



WANDERING the WORLD
INSPIRATIONAL TRAVEL EXPERIENCES



Choose from 8, 18, 25 or 55 days - SELF-GUIDED WALK - THE VIA FRANCIGENA

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, or choose a section starting in either Lucca or Siena if you wish.

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.

SELF GUIDED - DEPARTURE DATE: Date to suit you

Lucca to Siena (8 days)

From Price: Euro1,050 per person twin share.

Single Supplement: Euro250

Siena to Rome (18 days)

From Price: Euro2,550 per person twin share.

Single Supplement: Euro700

Lucca to Rome (25 days)

From Price: Euro3,500 per person twin share.

Single Supplement: Euro1,100

Gran San Bernardo to Rome (55 days)

From Price: Euro5,480 per person twin share.

Single Supplement: Euro1,600

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

BREAKFAST: Included daily

OTHER: Luggage Transfer

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.

For your convenience, your private accommodation is booked in advance, with a daily luggage transfer, so you can simply enjoy the walking.



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