



Christmas Newsletter

[Via Francigena Tours](#) wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Australia!



A huge thank you to all of our pilgrims who have enjoyed walking with Via Francigena Tours in 2019.

Walking was not always easy this year. The resolve of our first group was sorely tested by May's torrential rain. Followed by the hottest June summer on record! But by September we had perfect walking conditions for our guided tour from Siena to Rome.

Pilgrims walk the Via Francigena for many reasons, Sue and Jennifer walked from Besançon in France to Grand-St-Bernard Pass in Switzerland to raise funds for cancer. It's fantastic to see so many pilgrims walking for worthy causes.

Throughout the year we received some lovely feedback from our pilgrims. Thank you for all of your kind words, it makes such a difference knowing the impact of our hard work.

'Your service has exceeded all my expectations and I wish you continued success.'

'Your trip arrangements, details carefully taken care, organization and personal assistance during our journey were impeccable.'

'I am still trying to drink it all in ... what an amazing journey over the past month ... great lodgings ... beautiful country of Italy ... everything went smoothly ... all we had to do was walk!'

2020 Via Francigena Guided Walking Tours

We have some exciting news for our 2020 guided tours. We have



expanded our tours to cover the whole range from Canterbury to Rome! We've also launched a brand new "Taste of Tuscany" food, art and wine tour. This special tour has sketching and photography classes, wine tastings in picturesque vineyards and all the best Tuscan food and produce!

TASTE OF TUSCANY TOUR



BOOK OUR 2020 ART, FOOD AND WINE GUIDED TOUR

 4-12th September 2020

 9-Day

 Florence to Acquapendente

 Max. 10 people

Our special 'Taste of Tuscany' tour aims to tantalise the taste buds and stimulate the creative mind. This tour begins in historic Florence and passes through Italy's best food and wine region, Tuscany! Along the way we stop at spectacular spots for hands on sketching and photography classes. You will take home great memories of the unique food, wine, art and Tuscan landscape.

Head to our [website](#) for more information on these tours including daily itineraries.

England

5 Day Guided Tour from Canterbury to Dover *May 29 – June 2, 2020*

Enjoy walking through the English landscape visiting UNESCO listed sites, castles and cathedrals. The entire Via Francigena pilgrim route begins at Canterbury Cathedral where you receive a pilgrim's blessing and first credential stamp.



France

10 Day Guided Tour from Calais to Reims *June 2 – June 11, 2020*

Each day begins with a morning walk through the French countryside. Then you indulge in the local food and wine, think Champagne and cheese! Our chauffeur then takes you to see the main historic Via Francigena sites.





Switzerland

9 Day Guided Tour from Lausanne to Grand-St-Bernard Pass *June 23 - 1 July, 2020*

This tour starts with a walk around Lake Geneva and into the UNESCO vineyards, through the Rhône Valley and into the high Alps. Sample the best of Swiss food and wine and enjoy walking in the footsteps of pilgrim's past.



Italy

9 Day Tuscan Food and Art Guided Tour *September 4 – 12, 2020*

Our special 'Taste of Tuscany' tour aims to tantalise the taste buds and stimulate the creative mind. This tour begins in historic Florence and passes through Italy's best food and wine region, Tuscany! Along the way, we stop at spectacular spots for hands-on sketching, photography and cooking classes. You will take home great memories of the unique food, wine, art and Tuscan landscape.





10 day last 100 km to Rome Guided Tour *September 12 – 21, 2020*

Our guided tour focuses on the goal of a Via Francigena pilgrim - walking to Rome. This walk through the peaceful Lazio landscape is far from the regular tourist routes. You get to enjoy simply putting one foot in front of the other until you walk through the gates of Rome. Walking the last 100km to St. Peter's Tomb in Rome and receiving your pilgrims testimonium is a memory that will stay with you forever.





If you would like to join any of our guided tours or organise a self-guided tour please [contact us](#).

Have a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to hearing from you in the new year.
