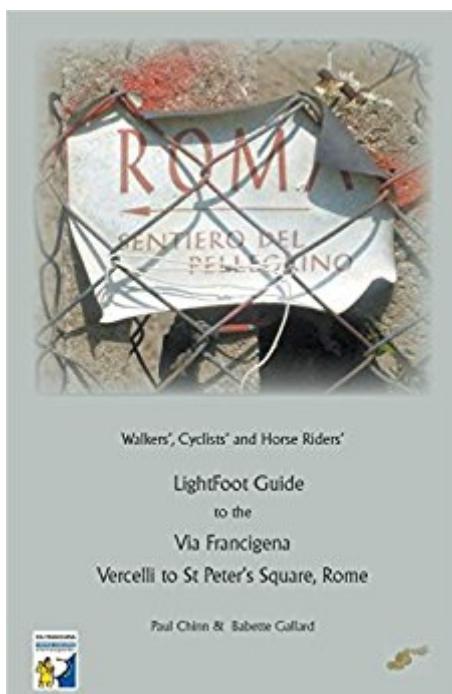


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# Lightfoot Guide To The Via Francigena - Vercelli To St Peter's Square, Rome



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LightFoot Guides and Travel Books. To promote eco-friendly travel. About Us We are two very ordinary people who have elected to quit the world of business and begin to live out our dreams as pilgrim riders. We hope that this site will: Keep and extend the contacts we have made Help others to undertake similar adventures Encourage maintenance of the pathways that make our journeys possible Pilgrim and Pilgrimages? We have no formal religious beliefs, but we share a wanderlust and a need to know about and contribute to the world we occupy. Riders? We have chosen to make our adventures on horse-back through a confusion of personal history, accident and romance, but are happy that we did. Horses, like small children, create an instant rapport with people from many cultures and act as not only our means of transport, but also a key to the relationships that emerge on the road. We have completed four pilgrimages so far: 2005, The St James Way, Le Puy en Vallee, France, to Santiago de Compostela, Spain - on horseback 2006, The Via Francigena, Canterbury, UK, to Rome? Italy - on horseback 2007, The Via Francigena, Canterbury, UK, to Rome? Italy - by bike - tracking the route with GPS and gathering data for our guidebooks. Blog 2008, The Three Saints Way - Winchester, UK, to St Jean d'Angeley, France - by bike

I completed the Camino de Santiago from the French border to Santiago this past October. It was a wonderful experience and I have been seeking to find another "Camino like" experience. The Via Francigena from the Italian border to Rome looks like a good next step. The Lightfoot Guide is the only information available in English to assist in making the trek. My standard of reference here is John Brierley's "A Pilgrim's Guide to the Camino de Santiago". I used it every day on the Camino. Despite some of the author's individual quirks, it proved a wonderful resource. The book held up well in over a month of walking in all sorts of weather. It had a map for each day's journey, commentary about sights and country along the way, recommendations about places to stay, and excellent kilometer measurements from place to place. The Lightfoot Guide also has maps for each day and identifies places to eat and stay. However, the maps are difficult to read and there is no commentary at all about the sights along the way. With the "Guide to the Camino" I always felt confident that I would not get lost (that and the absolutely excellent marking system on the Camino - thanks to all the yellow arrows). With the Lightfoot Guide I am much less confident. It gets three stars because there is no other source.

Paul's guide is excellent and I highly recommend you use this as a travel companion while walking the Via Francigena.

i like this guide book,however some accomodation listed is no longer available ,or more up to date available.

It was allright and I received this book much earlier than expected.

## Great Guide Book

I walked the Via from San Miniato to Rome in 2014 using the previous edition of this book, and overall I would say it's an excellent source -- by far the best that you can find in English. Some of the information wasn't up to date but it's very difficult to be with something like a pilgrim route because accommodations etc are changing all of the time. The biggest discrepancy between real life and the book was the address of the pilgrim hostel in Rome itself. It had changed and I ended up on the other side of Rome. However I certainly expect that it's been updated by now. The maps themselves are quite useful (I only got lost twice in two weeks of walking) although they are small -- meaning you have many pages and you keep turning them to see where you are going next. This adds to the weight of the book which is pretty heavy. One thing I really appreciated was that the book told me how much I could expect to pay for accommodations in any given town and it was mostly accurate. (Make sure to buy the *Dormifrancigena* from the pilgrim association because it is the most up to date source). I'm planning to do the Via again this summer and will be buying the current version of this guide.

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