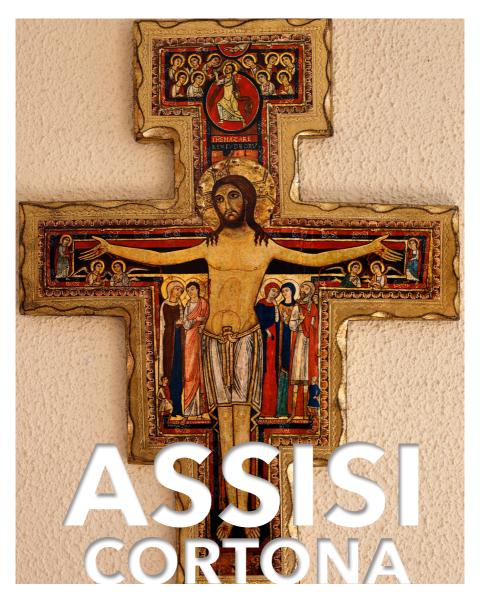
ytc ART & SPIRITUALITY ASSISI CORTONA In search of the **DIVINE ECHO** Spiritual Guide - Nathanael Theuma 20.04 - 24.04.2025



The San Damiano Cross is a sacred and venerated icon within the Christian tradition, deeply treasured in Franciscan heritage. This extraordinary cross holds profound spiritual significance, having profoundly influenced the contemplative devotion and lives of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. Rich in symbolism and artistic beauty, the image of the cross will accompany the pilgrims on their journey through Assisi, serving as a source of inspiration and a poignant reminder of the transformative power of faith.

#### DAY 1

### **Arrival in Perugia and Orientation**

The journey begins with the group meeting at the Malta International Airport at 11:30, followed by the departure with RyanAir at 13:30 from Malta to Perugia, Italy. Upon arrival at 15:10, the group will check in at Monasterrio San Giuseppe. In the evening, they will visit Piazza del Comune, the central square of Perugia, which boasts historic landmarks like the Fontana Maggiore and the Palazzo dei Priori. An orientation session will take place, followed by dinner at the monastery, marking the start of an enriching pilgrimage.

### DAY 2

# **Exploring Assisi's Sacred Sites**

After breakfast, the group will visit the Basilica of St. Clare, where her tomb and relics are housed. Next, they will explore the Basilica of St. Francis, a UNESCO World Heritage site featuring stunning frescoes by Giotto that depict the life of St. Francis. After lunch and free time, they will visit the San Damiano Chapel, where St. Francis received his divine calling to rebuild the church. The day will conclude with evening Vespers and dinner.

#### DAY 3

## **Discovering Cortona**

The day begins with breakfast before departing for the hilltop town of Cortona. The first stop is the Basilica of St. Margaret, dedicated to the town's patron saint, St. Margaret of Cortona. Next, the group will visit the Diocesan Museum, known for its impressive collection of Renaissance artworks, including works by Fra Beato Angelico, with a particular interest in his interpretation of the Annunciation. Guests will then explore the charming streets of Cortona, enjoy lunch and free time, and visit the Hermitage 'Le Celle,' a serene retreat founded by St. Francis. The group will return to Assisi for dinner in the evening.

### DAY 4

# **Spiritual Sites Around Assisi**

After breakfast, the group will depart for the Hermitage of St. Francis (Eremo delle Carceri), a peaceful sanctuary where St. Francis often prayed in solitude. The tour will include the surrounding natural caves and chapels. The journey continues to the Portiuncula, a small church considered the birthplace of the Franciscan Order, located inside the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, a grand structure built to protect this sacred site. Free time after lunch, allowing for visits to other significant sites in Assisi. Dinner will be served at the monastery.

#### DAY 5

# **Departure and Optional Tours**

On the final day, after breakfast and check-out, the group will leave for Perugia for their return flight with RyanAir at 13:25 to Malta. Arriving in Malta at 14:55.





# €770 per person in Twin Room €40 Single Room Supplement

### **PRICE INCLUDES**

Flights with RyanAir to Perugia and KM Malta from Rome
10KG cabin bag
Return airport transfers
All excursion transportation as per itinerary
All excursions as per itinerary
Monastary accommodation H/B
Maltese/English speaking spiritual guide, Nathanael Theuma
Insolvency fund

### PRICE EXCLUDES

Travel Insurance Personal expenses Lunches

A couple of preliminary meetings will be scheduled to help prepare for the pilgrimage prior to departure

The above itinerary and entrances are subject to change to unforeseen circumstances and weather conditions.

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