



**Via Francigena:
From Rome
to Jerusalem**

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'A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES ALWAYS BEGINS WITH A SINGLE STEP'.

THE ACT OF REACHING A FAR DESTINATION ON FOOT SHOWS THE WILL TO TEST ONESELF STRENGTH INVESTING SOME OF YOUR ENERGY AND TIME TO GET DEEPER INTO A MAN'S SOUL. THE TIME SPENT WALKING MAY REALLY CHANGE YOUR LIFE. THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ACTIVITIES AND TOURISM PROCLAIMED 2016 AS THE NATIONAL YEAR OF WALKS, TO PROMOTE THE HERITAGE OF CULTURAL, ARTISTIC AND NATURALISTIC ITINERARIES THAT CAN BE DISCOVERED WALKING OR RIDING ON A BIKE.

WITH THIS IDEA IN MIND WE TRAVELED ON THE SOUTHERN BIT OF THE VIA FRANCIGENA: THE ONE WHICH USED TO LEAD CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS FROM ROME TO JERUSALEM. IN ITALY, THE PATH RETRACES THE OLD APPIAN WAY, THE ROMAN ROAD CONNECTING THE CAPITAL TO BRINDISI, WHERE PILGRIMS USED TO GET ON A SHIP TO JERUSALEM. THIS PHOTO FEATURE IS NOT JUST AN HISTORICAL REVIVE OF THIS 'CAMMINO' (WALK): IT ALSO REPORTS HOW THOSE CITIES AND TERRITORIES ARE LIVING NOW.

THE RUINS OF PEScina VECCHIA
IN THE PIANA DEL FUCINO



A PILGRIM OF NO FIXED ABODE
TRAVELING TOWARDS ROME NOW IN
FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY OF THE
ADDOLORATA OF CASTELPETROSO



A STATION OF THE WAY OF THE CROSS
THAT FROM THE SANCTUARY OF THE
ADDOLORATA OF CASTELPETROSO LEADS
TO THE CLIFF WHERE VIRGIN MARY
APPEARED ON MARCH 22ND, 1888



THE RUINS OF THE OLD VILLAGE OF
CARBONARA, ABANDONED AFTER THE
EARTHQUAKE OCCURRED ON 1930. THE
VILLAGE WAS RENAMED AQUILONIA (OLD
NAME OF THE SAMNITE CITY) AFTER THE
FATAL HAPPENINGS OCCURRED IN 1860
DURING GARIBALDI'S EXPEDITION PASSAGE.
THE RUINS ARE NEAR NOWADAYS AQUILONIA



MELFI'S NORMAN CASTLE, BUILT
BETWEEN XI AND XII CENTURIES. IT
THEN BELONGED TO FREDERICK II



THE PROCESSION OF CROWNED
MARY AND ST. MAURO MARTYR
IN LAVELLO, NEAR MELFI







THE ROMAN COLUMN, THE ONLY ONE OF
TWO LEFT, MARKING THE END OF THE
APPIAN WAY IN THE BRINDISI HARBOUR





CYPRUS - THE
RUINS OF THE
GREEK CITY
OF SALAMIS,
6 KM NORTH OF
FAMAGUSTA

THE OLD PART OF THE
CRUSADE CITY OF ST. JOHN
D'ACRE, NOW CALLED AKKO



CAESAREA - THE ENTRY OF
THE MEDIEVAL CITY



TEL AVIV - A MAN READING
PSALMS IN NORDAU BEACH, THE
BEACH OF THE ORTHODOXES





THE RUINS OF THE CRUSADE CASTLE OF
LATRUN, ONCE OWNED BY THE KNIGHTS
TEMPLAR. DURING THE 1948 WAR IT
WAS OCCUPIED BY THE JORDAN ARMY

AN ARAB FARMER IN A FIELD
BETWEEN LATRUN AND JERUSALEM



PILGRIMS PRAYING IN THE
CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE



THE AFTERNOON PROCESSION OF
THE FRANCISCAN MONKS IN THE
CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE





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