



## Q & A

### Q. WHAT MAKES ASSISI, ITALY SUCH A DESIRABLE LOCATION FOR A CONFERENCE?

**A.** It provides excellent conference facilities, is historic AND conveniently located between two major international airports, Rome and Florence. In addition to being the birthplace of St. Francis, Assisi boasts a picture-perfect castle, basilica with beautiful frescoes, historic art collection and medieval streets. Plan to spend extra time exploring this quaintly charming city.

### Q. SHOULD I FLY INTO ROME OR FLORENCE?

**A.** Either. Both are located about 125 miles from Assisi.

**If you fly into Rome**, plan to extend your stay and visit the Vatican City with its world class art including Michelangelo's famous painted ceiling in the Sistine chapel, as well as The Coliseum, The Pantheon and Trevi Fountain, assuring one day you'll return to this splendid city!

**If you fly into Florence**, plan to extend your stay and become immersed in its high concentration of Renaissance art and architecture, including Michelangelo's statue of David.

### Q. WOULD I HAVE TO RENT AN AUTOMOBILE TO GET FROM THE AIRPORT TO ASSISI?

**A.** No. There are trains from both airports into Assisi.

#### From Rome:

The Leonardo Express has direct trains operating every 30 minutes between the Leonardo da Vinci or Fiumicino airport and Rome's main railway station, Roma Termini (in Italian, Stazione Termini), which is about 16 miles away. From the main terminal, Trenitalia operates an average of 19 trains each day to Assisi's small local station. The fastest route takes approximately 2 hours on Trenitalia's direct, high-speed Alta Velocità (AV) Intercity trains.

#### From Florence:

Take the shuttle from the Florence airport to the Firenze Santa Maria Novella train station (about 3 miles). Assisi is approximately 114 miles from Florence and most trains make the journey in about 2.5 hours.

### Q. COULD ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE TO HAVE A DRIVER MEET ME AT THE AIRPORT TO TRANSPORT ME TO ASSISI?

**A.** Private transportation would be available. However, arrangements would need to be made well in advance and it would be costly.

### Q. IN ADDITION TO THE FABULOUS ART AND HISTORY, ARE THERE POST-CONFERENCE TOURS & ACTIVITIES FEATURING 'LIVING ART' IN THE REGION?

**A.** Yes!

(1) **Join us Sunday afternoon, October 8th at 1:00 pm** for a tour of Capecci Arabian Training Center, in Umbertide, less than an hour's drive from Assisi, where you will see World Champion Royal Colours and other outstanding representatives of the breed! [www.capecciatc.it](http://www.capecciatc.it)

(2) **Plan to extend your stay and visit Milan for the Straight Egyptian World Championships, October 14 & 15.** [www.facebook.com/sewcmilan](http://www.facebook.com/sewcmilan) Located 325 miles from Assisi, Milan is Europe's capital of high fashion and design, and is home to such brands as Valentino, Gucci, Versace, Prada, Armani and Dolce & Gabbana. While there you may also plan to visit Teatro alla Scala regarded to be one of the best Opera and Ballet theaters in the world.