

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Thank you for your request for information on our 2012 parish pilgrimage with Fr Paul Keane.

PROGRAMME

(Subject to change)

- Sun 09** Arrival at Rome Ciampino Airport and transfer by coach to the **Hotel Lancelot**. Dinner. Optional evening stroll around the **Colosseum**.
- Mon 10** Morning transfer to visit the church of **San Agostino** (where Saint Monica is buried) for Mass before visiting the **Pantheon** and strolling through the **Piazza Navona**. Return to the hotel area (using the coach for a tour the city) where you will find many cafes and snack bars. Afternoon visit to the Basilica of **San Clemente** with its 1st, 4th and 12th century levels, the Cathedral church of **Saint John Lateran**. Optional early evening vespers with the Augustinian Sisters at **Santi Quattro Coronati**. Dinner. Optional evening visit by local bus to the **Trevi Fountain**
- Tue 11** Early morning transfer to **Saint Peter's Basilica** for Mass near at the tomb of the saint followed by a visit of the Basilica. Afterwards time for personal sightseeing when you may like to take the lift up to the roof of St Peter's and climb the 323 steps to the dome and/or to further explore the Vatican area. Also an opportunity to visit the **Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel** where you will find a good café for lunch. Late afternoon stroll over the **Esquiline Hill** to visit the church of **Santa Prassade** (9th century mosaics) and the **Basilica of Saint Mary Major** (dedicated to Our Lady). Dinner. Free evening.
- Wed 12** Morning transfer to the **Vatican** for the Pope's **General Audience** (if the Pope is in Italy). Afternoon visit to the **Venerable English College** (the oldest British institution abroad and where Fr Paul was a seminarian) for a tour and Mass. Dinner. Optional evening stroll over the **Coelian Hill**.
- Thu 13** Morning excursion outside of Rome to visit **Ostia Antica** (the ancient port of Rome where St Monica died - entry charge, but free to those over 65 with passport ID). Early afternoon tour of the Basilica of **St Paul's Outside the Walls** and to visit the **Aventine Hill** for Mass at the Basilica of **Santa Sabina** and to later look through a keyhole! Dinner. Free evening.
- Fri 14** Full-day excursion outside of Rome to visit the **Catacombs of San Callisto** for a tour and Mass. Afterwards continue up into the Alban Hills (also known as the Castelli Romani) for lunch at **Palazzola** (the English College retreat and pilgrimage centre overlooking Lake Albano). Afternoon transfer to Rome Ciampino Airport.

FLIGHTS

with *Ryanair* operating Boeing 737 aircraft

Sun 09 Sept	FR3004	London Stansted 14.00 - Rome Ciampino 17.25
Fri 14 Sept	FR3003	Rome Ciampino 17.50 - London Stansted 19.30

HOTEL LANCELOT

Accommodation has been booked for five nights at the **Hotel Lancelot** in Rome which has proved very popular with parish groups. This friendly family-run, pleasant and secluded 3 star hotel provides accommodation in mainly twin-bedded rooms with private facilities. Buffet breakfast and three-course main meals with wine, water and coffee are provided on large tables in the dining room. The hotel also has a lounge, a tiny separate TV room, and a bar. The hotel, situated on the Coelian Hill and near to Church of San Clemente, is within easy walking distance of a great number of places of pilgrim interest and only a short ride by metro, bus or taxi from others.

COST: £795 inclusive of:

- flights Stansted/Rome return
- airport/departure taxes
- 10 kg hand luggage
- airport transfers in Italy
- excursions and visits
- Rome tourist tax (€2 pppd)
- twin/double room accommodation
- continental buffet breakfast
- five dinners
- one lunch
- wine with main meals
- most entry charges, offerings, tips etc.

The single room **supplement** is **£100** per person (maximum 8 places).

The following items are **not** included in the cost:

- travel insurance
- UK airport transfers
- any increases in flight prices for those booking after 01 December 2011.
- hold luggage (15 kg = £40, 20 kg = £60)
- four lunches
- entry to Ostia Antica (€6.50 or free if 65+ with passport ID)
- timed-entry ticket (to avoid the queues) to the Vatican Museums (currently £20)
- entry charges and transportation in free time/optional visits
- gratuities to hotel staff
- personal expenditure.

FITNESS

Rome, a city built on seven hills, is best seen on foot so a reasonable level of fitness is required for sightseeing.

HOW TO BOOK

Please complete (all sections) of the booking form and send this with your deposit (of £300 per person) to **Anthony Coles, 18 Maresfield Gardens, London NW3 5SX**.

The balance of the cost of this pilgrimage is then due eight weeks prior to departure. Please make all cheques made payable to: *Anthony R Coles Travel and Conferences*.