

Blonde Bombshell Finds True Love

Wed 7th to Wed 14th June 2017

Clare was captured by the love of Christ, and responded in a way that shocked her family and the religious authorities of the day. She was a friend of St Francis, and one of his most faithful followers. Yet they lived out their vocations in differing ways: Francis and his Friars wandering the countryside; Clare and her Sisters in monastic seclusion. Francis has been likened to a swift flowing river; Clare to a deep well.



Clare was a formidable woman, opposing even the Pope in her determination to be faithful to the Gospel and Francis. She was ahead of her time, and her influence spread well beyond her small monastery. Often seen in the shadow of Francis, she's now recognised as an influential person in her own right. Her name, Chiara, means 'light', and she enlightened many.

And yes, she was blond!

We'll look at Clare's life and teachings, and visit the main places of her life. Each day there'll be Morning Prayer with a

short talk, and Evening Prayer with shared reflection on our day. On three days we'll visit the main Franciscan sites including Assisi and La Verna. Other days we'll start with a longer talk, then have time for relaxation and reflection.

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See www.umbrianretreats.com for details of accommodation. All meals in Casa Roberto are included in the cost of **£660 per person**. All transport during the retreat is provided by people-carrier. **Additional costs include flights to and from**

Perugia airport. Please also allow 200 Euros for light lunches, evening meals out and incidental expenses.

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Please reserve space for:

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone (home) _____

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Special needs _____

Enclosed is £200 deposit per person

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