

Frequently Asked Questions: Franciscan Hermitage Experience

What does the retreat cost?

A single occupancy room with a private bath costs \$700.

A shared room with a shared bath costs \$600.

This includes all meals.

Who will I share a room with if I choose double occupancy?

If you and a friend or spouse wish to room together, let us know at the time of registration.

Otherwise, we will assign rooms based upon gender.

Is there a deposit to hold my place?

Yes, a \$100 non-refundable deposit is due by August 1.

The remaining balance is due by October 1.

What is the cancelation policy?

If a retreatant cancels less than one month prior to Hermitage, the remaining balance (less deposit) will be applied to the next scheduled Hermitage. If the retreatant does not attend the next scheduled Hermitage, the balance paid becomes nonrefundable.

Are scholarships available?

Partial scholarships are offered when funds are available.

Discuss this with Sr Mary Jo at the time of your registration.

The Franciscan Spiritual Center does not have an endowment to cover scholarships, so instead we seek to offer scholarship assistance when funds become available either through designated charitable contributions or when the number of paid retreatants allows.

May I make a charitable contribution?

Yes, if you pay more than your own registration fee, we will designate it as a charitable donation to the Franciscan Spiritual Center and our priority will be to use those funds for scholarships or other expenses associated with the Hermitage Retreat Experience.

May I see more photos of the Alton Collins Retreat Center?

Yes, check their website for photos.

What is the address of Alton Collins?

32867 SE Highway 211

Eagle Creek, OR 97022

Their website also provides a map, *longitude and latitude coordinates for GPS, and written directions.*

I have food allergies, what options do I have?

Alton Collins dining room staff provide a diverse menu and are able to accommodate many food needs, including vegetarian, vegan, dairy, and gluten restrictions.

After you are registered and before the retreat weekend, we will provide you with an opportunity to designate your food restrictions.

What should I pack?

- Comfortable clothing, including what you might need for walks in the woods, especially shoes that are waterproof, rain gear, or an umbrella.
- Any special materials important to your prayer time (e.g., journal, needlework).
- Any musical instruments you play that may enhance your experience.
- A cell phone, for **emergency use only**.
- A water bottle.
- A flashlight.
- A face mask. (We will contact you if there are any health precautions to take prior to the time of the retreat.)

When shall I arrive? When do I depart?

Make sure you arrive at Alton Collins between 4 – 5pm on Friday.

We will depart by 4pm on Monday.

You can find a detailed schedule on our website.

I have other questions, to whom may I speak?

Contact Sr Mary Jo at (503)794-8542.