transfer so you can relax and enjoy your journey. There is at least a basic level of fitness required and some uphill stretches will test even the fittest on particular days.



1,000kilometres on foot from the Gran San Bernardo to Rome...

<u>Date</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Walk</u>								
24/08/2019	1	ARRIVE GRAN SAN BERNARDO PASS	55 Day - starting 24/8/19 - Gran San Bernardo to Rome							
25/08/2019	2	Etroubles - 15 km								
26/08/2019	3	AOSTA - 14km								
27/08/2019	4	Nus – 15km								
28/08/2019	5	Issogne - 20km								
29/08/2019	6	Pont St Martin - 15km								
30/08/2019	7	Ivrea - 22km								
31/08/2019	8	Viverone - 20km								
1/09/2019	9	Santhia - 17km								
2/09/2019	10	Vercelli - 26km								
3/09/2019	11	Robbio - 19km								
4/09/2019	12	Mortara - 14km								
5/09/2019	13	Garlasco - 24km								
6/09/2019	14	Pavia - 25km								
7/09/2019	15	Mirandolo Terme - 33km								
8/09/2019	16	Piacenza - 34km								
9/09/2019	17	REST DAY								
10/09/2019	18	Fiorenzuola d Arda -34km								
11/09/2019	19	Fidenza - 22km								
12/09/2019	20	Medesano - 22km								
13/09/2019	21	Fornovo di Taro - 12km								
14/09/2019	22	Cassio - 21km								
15/09/2019	23	Berceto - 11km								
16/09/2019	24	Montelungo 13.5km								
17/09/2019	25	Pontremoli – 17km								
18/09/2019	26	Aulla - 33km								
19/09/2019	27	Sarzanello - 17km								
20/09/2019	28	Massa - 24km								
21/09/2019	29	Camaiore - 24km								
22/09/2019	30	Lucca - 30km								
23/09/2019	31	REST DAY/ARRIVAL DAY - Lucca	1 - 25 Day - starting 23/9/19 - Lucca to Rome							
24/09/2019	32	Altopascio - 18km	2							
25/09/2019	33	San Miniato - 17km	3							
26/09/2019	34	Gambassi Terme - 24km	4							
27/09/2019	35	San Gimignano - 19 km	5							
28/09/2019	36	Monteriggioni - 24 km	6							
29/09/2019	37	Siena - 17km	7							
30/09/2019	38	REST DAY/ARRIVAL DAY - Siena	8 1 - 18 Day - starting 30/09/19 - Siena to Rome							
1/10/2019	39	Grancia/Ponte d'Arbia - 25 km	9 2							
2/10/2019	40	Montalcino - 18km	10 3							
3/10/2019	41	Castelnuovo dell'Abate - 13 km	11 4							
4/10/2019	42	San Quirico / Pienza - 21 km	12 5							
5/10/2019	43	Rocca d'Orcia/Castiglione - 12 k	13 6							
6/10/2019	44	Radicofani - 24 km	14 7							
7/10/2019	45	Proceno - 24.5km	15 8							
8/10/2019	46	Acquapendente 20 km	16 9							
9/10/2019	47	Bolsena - 20 km	17 10							
10/10/2019	48	Montefiascone - 12km	18 11							
11/10/2019	49	Viterbo - 18km	19 12							
12/10/2019	50	Lago di Vico - 18km	20 13							
13/10/2019	51	Sutri - 16km	21 14							
14/10/2019	52	Campagnano Romano - 24km	22 15							
15/10/2019	53	Isola farnese / La Storta - 23 kn	23 16							
16/10/2019	54	Rome - 18-20 Km	24 17							
17/10/2019	55	Onward Travel	25 18							

Wandering the World welcomes new wanderers. For those who have returned, we trust you have had a journey of a lifetime and welcome your choice to wander with us again.



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We are passionate about sharing the places we love and offer our expertise to ensure our travellers enjoy rich and authentic travelling experiences. Wandering the World select authentic and comfortable accommodation and our itineraries are focused on immersing travellers in the local culture and uncovering the hidden gems of a destination. We are committed to ensuring our travellers have a trip of a lifetime.

