

Registration form for the International Pilgrimage of the Pilgrims of St Francis Sweden, July 27 - August 4, 2021 (departure after breakfast on August 5, 2021)

We, the Pilgrims of St. Francis, are an ecumenical Christian movement with branches in several European countries. In addition to national pilgrimages, we have been organising international pilgrimages for over 90 years. In 2021, this will be organised by the Swedish members and will take place in the area of Västergötland. In the spirit of Francis of Assisi, we shall spend nine days walking through the countryside, preparing our meals together, staying in simple lodgings and sharing our faith. On the way we will talk about our responsibilities in society and for the environment, peace and justice and other issues that concern us. Singing, playing, laughing and adventure - that too should not be missed. We try to develop more understanding of each other and practice tolerance so that we may continue this in our daily lives.

The week's structure

On the first day of the pilgrimage, all participants come together to take part in an act of worship to mark being 'sent out'. Then the groups will be announced and they will leave for their first night's accommodation. For nine days the different groups are 'en route'. On the last day, everyone comes back together at lunchtime, joins in an act of worship, eats together and enjoys the final evening. The next morning there is breakfast. Everyone has to leave by 10:00. It will be possible to arrive one night before the start (26h / 27th July 2021) and sleep in the sports hall. This will cost an additional 50 SEK for adults; for the young there is no charge. Everyone must cater for themselves. Shops and restaurants are nearby. The first meal organised by the Companions is the evening meal on the 27th of July.

In the groups

The important components of the day in the groups are:

The walking

The importance is not the length of the walk but that everyone is included, whatever their ability, to enjoy the countryside, to discover new places, to be exposed to the weather, to arrive at the next destination together. The distances planned vary according to the different types of groups.

Community living

Each group has to cater for itself. Taking turns, 2 or 3 pilgrims shop and cook for the group. Where there is no kitchen, kitchen equipment with gas cookers is provided. All other household activities must be shared out (according to ability) by the whole group including the children.

Times for discussions

We hope to find a time each day to talk about the theme of the year. For this purpose, texts and suggestions for activities have been prepared in advance. The theme for this year is "Water".

Sharing faith

The spiritual finds its place in a morning or evening prayer, in times of meditation or in the sharing and contributions of the group. Usually in the course of the pilgrimage once or twice there may be an opportunity to share in a service with a local church.

Singing and having fun

Fun and creativity are also part of the pilgrimage. Often people sing or play - depending on their mood. You are welcome to bring musical instruments or games with you if they fit in your luggage.

Sleeping

With the exception of the Pilgrim Centre, everyone usually sleep on the floor. The venues where we spend the night are mostly community rooms, sports halls, churches or schools, - rooms that do not, often, meet the comfort and hygiene requirements that we are used to in our normal life. Often there are no showers, no adequately equipped kitchen and only a few toilets. In the Centre there are beds for everyone in shared rooms, together with toilets and bathrooms nearby, and a fully equipped kitchen.

Group composition

The groups usually consist of between 15 and 22 people. Participants come from different European countries and a variety of backgrounds. They belong to different denominations or are simply exploring their spirituality. There is a wide age range - from the toddler to the senior. This diversity will be found in all the groups as far as is feasible.

The different types of groups

There are three different types of groups and a pilgrim centre. The chosen options can be ticked on the application form. If you cannot carry your baggage, you must register for the Star Group or the Centre Group.

The Walking group

For people who can walk 10 to 18 km a day at about 3 km/h. Those who cannot carry their entire luggage should state it on the form. Then sleeping mats and sleeping bags can be put in the car, nothing more! The walking groups have one accompanying car each for the kitchen material, food and baggage. The groups sleep in different venues every night.

Star group

For people who cannot carry their luggage, but can still walk up to 15 km per day at about 3 km/h. They walk with a day bag. The star groups are also suitable for children who are not used to walking long distances carrying luggage. Their venues change one time.

The Adventure group

For people who can walk 12 - 18 km per day at about 4km/h. The group has to carry everything. There is one accompanying vehicle only for the kitchen equipment, the food and the tent. The group sleeps in a big tent.

Centre Group

For pilgrims who are older or have physical limitations and cannot sleep on the floor there are beds in shared rooms. Participants bring sheet, duvet covers, pillow case. The group goes out on walks, according to each person's ability and the catering is shared by the group. The group has one venue for the whole week.

Family Group

If 4 or 5 families apply, a special family group will be organized, where all sleep in the same place and go walking or make excursions planning their own days.

Group leaders

In each group, volunteers are sought to perform a specific task: Guardian (Group Leader), Housekeeper, Troubadour (for playing and singing), a Spiritual leader and someone to lead the Discussions (sometimes called Chapters). Their task is to guide, accompany and coordinate group events. Because this is a special task, they deserve respect and support. Nevertheless, the success of the pilgrimage depends on every individual and everyone's contribution.

If you have been on pilgrimage more than once and think you can take on one of these tasks please indicate this on the application form. If you do not want to take responsibility on your own, you can offer yourself as an "assistant".

Support vehicles

With the exception of the Adventure group, vehicles are needed in the groups. The kitchen equipment and the food are transported by car together with some baggage. For this we depend on some participants making their vehicles available. If you wish to do this please check that your car insurance offers sufficient cover - in the event that others might have to drive the car.

Baggage

Our aim is to be on the road with as little luggage as possible. To live in simplicity in every group. So the weight of the luggage should not exceed 10 kg. In the Star and Centre groups, the mats and bedding can be a bit heavier. Those choosing Star groups must pack their luggage in small, soft bags that can be easily stowed in the car, no suitcases.

For luggage that is not needed during the pilgrimage, there will be a special cart that will be locked and kept in a private home.

Insurance cover

The "Pilgrims of St. Francis" cannot be held liable for any accident or damage resulting from the action or misconduct of a participant or any third party. The volunteer group leaders are covered in their work under a public liability insurance. Each participant is responsible for his/her private accident, health and liability insurance. In addition, the movement cannot be prosecuted for possible damage or accidents that occur whilst travelling to or from the pilgrimage.

Privacy and Personal Rights

The data provided on the application form will be stored for the purpose of group planning and statistical purposes. Your details will not be passed to third parties. Under certain circumstances it may be necessary to pass on information if insurance liabilities are incurred. Further information on data protection can be found on the privacy policy on our website "cdfs.org". Photos or video taken during the pilgrimage may be used for publication on the website, on flyers or in newspaper articles. On the application form you can indicate whether or not you wish your photo to be published. We expect all participants to respect each other's personal rights and not to publish photos on the internet on Facebook, Instagram etc. without the consent of the persons photographed.

Costs

	Total	Deposit	Balance
Adults	1700 SEK (ca. £140)	£35	1300 SEK
Young people over 12, Students, Apprentices, Unemployed	1250 SEK (ca. £100)	£35	850 SEK
Children from 4 - 12	700 SEK (ca. £60)	£18	500 SEK
Children under 4	free		
Pilgrim centre	2000 SEK (ca. £160)	£35	1600 SEK

Applications

Please send your application form to the National Guardian by 1 May 2021:

Ian Mason, 92 Bodmin Avenue, Stafford ST17 0EQ, ianmason@talktalk.net

Please pay the deposit directly into the bank or - if this is not convenient for you - send it with the application HSBC bank. Sort Code 40 – 08-32 Acc. 01606751.

The balance must be paid in cash (SEK Swedish Crowns) at the beginning of the pilgrimage.

Please note the following when registering:

- Fill in a separate form for each participant.
- To ensure that no errors occur when transferring the data, please complete the registration form on-line if possible and send it by email. Also please print the application form and send it signed to the National Guardian (as above).
- Children will be placed in the group with their parents, if no other request is made.
- Adolescents under the age of 18 who are not in the same group as a parent must be accompanied by an adult in their group. This must be authorised by the parents on the registration form. In addition, those asked must also confirm on their registration forms that they have accepted responsibility.
- The acceptance of late applications is at the discretion of the organisers.
- If you have to cancel your registration, please let us know as soon as possible. If you have a sound reason for cancelling (e.g. illness) you may get half back.

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Surname First name Gender *m* *f* Age

Address (including postcode) Country Nationality

Telephone (with int. prefix) Mobile (with int. prefix) E-mail

Personal remarks (special needs health, diet, vegetarian, allergies, ...)

Religion (optional) Occupation (optional)

Languages spoken

English	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>a little</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>good</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>fluently</i>	French	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>a little</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>good</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>fluently</i>
German	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>a little</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>good</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>fluently</i>	Dutch	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>a little</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>good</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>fluently</i>
Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>a little</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>good</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>fluently</i>	Swedish	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>a little</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>good</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>fluently</i>
Italian	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>a little</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>good</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>fluently</i>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>a little</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>good</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>fluently</i>

I will bring a musical instrument with me

Contact in case of emergency (name, telephone number with the international prefix)

I do not want pictures of me published in publications, web page, etc.

I have participated in pilgrim events

nationally: *none* *some* *many (>5)* internationally: *none* *some* *many (>5)*

I would like to be in the following group

Walking group (carrying all baggage) *Walking group (carrying most baggage)*
 Adventure group *Star group* *Centre group* *Family group*

In the group I will be willing to take the role of (do not fill in if you are coming for the first time)

Guardian *Spiritual Animator* *Housekeeper* *Discussion leader* *Troubadour*

In the group I will be willing to take the role as assistant of

Guardian *Spiritual Animator* *Housekeeper* *Discussion leader* *Troubadour*

If needed, I agree to my car being used by the group. It is *small* *average* *large*

Permitted drivers: *anyone with their driving licence* *minimum age* *years* *only certain drivers*

I shall require car parking during the pilgrimage. I will bring my driving licence.

I pay the reduced cost. I enclose my deposit of £

I will arrive on the day before the pilgrimage starts and am happy to sleep on the floor.

With my signature I confirm that I have read the explanations on the previous pages and accept them.

Place Date Signature

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Extra details needed for those aged under 18 who are not in the group of their parent(s).

Authorisation of the parents

I wish my child

Surname of child

First name of child

be in a group with

Surname of responsible

First name of responsible

who has agreed to be responsible on my behalf.

I the undersigned

Surname

First name

authorise the person named above or the group's guardian to organise emergency medical treatment for my child, if this is absolutely necessary, during the international pilgrimage of the "Pilgrims of St Francis". Before making any decision, you should try to contact me or my family doctor if possible.

Parent's telephone (with international prefix)

Parent's mobile (with international prefix)

Family doctor

Telephone family doctor (with international prefix)

Place

Date

Signature

Willingness of the responsible

I the undersigned

Surname

First name

agree to be responsible for

Surname of child

First name of child

during the international pilgrimage of the "Pilgrims of St Francis".

Place

Date

Signature
